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FROM THE PASTOR "The End of the Beginning"

As I mentioned in last week's sermon, this Sunday is the final Sunday of the church year. Next Sunday – December 2 – marks the beginning of Advent and the beginning of a new church year. This is obviously not something that we find in the Bible and it's not something that has been part of church tradition for 2,000 years.

In the same way, the day we observe this Sunday – Christ the King Sunday – is not scriptural nor long-established church practice. In fact, Christ the King Sunday is less than 100 years old. There's a good reason for it, though. It comes with a profound message about the enormous difference between the kingdoms of this world and God's Kingdom.

The passages in scripture that speak of Christ as King are passages that we don't ordinarily connect with this time of year. We're already moving past Thanksgiving and on to our preparations for Christmas. The passages we think of during this season are passages that are found at the beginning of the gospels, but the passages that speak of Christ as King are mostly found near the end. There is a profound lesson in that as well. There is something about coming to the end of the year that takes us back to its beginning – something about the beginning of the story of Jesus that takes us all the way to its end.

This Sunday, we'll look at a passage that seems entirely out of place during this season. Read John 18:33-37 as we take a look at "The End of the Beginning."

Christ the King Sunday Blessings,
Dennis

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING



The Thank Offering has long been a tradition of Presbyterian Women. It has provided and continues to provide much-needed financial assistance to numerous worthwhile programs not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support. Each year, domestic and international projects are carefully and prayerfully selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee to help meet a crucial need. Forty percent (40%) of this offering is used to support hospitals and community health programs that place priority in helping the most needy members of God's community. The remaining sixty percent (60%) is used for new creative ideas for mission, undesignated in advance. The generosity of Presbyterian women and their families and congregations as demonstrated through their Thank Offering gifts help chosen recipients find real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development, and needs of women and children.

This Sunday, November 25th we will be receiving the Thank Offering. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.



Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders are now being taken. The cost is \$12 each. The deadline to order a poinsettia is Friday, December 7th. Payment must accompany your order!

Yes, I would like _____ poinsettia(s)

In memory/honor of:

I will pick up my poinsettia(s) ____yes ____no

Donor's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Sunday, November 20, 2018

8:00 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Corey Fritz

Usher

Tony McClees

10:30 A.M. Service

Liturgist

Corey Fritz

Head Usher

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Carrie Mogavero & Team
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M - Th: 8:30 - 4:00 P.M.
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**OFFICE HOURS EVERY THURSDAY
4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

This Sunday, November 25, we will meet for Youth Group where we will have a lesson and then a time of fellowship.

YOUTH ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE



During the winter months, the most requested item from both the homeless community and homeless shelters are socks. Due to the extreme conditions of winter weather, the homeless population is exposed to elements where their socks all too often do not hold up well. Not having warm, dry socks when exposed to the unforgiving elements often leads to illness and extreme discomfort. **We need your help!** Please consider donating new, unopened packages of socks. Adult sizes for both men and women are our top priority.

Please leave your donations in the green collection bin in the Fellowship Hall or drop them off in the church office. **Donations will be greatly appreciated by both our youth who are working hard to assist our community and the men and women who desperately need these items.**

I hope to see you in The Place,

Trey



If you ordered cheese balls and have not picked them up, please come to the church office to drop off your payment and pick up your cheese balls!



With the holidays approaching, your Outreach Committee has some reminders for greeting guests in worship:

1. Look for new faces each Sunday.
2. Give them a friendly smile and a cheery hello.
3. Help them find the sanctuary and to get a bulletin and, if needed the nursery. Our physical plant can be confusing.
4. Welcome them warmly but, please, don't speak more than a minute. If you monopolize them, others in our church family will not have the opportunity to greet them.
5. If you see a visitor has already been greeted warmly by our congregation, you can wait until their next visit to say hello.
6. Never tell a guest they are in your seat or indicate that they are. We have no assigned seating in the church.
7. It can be very difficult to walk into a church to visit. We don't want our guest to be overwhelmed or feel out of place. We want them to be comfortable as we worship together.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT AT WESTERN RIBEYE

Ladies, if you are planning on attending our next outing - it is important that you call the church office with your reservations. Seats can only be held for those who say they will be attending.

EPW Notes - Wear Orange!

EPW is encouraging everyone attending church on Sunday, November 25, 2018 to wear a "Touch of Orange" for recognition of International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls. Orange symbolizes a brighter future and a world free from violence against women and girls. Thank you for your consideration and participation in this worthy effort!

Christian Education

Children's Worship Leader Schedule

11/25/18—Christmas Pageant Practice

**12/2/18—Advent Lunch/Christmas
Pageant Practice**

12/9/18—Christmas Pageant Practice

**12/16/18—Christmas Pageant—No
Children's Worship—Nursery
Care still available**

12/23/18—Sabrina Holden

12/30/18—Annie Engelbrecht

**Please find a new sign up sheet for the
2019 Children's Worship Leader
Schedule on the Welcome Center in the
Narthex. Prayerfully consider volunteering
a morning or two with our children.**



Advent Lunch

Could you bring soup on December 2nd for our Advent Luncheon? If so, the Christian Education committee would be so grateful! Please let Erin Tipton or the church office know if you can contribute a crockpot of soup. Thanks so very much!! Looking forward to seeing you there for this wonderful tradition.

Thank you!

**Dear Families,
Thank you so much for your participation in our annual Thanksgiving Processional. The children and youth did such a wonderful job and we had a full basket of canned goods to donate to the Deacon's Christmas Basket collection. What a wonderful way to show our thanks for the many blessings of God.**

**With Thanksgiving—
The Christian Education Committee**

Gobble, Gobble!



Back row: Adam, Jacob, Tyler, Jocelyn **Middle row:** Bella, Adrienne, Evan, Owen, Cole **Front row:** Ava and Addison



Jacob and Cole



Michael

