EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4901 Woodbine Road Sykesville, Maryland 21784 Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor

November 20, 2016 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Christ the King Sunday

WELCOME

THE PRELUDE "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(11:00 AM) Instrumental Ensemble

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

People: We come to worship the one who rules justly.

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,

The ruler of the kings of the earth!

People: Bread of Heaven, God with us!

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

People: Eternal Word, Great I AM

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

*HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" UMH #381

OPENING PRAYER

God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who know, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 1:11-20 NT pg. 188

ANTHEM "The Kingdom of God will Reign" Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:68-79 NT pg. 54

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN "Come, We That Love the Lord" UMH #732

SERMON "Persona of a King" Ken Middleton

HYMN "We Will Glorify the King of Kings" TFWS #2087

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer 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.

GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory (11:00 AM)

Instrumental Ensemble

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology UMH No. 87

This gift we now bring, this present, this token, these words can convey it, the joy of this day! When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing, this song we now offer in honor and praise!

*Prayer of Dedication

God of majesty, we praise you, for you are the king of the universe. You have conquered sin and death through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Now he reigns with you on high. We are grateful that your kingdom abounds in forgiveness, righteousness, and peace. May Christ reign in our hearts, and may we may share his generous love with others. In joy, we offer our time, talents, and treasure to witness to your kingdom as we await the return of Christ in glory. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Guide My Feet"

TFWS #2208

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE (11:00 AM)

Instrumentalists

TFWS=The Faith We Sing Hymnal UMH=The United Methodist Hymnal * = Congregation stands as able

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org Church Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday School: All Ages 9:45 AM

Church Office: (410) 795-6136 Church Email:eumcwinfield@gmail.com

Pastor's Office: (410) 795-1237 Pastor's Email: revjae@aol.com

<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Judy Emerson
<u>Music Director: Linda Bange</u>

<u>Secretary: Cindi Arnold Treasurer: Sandy Wean</u>

Nursery Coordinator: Jess Middleton Nursery Coordinator: Olivia Wisner

Last Week

Attendance 139 Offering \$3,418.75

Notes

<u>Prayer Requests</u> will remain in the bulletin for 3 weeks at a time. <u>Nursery</u> for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. <u>Children's Church</u> for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM. <u>The Attendance Roster</u> is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others.

Prayer Requests

Pam Higgs, Tony Torosky, Julian Bryant, Fred Sebly

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Kenny & Sandy Wean	Angie & Derek Jones,
		Rachel Biddinger
Liturgists	Sandy Wean	Dave Biddinger

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Today, November 20th Cold Weather Shelter Dinner 6:30 PM Wednesday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30 PM



DONATIONS – Thanksgiving basket and Blessing Bag donations are due by noon today.

NEWSLETTER – Articles for the December/January newsletter must be turned in to the church office by TODAY.

ADVENT STUDY - On Sunday, November 27, 2016 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM our adult Sunday School classes will join together in the fellowship hall to begin the Advent Season together. All are invited to join us. It is our hope to prepare our spirits for the coming of the Christ Child as we share the good news of God's precious gift.

EBENEZER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – Join us on December 3rd for food, fun and fellowship. Reservations will be taken in the narthex thru November 27th.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES FOR 2016– If you would like to purchase a gift for one of the families and/or children we are adopting this Christmas, you may choose one or more tags from the Christmas tree in the narthex and write you name next to the tag number(s) on the chart on the bulletin board. The gifts SHOULD NOT be wrapped and need to be returned to the church by December 11th. Please attach the tag to the gift. If you have questions you may contact Janet Davis. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CALENDARS – 2017 Calendars are available for pre-order. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cost is \$6.00 each.

SAFEWAY STAMPS – If you shop at Safeway and are not collecting the stamps for cookware, please donate those stamps to the church. There is an envelope on the bulletin board. We would love some new cookware for our new kitchen!

POINSETTIAS - If you would like to order poinsettias in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the order form in your bulletin. The cost is \$10 each. You can place the form, along with either a check or cash, in the offering plate or on Cindi's desk.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER – From Nov – March EUMC will be providing dinner on the 3rd Sunday of each month for the Cold Weather Shelter in Westminster. The sign-up sheet is posted for a few volunteers to serve as well as food donations. In addition, the Cold Weather Shelter is asking for donations of new or slightly used winter clothing articles.