

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God,

You anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord, C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 will be led by the cantor. The congregation joins in on the refrain.
Refrain: **Your throne was established long ago;**
You are from all eternity.

1. The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
The Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.
The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. **R:**
2. The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice;
The seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
Mightier than the breakers of the sea;
The Lord on high is mighty. **R:**
3. Your statutes stand firm;
Holiness adorns your house for endless days, O Lord. **R:**

The Second Reading

Revelations 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The Gospel of the Lord – C: Praise to You, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2018

ASSISTING MINISTER: Marty Goetz

LECTOR: Sylvia Brackbill

GREETER AND GREETER: Phyllis Metz

BELL RINGER: Jeff Miller

CRY ROOM: Located downstairs in the youth room. Also available are coloring books and crayons located on the last pew in a green basket.

CALENDER

TODAY 8:30 Choir Practice
10:00 Sunday School
WEDNESDAY 9:00-12:00 Decorating of Church
THURSDAY 6:00-8:00 Decorating of Church
FRIDAY 9:00-12:00, 6:00-8:00 Decorating (if needed)



NEW PRAYER REQUEST: Shonna Ash friend of Sylvia Brackbill, Tom Brosenitsch brother of Tim Brosenitsch recovering from an accident, Cynthia sister of Bev Brosenitsch diagnosed with breast cancer, Jenny, Judy Hart, Adrienne Haegg.

[The complete prayer list is in the December newsletter.]

ALTAR FLOWERS

Are Given to the Glory of God by Phyllis Metz in loving memory of her mother Dorathy Moniger.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING LAST SUNDAY: 35 - \$2645.00

FOOD CUPBOARD – DECEMBER

We will be collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly.



RINGING THE BELL – DECEMBER 8 – BI-LO'S

A sign up sheet will be passed around in church today for you to volunteer to ring the bell on Saturday, December 8, at Bi-Lo's. We will need 9 volunteers starting at 10:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm. This requires only one hour of your time so please consider volunteering on

December 8.

COOKIE WALK 2018 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Sydney McMurray will once again be holding a Cookie Walk Fundraiser for our church. She will need your support in making a specialty Christmas cookie and also help with ingredients as she plans on making a lot of the cookies herself. A sign up sheet will be passed around in church leading up to the Cookie Walk so start thinking of a special cookie you would like to provide.

DECORATING OF SANCTUARY – THIS WEEK

We will need help with decorating the church in time for the Historical Society Christmas House Tour on December 1. We will start decorating on Wednesday, November 28, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Thursday evening 6:00 to 8:00 and if needed on Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and in the evening from 6:00 to 8:00. Please see Marty Goetz if you would like to sign up to help.

FOOD CUPBOARD GIFT TAGS

Please see Phyllis Metz if you would like to provide a gift for a needy child of the Food Cupboard.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

A sign up sheet is in the narthex for your family to volunteer in the lighting of the Advent wreath. Advent starts on December 2.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Remember to pick up your newsletter in the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 2

Join us on Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 PM as we host a Christmas Music Festival. If you would like to be a part of this festival, please see Bobi-Jean Alexander. More information about this concert is in your newsletter.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH – HOLIDAY CONCERT

Zion Lutheran Church is sponsoring a holiday concert featuring the Ellwood City Civic Chorale. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 9th, beginning at 3:00. Following the concert, there will be a social time with cookies, coffee and punch.

ONE VOICE FOR CHRIST

Sylvia Brackbill will be singing with the **One Voice for Christ** ensemble this Advent Season. One Voice Christian Vocal Ensemble was founded in September, 1991 by David F. Pressau, Minister of Music for Grace Anglican Church in the Mount Washington neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Through his work at the church and as a music and theatre educator, David had the opportunity to meet a number of Christian vocalists who were seeking new ways of using their talents to glorify the Lord. From those beginnings, David was led to pursue the formation of a permanent multi-denominational ensemble tasked with spreading the word of God's love through a ministry of music. Thus, One Voice was created. Each performance is 1 hour and 15 minutes in length: Schedule of performances are:

Sunday – December 2 – 2:00 PM, The Presbyterian Church of Coraopolis

Sunday – December 2 – 7:00 PM, St. Peter's Church – Brentwood

Sunday – December 9 – 2:00 PM, Claysville United Presbyterian Church

Sunday – December 9 – 7:00 PM, Christ Church, Anglican – New Brighton

Sunday – December 16 – 2:00 PM, Grace Anglican Church – Mt. Washington

Sunday – December 16 – 7:00 PM, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Sewickley

VISITORS

If you are a visitor, please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter in the pamphlet rack in the narthex. We welcome all visitors and invite you to make our church your church.

