Winchester UMC

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Christ the King Sunday



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WINCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Lighthouse of Hope: Reaching, Sharing, Teaching,
Caring: United to Reflect God's Love to All!

Gathering

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Connection

Centering Words

"I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem." – Psalm 130:5-7

Opening Prayer (Unison Prayer)

Gracious and loving God, we come before you with grateful hearts, giving thanks for the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Help us to slow down and recognize your presence among us. Remind us of the stories of your faithfulness, the ways you have rescued your people, and the promises that sustain us. In this season, fill us with hope, strengthen our courage, and prepare our hearts to welcome Christ anew. Amen.

* Praise Video *"Everlasting God"* Chris Tomlin

*Prayer of Confession (Unison Prayer)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always wait well. We become impatient, distracted by our busy schedules, and overwhelmed by the worries of everyday life. We forget the stories of your faithfulness and the many ways you have carried us through difficult times. We take your blessings for granted and sometimes lose sight of Christ, our King, whose love and grace should guide our lives. Forgive us when we place our hope in the things of this world rather than in you. Turn our hearts toward your promises and teach us to wait with faith and courage. In silence, we confess the ways we have turned aside from your call...

*Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Sermon

*Hymn *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"* (UMH #715)

Scripture Psalm 80

Sermon *"Hope in the Darkness"*

Responding to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

*Doxology (UMH #95)

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* (UMH #64)

*Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand if able

In Our Prayers

Terry Aossey, Michael Cody, Jade, Grandma Marta, Jackie Barber, Eric Gregory, Lanise Kirk, Jack Kunz, Pam Lower, Sarah Riggs, Michael Ryan, Samara White, Friends in Area Nursing Centers, Friends who are Homebound, Those in the Military: Blake Clayton, Chris Dukett, Haley Westermayer, Christian Wells, and All who are Looking for Work**.**

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