

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, November 26, 1995

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. We take this moment to greet the visitors in today's congregation.....delighted...and we hope we'll have the opportunity to... Be free.....come, worship....come, work with us....
- B. You worship in a church whose roots are deep....doing the Lord's work here at this busy corner of God's Kingdom since 1837. This is the fourth building.....we minister in the name of Christ, and..
- C. Members: wear your name tags...make some new friends in these moments we're together...

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns are there for you in the bulletin. Review them in these moments...noting that Christmas cards are still on sale.....also note the rose on the altar...there to celebrate a new life....Spencer Bogar....Kim and Tom Bogar...grandson of Lyndon and Jane Woodside. Note, too, the announcements regarding Handel's Messiah....December 18th....under the direction of Dr. Woodside, at Carnegie Hall.
- B. Our thanks for the generous response to the Thanksgiving Appeal. Close to reaching our budgeted goal and today's late gifts should put us over....
- C. A word regarding the Financial Canvass. We are completing the fourth week of the canvass and still have a ways to go to reach our goal of 250 pledges and \$ 180,000. As of today, we are up to \$ 130,747.00 and 150 pledges. Hopefully, by one o'clock today we shall be up and over 150 pledges and \$ 130,000....which would be "on track" with previous years.....so we invite you to respond.....I believe we can do it! Let's go ahead and get it done!
- D. New members will be received into the church two weeks from today, and those persons interested in coming in closer and strengthening a tie with us are invited to meet together next Sunday evening at 6:30...in the Russell Room downstairs...."Membership Conversations". We have about 10 to 15 persons moving in that direction...there may be others.

"If your heart is as my heart is, then
come and give me your hand." (Wesley)
Hearts and hands are needed to keep
these city churches alive and active!

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BUSY WEEKS AHEAD

- A. We now approach a busy month...the month of December...with quite a few things scheduled.
- B. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent...and the boys and girls will be with us helping us get ready for Christmas. The Advent wreath and its candles....and following the coffee hour next Sunday the ushers will hold a meeting here in the sanctuary to get ready for larger congregations and the Christmas Eve Service...that will be at 12:45 and a notice will go out tomorrow to all ushers...and any who would like to be involved in the ushering.
- C. Our Administrative Council will be meeting either Tuesday, the 5th of December or Thursday, the 7th....notice will go out in connection with that meeting....so be on the look-out for it.
- D. Next Sunday the little envelope for Christmas flowers will be in the pews...
- E. Children's Christmas Pageant is the 17th of December. The Adult Fellowship carolling party at the parsonage is on the 17th in the evening....the Tree Lighting on Park Avenue is next Sunday evening. Lots coming along....including two and possibly three baptisms will help to make these coming Sundays very special.

TODAY IS SPECIAL

- A. Today is special for us because of Bill Bonwitt bringing the sermon.....Bill has found a place in our affections with his low-key, down-to-earth style and a willingness to "pitch in" and help us out in any area of need. Grateful for his presence in our midst and look forward to his message to us as we rest in the after-glow of Thanksgiving. Incidentally, it's Bill's birthday today!

OFFERING

- A. Jesus said:

"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive".....in this spirit, let us worship God with our gifts.

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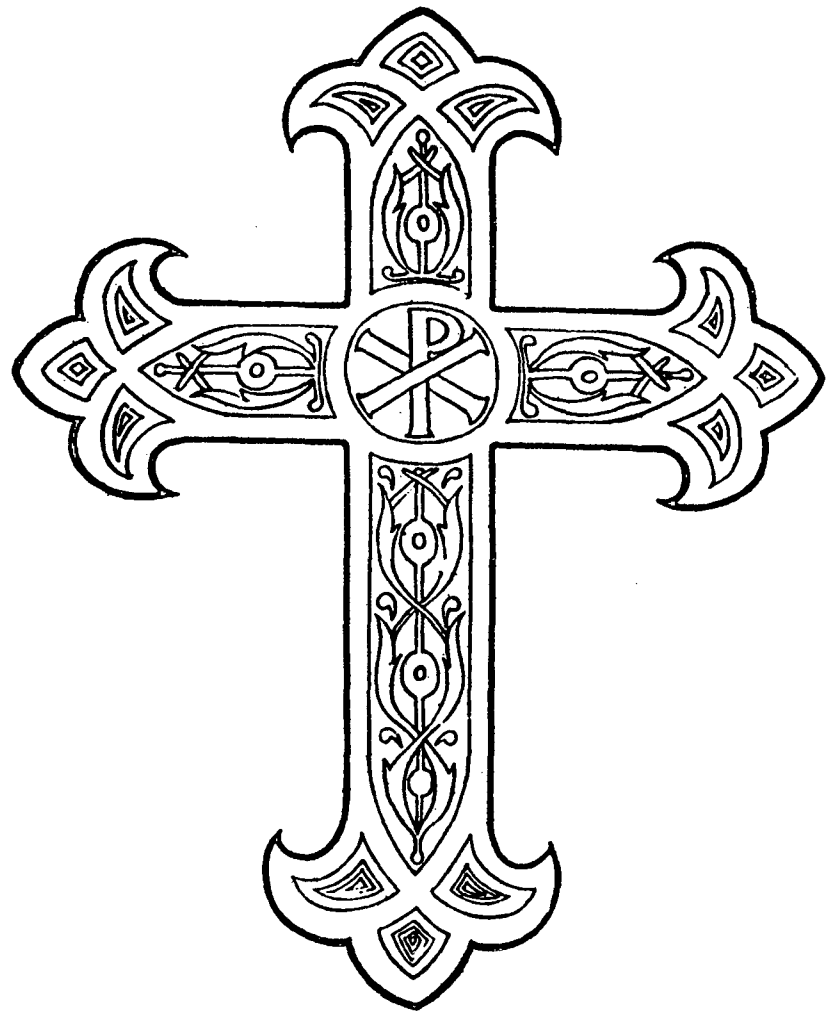
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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
November 26, 1995

ORDER OF WORSHIP
11 A. M.

ORGAN "Psalm Prelude" Huston
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN NO. 327 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated)
O merciful God, we confess that we have not
acknowledged You as the source of our successes,
our substance, ourselves. We have been far more
ready to complain when things go wrong than to
praise when all is well. We have fed our bodies
a rich diet while neglecting to feed our souls.
Power and wealth have assumed greater importance
to us than sensitivity and service. We have
allowed religious words and forms to substitute
for living encounters with the persons You have
called us to love. Forgive us, compassionate
Redeemer, and grant us the opportunity to start
over again. Keep us from repeating the mistakes
of the past or from evils that could mislead or
destroy. In the name of Christ, we offer our
earnest prayers for pardon and deliverance. Amen.
SILENT MEDITATION - WORDS OF ASSURANCE - LORD'S PRAYER

PSALTER Psalm 46 No. 780
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 886
GLORIA PATRI No. 71

ANTHEM "Almighty Father" Bernstein
SCRIPTURE Luke 23: 33 - 43 Page 919
PASTORAL PRAYER
PARISH CONCERNS
ANTHEM "All His Mercies Shall Endure" Handel
PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY
HYMN NO. 73 "O Worship the King"
SERMON "Why Leave Leiden?" Mr. Bonwitt
HYMN NO. 733 "Marching to Zion"
BENEDICTION
ORGAN "Trumpet Tune" Charpentier

LAY READER

We welcome Edward J. Brown to the lectern today.
A native of Indiana and a graduate of Yale, here in the
church Ed is President of the PAUMC Trust Fund and is
also a Director of the Methodist Church Home in River-
dale. Husband of Margaret and father of Ned, Ed also
finds time to serve as a Trustee of the United Society
of Shakers, Sabbathday Lake, Maine.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory
of Frederick Keller, given by his family.

GREETERS AND USHERS

The greeters for today are Andrea Bardach and Lynn
Clarke. The ushers are T. A. McKinney, Pam and Mike
Kipniss, Walter Spencer, Joyce Williams and Sam Wilson.

AN INVITATION

Coffee and tea will be served in the Russell Room
following the service. All are invited to share in these
moments of warm fellowship made possible for us today by
Dianne Keller, Norma D'Ambrosio, Sara Haruyama, Jennifer
Jenkins and Pat Werner.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE

Sessions of Church School for children are offered
Sunday mornings from ten-thirty to twelve. Nursery care
for infants and toddlers is available on the fourth floor
in the Day School Room.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Adult Bible Class meets on Sunday morning at
9:30 in Fellowship Hall. The class is studying the
Gospel of Matthew. Bill Bonwitt is class leader. Coffee
and doughnuts are available.

ANTHEM: "Almighty Father"

"Almighty Father, incline Thine ear; bless us and all those who have gathered here. Thine angel send us who shall defend us all. And fill with grace all who dwell in this place. Amen."

ANTHEM: "All His Mercies Shall Endure"

"All His mercies shall endure, all His mercies shall endure ever faithful, ever sure, ever faithful, ever sure."

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The organ postlude - a final offering of our praise to God - is played after the Benediction. Time permitting, we invite you to share in the beauty of it.

FOR THOSE WHO SING

New members are always welcome to audition to sing in the Choir. Rehearsals are held Sunday morning at 9:30 in the downstairs Choir Room. Some members arrive at nine o'clock and share a doughnut and a cup of coffee together.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Oratorio Society of New York under the direction of Lyndon Woodside will present Handel's Messiah at Carnegie Hall on Monday evening, December 18th, at 8 pm. Karen Oldham will be glad to assist you with ticket information. Include this performance as a part of your Christmas celebration!

A ROSE ON THE ALTAR

The rose on the altar today celebrates the birth of Spencer Bogar, infant son of Kim and Tom Bogar of Walpole, New Hampshire. Spencer, grandson of Lyndon and Jane Woodside, was born on November 16, 1995.

TWO SUNDAYS REMAIN

After today, only two Sundays remain to place an order for your Christmas cards with Margaret Fisher during the coffee hour. Be sure to pick up your cards downstairs today.

NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN

New members will be received into the Church on Sunday, December 10th - two weeks from today. Persons interested in strengthening a tie with the Church at this time are invited to share word of their interest with either Mr. Clarke or Mr. Bonwitt as soon as possible.

PLEDGE CARDS STILL BEING RECEIVED

If you have not yet responded with a pledge for 1996, may we encourage you to do so today. Pledge cards are in the pews and copies of the 1996 budget are available in the narthex.

To date we have gratefully received 136 pledges totalling \$118,215 toward our goal of 250 pledges and \$180,000. We still have some distance to go to reach our goal. Our thanks to all who have responded and hope this brief reminder will encourage others to act today.