



Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2017

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF THE DUNES

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The Order of Morning Worship

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2017

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

As the church gathers, please feel free to get acquainted with your neighbor.

A “•” invites you to stand, as you are able.

Please silence your cell phone.

Invitation to Worship

Introit (8:30) ***This is My Father's World*** Arr. Bill Ingram
Carillon Ringers

(10:30) ***Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise*** Tune St. Denio, Arr. Ryan
Chimers

• Call to Worship **Psalm 100**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

• Hymn of Praise ***Rejoice, the Lord Is King*** (red book) No. 715

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord of all, Christ Jesus, you desire to rule our worship, you desire to rule our work, you desire to rule our family life, you desire to rule our hearts. We admit that we have not always allowed you into all aspects of our lives. Please, adjust our receivers. Soften our hearts. Help us to pay attention. Help us to make manifest in our lives your rule—for you are the way, the truth and the life. We submit now to your instruction, declare our allegiance, and say “Yes” to following you. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Amen.

Response (8:30) ***Give Him Thanks*** Parks
Youth Choir

(10:30) ***Canon of Thanks*** Traditional, Arr. Moore
Jr. Singers

Sharing the Word

The Scriptures are opened to the people through the reading of lessons, preaching and music.

Welcome and Sharing of Ministry

Time for the Child In All of Us

Pastor Lou

Nursery for children Young 5's and under is available during both services.

8:30—Worship bags for children 5 and up are available in the Cry Room.

10:30—Toddlers-Young 5's may attend Bible Friends in the Nursery.

10:30—Children in K-5th grades will be lead to their Children in Worship rooms downstairs (rooms 8,9,11&12).

Parents, please pick up your children at 11:30 from their rooms downstairs.

- **Hymn of Illumination** **Holy, Holy, Holy** (red book) No. 64
- Mission Moment** Sara Lewakowski, Executive Director, TCM Counseling
- Anthem** (10:30) **Give Him Thanks** Parks
Youth Choir
- Scripture Reading** **Matthew 25:31-46** (NT page 27 in the pew Bible)
Leader: This is the Good News for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God
- Sermon** **That's My King** Rev. Louis Grettenberger

Response to the Word

We respond to God's Word by offering prayers, our gifts and our service for the world and one another.

Youth (6th-12th grades) dismissed for Sunday School during the 10:30 service.

- Call to Prayer** **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness** *(black book) No. 2120
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Offertory (8:30)

Molly Grettenberger, harp

(10:30)

This is My Father's World
Carillon Ringers

Arr. Bill Ingram

- **Doxology** **Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart** *(black book) No. 2036
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

- **Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Lord of All, please use these offering to turn cries of despair into shouts of joy and gladness. Bless these offerings, that the world may know that you have the power to fix the broken, heal the sick, enliven the dead, and restore our hearts. Amen.

Sending Forth

The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's Blessing.

- **Hymn of Dedication** **Lead On, O King Eternal** (red book) No. 580
- **Benediction and Chimes**
- **Postlude**

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Sunday, November 26, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Kay Cansfield (10:30) Wynne Martin

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Whipkey, Jerry Harvey, Rich Welch, Margaret Cook

(10:30) Roger Tharp, Edward Snider, Doug Mitchell, Rodney Zellman

Greeters: (8:30) Greg & Sheila Daniels (10:30) Jim & Linda Stellema

Welcome Center: (8:30) Dorothy Corradi (10:30) Crystal Cederquist, Royce McCastle

Children in Worship Program: Laura Burns, Justin Teracia Graegin

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Michele McCracken

Coffee Fellowship: Rodney & Tina Zellman, Gary & Karyn Gillan

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Liturgists: (8:30) Eldon Eldred (10:30) Eldon Eldred

Organist: Marna Jeffery

Ushers: (8:30) Rob & Betty Roberts, Ed & Liz Lystra

(10:30)

Greeters: (8:30) Dick & Shirley Good (10:30) Robert & Shirley Staehlin

Welcome Center: (8:30) Don & Ruth Woodward (10:30) Ron & Sue Wierda

Children in Worship Program: Laura Burns, Pam Zurakowski, Pete Hicks, Linda Taylor

Nursery: Karen Aspenson, Michele McCracken

Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Nancy Humphrey

CHURCH OF THE DUNES CORE PURPOSE: We are a family of faith who seeks to grow in God's grace and love, challenges and equips all members to be faithful disciples, to share the Good News and demonstrate and reflect the love of God.

CHURCH STAFF:

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY **November 26, 2017**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages 0-5 years) – Nursery
8:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
(Children Ages 5-5th grade may use a worship bag found in the Cry Room)
9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screenings – Wiltse Center
9:45-10:15 AM Carillon Ringers Rehearsal – Choir Loft
9:45 AM FaithLink Discussion Group “Freedom of the Press” – Room 4 downstairs. Visitors are always welcome to attend this group.
10:30 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:45 AM-11:30 AM Children’s Programming (Kindergarten-5th Grade) – Rooms 8/9 & 11/12 downstairs
11:15 AM-12:15 PM Youth Sunday School – 9th-12th grades in the Youth Room, 6th-8th grades in the Pit (Room 7)
11:30 AM BBQ Book Discussion “Seeing Gray” – Ryder Lounge
11:30 AM Ray Vander Laan Series – LL 13/14
6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Wiltse Center and Youth Room

MONDAY **November 27, 2017**

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
11:00 AM Service for Sondra Metzler at Church of the Dunes (Visitation beginning at 10:00 AM)
1:00 PM Caregivers – Ryder Lounge
6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations – Room 13/14
6:30 PM Book Review – Ryder Lounge
7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

TUESDAY **November 28, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Old Fogies – Leaf removal at the church, bring rakes, tarps and blowers
11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
7:00 PM Church Council – Ryder Lounge
Bear Den – Room 6

WEDNESDAY **November 29, 2017**

- 9:00 AM Set up for Christmas by Candlelight begins
9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ’ Restaurant
9:30 AM Disciple IV – Ryder Lounge
5:15-6:15 PM Supper (Ham & Cheese Sliders and Pizza Sliders) – Social Hall
6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
6:00 PM Disciple IV – Room 10
6:00-7:15 PM Apostle’s Creed Study – Ryder Lounge
6:00-7:00 PM Greatest Gift Study – Room 4
6:00-7:00 PM Jr. Singers/Chimers – Choir Loft
6:00-7:00 PM Youth Small Groups – Youth Room
6:00-7:00 PM Child Care (Birth – 1st grade) – Nursery
7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **November 30, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
6:30 PM Christmas by Candlelight – Sanctuary and Wiltse Center
7:00 PM Creativity, The Arts, and God – Social Hall
6:00-7:00 PM Tiger Den
Wolf Den, Webelos I

FRIDAY **December 1, 2017**

- Pastor Lou’s Day Off
No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY **December 2, 2017**

- 11:00 AM Service for Lesley Whitesides Olson at Church of the Dunes (Visitation beginning at 10:00 AM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PAGE 1

OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS: Welcome to the Church of the Dunes. If you are a first-time visitor or a life-long member, we want you to feel at home in the circle of God's love. This is a place where all who come are welcome. Please take time to note the persons sitting near you. If you see a new-comer in your pew, welcome them and invite them to the coffee hour. If a regular attender is missing, send them a card, or give them a phone call when you get home. When we pass the friendship pads, take time to put names and faces together. "For there is no longer Jew or Greek, male or female, slave or free, for we are all one in Christ Jesus."

CHILDREN'S MISSION: KIDS HELPING GOD'S CREATURES. The Harbor Humane Society will be the focus of The Children in Worship through January. Please check the wish list in the Wiltse Center if you would like to help with this important mission. Questions? Contact Pam Zurakowski at zbleedgreen@gmail.com.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED BY ADAM HAMILTON: Join us on Wednesdays in the Ryder Lounge, 6 pm-7 pm as Pastor Eldon Eldred leads us in this powerful Advent Study of the truths and deeper meanings found in the Apostles' Creed that relate to us today. No books are needed. Handouts are provided at each class. Open to all weekly!

THE MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: will be meeting on Monday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge to discuss *We Were the Mulvaneys* by Joyce Carol Oats. Everyone is welcome on the fourth Monday of each month. This group is led by Gayle Cox.

RING! Sign up today at the Welcome Center to ring for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 16 at the Grand Haven Walmart.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC: Today from 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center.

HUNGER SUNDAY: Today is Hunger Sunday. This month's Hunger Offering will go to Haiti Hot Lunch. Please make your check payable to Church of the Dunes.

NOVEMBER MISSION MOMENT: Today a special offering is being collected for Tri-Cities Ministries, now called TCM Counseling (TCM). The Executive Director of TCM, Sara Lewakowski will be sharing information about TCM during both services this morning. Envelopes are provided in today's bulletin. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Dunes. You may write "TCM Counseling" on the memo line of your check.

OLD FOGIES: Meet at the church on Tuesday, November 28 at 8:30 am for leaf removal. Please bring rakes, tarps and leaf blowers.

WE ARE OFFERING FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY AT CHURCH OF THE DUNES for congregation members and members of the community from January 14 through March 11, 2018 on Sundays from 11:45 am-12:45 pm. What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's faith-based class, financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you are interested in learning more about this class, contact Susan Thorpe at 248-310-2312.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CARE PACKAGE PROJECT! Whether it was a cheerful greeting of encouragement, or a financial donation, your participation was appreciated. We sent small packages to twenty-one students and one member of the military! The outreach of the Dunes congregation to these young adults stretched from Idaho to Arizona to Florida and beyond! Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATES, MAY 11 & 12, 2018. The Dunesmen invite you to our second outing at Gull Lake Ministries. Our conference theme will be "Getting Out of The Boat". We are planning ways to accommodate singles, couples and families. More details including speakers and cost will be forthcoming. Talk to those that attended this spring, they had a great time. Gull Lake Ministries is a wonderful facility. Please pray for better weather in 2018.

OUR THEME FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR is a series designed by worship guru, Marcia McFee, and her creative team. It is called **Angels Among Us--#DoNotBeAfraid**.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Receipts

For Operating Expenses

2017 Weekly Average

\$10,044

Weekly Attendance

Last Week: 333

Last Year: 324

UMW CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2017: This event is for all women of the church and includes young women in grades 5-12. As in the past, Bev Parrott will be taking the reservations and organizing the tables and hostesses. If you are interested in attending, you may call Bev at 616-842-8781 with your reservation. Reservation forms are also available on the UMW bulletin board across from the church library or from the Welcome Center and may be turned in to the church office or placed in the offering plate. The deadline for reservations is Monday, November 27.

ADULT ADVENT STUDY – THE GREATEST GIFT: UNWRAPPING THE FULL LOVE STORY OF CHRISTMAS by Ann Voskamp. This study will be held in Room 4 from 6-7 pm on Wednesdays beginning November 29 and will be facilitated by Laura Burns. Please obtain your own copy of the book. A companion book to this year's Advent daily devotional story given to families, this study delves deeper, reminding us this story is not just for children, it's for *all of us*. Jesus' family tree is our Family Tree—we are part of God's family. We will create our own Jesse tree and Advent journal. May this new tradition help us receive and rediscover God's great love for each one of us. When we arrive at Christmas our homes and our hearts will be ready to receive the greatest gift: God's presence with us! Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Adult Education bulletin board in the church office hallway.

SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK & WHITE: THOUGHTS ON RELIGION, MORALITY, AND POLITICS, by Adam Hamilton, Sundays in the Ryder Lounge 11:30 am-12:30 pm. This class is led by Jill Miller. Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: The dates of the Journey this year are December 7, 8, and 9. Tickets cost \$5 and are available on-line at www.journey2bethlehem.com. We still need cookie donations and volunteers to receive cookie donations here at Church of the Dunes on Wednesday, December 6. Please call Sherry Baker at 616-846-5577 or email her at sherry.baker@sbcglobal.net if you would like to volunteer.

NAME TAGS: If you would like a new magnetic name tag, please write your name on the list on the clipboard on the table in the Cry Room near the name tag rack. Once your name tag has been completed you may find it on or near the clipboard. Please allow up to two weeks for your name tag to be completed. An alphabetical listing including name tag numbers may be found in the notebook located in the Cry Room.

CHRISTMAS EVE NURSERY HELP WANTED. We have many families that attend the 7 pm Christmas Eve service. We would like to open the nursery to young children. Are you willing and able to help in our nursery from 6:30-8:15 pm on Christmas Eve? Please contact Laura Burns at lburns@umcdunes.org to sign up. Thank you for making Christmas Eve at Church of the Dunes welcoming and hospitable for families with young children.

FROM THE SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE: We are encouraging everyone to use the main entrance, by the offices, during the week. Please observe the signage that is posted. We are looking to enhance our security and provide better foot traffic efficiency. During the Sunday events, the regular entrances will be utilized.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" may be placed on the backside of our blue Response Cards, which are available at the Information/Welcome Center in the narthex. You may also call the church office on or before Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. each week or e-mail your request to jblanchard@umcdunes.org.

Please let the church office know in a timely manner if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or are homebound and desiring a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. Because of confidentiality laws in place, we have no way of knowing unless you tell us. We would like to be supportive but we also need your help. Thank you.

PRAISE GOD FOR

The flowers on the altar are presented by Michelle DeVito in honor of Bette DeVito's 90th birthday on December 3rd.

Jessica and Eric Moerland would like to thank the congregation for the care packages and especially for the personal messages people wrote in their cards.

Thank you to our church family for the sympathy cards and words of condolence for our brother, Robert Stone. T & Bonnie Stone

CHURCH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: November 28-John Leavitt, Nancy Minor; 29-Anna Land (90 yrs.), Brendon VanderStel; 30-Donald Lipfert, Kisa Weesies; December 1-Wanda Ferrell, Vern Laue, Grayson Magner (8 yrs.) 3-Bette DeVito (90 yrs.), Eh Paw Ku Grettenberger (12 yrs.) Betty Shoberg.

PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR: Philippines: Training and educating indigenous Filipinos in pastoral ministry; and Eumin Kim, missionary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MATT BAUER AND HIS FIANCÉE, EMILY FRIES; Emily tragically lost her mother Monday night in a car accident near Grand Rapids. Matt and Emily got engaged in August and are currently planning their wedding.

PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE IS VIDEO-TAPED and the sermon only is posted for later viewing on our church website. Every effort is made to focus our camera only on the pastor. On very rare occasions, persons seated near the front of the church may appear in this sermon video. We do not have the time or facility to edit out these images. If you have objections to inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted on the church website, we would encourage you to find seats toward the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take pictures or video of your children during a musical performance in our worship services or other church activities, however, please refrain from posting any videos or photos to public places, such as Facebook or YouTube, as the **musical performances are copyright protected** and some parents may not have consented to public use of images.

NEED A HELPING ELBOW? Ushers and/or Greeters would love to lend you a supportive elbow, wheelchair, walker, or umbrella if it would make the walk from the parking lot to the sanctuary more comfortable and safe for you on Sunday mornings. Please stop by the Information Center (Welcome Center) to pick up a colorful card with the umbrella logo pictured here. Place it in your car in a window visible to the church's main entrance and a Greeter or Usher will come out to assist you. If you cannot pick up a card from church, or to request assistance ahead of time, please call the church office by noon on Friday with your name, which service you will attend, and car make and color, and we will make arrangements.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment. Please note: Pastor Lou's day off is Friday.

DEADLINES: Bulletins-Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; Dunes Digest Newsletter-the 15th day of each month.