

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

November 22, 2020

10:00 AM

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Waken us from our sleep to sense Your nearness, O God. Save Your flock from enemies within and without, from temptation and division, from self-concern and lack of compassion. We gather to remember all You have done for us and to make our response. We come to find rest amid our weariness and grief. We come to be fed, for we hunger after the bread of life only You can provide. Meet us here to make us whole.

OPENING HYMN: "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us
Much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use Thy folds prepare

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are
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We are Thine, who Thou befriend us
Be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Hear Thy children when they pray
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(2x)

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CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Miss Dee

CALL TO CONFESSION

God both loves and judges us. High standards are held before us, and God expects much of us. Where we have grown fat and lazy, God calls us to a more disciplined life. When we are tempted to forget those less fortunate than ourselves, God alerts us to make radical changes. Let us begin by recognizing our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, You are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they were no concern of ours. We resist programs that might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources, instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond Your reach. Hear our personal confession.

TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. As we focus only on our own interests, our lives are diminished, but when the Spirit of Christ reigns in us, life becomes fulfilling and purposeful. We are God's flock. We have known God's care. Our cups overflow. Let us give thanks for the goodness and mercy God has given.

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 100; Matthew 25:31–46; Ezekiel 34:11–24

PSALM 100

A Hymn of Praise

¹ Sing to the Lord, all the world!

² Worship the Lord with joy;

come before him with happy songs!

³ Acknowledge that the Lord is God.

He made us, and we belong to him;

we are his people, we are his flock.

⁴ Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving;

go into its courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise him.

⁵ The Lord is good;

his love is eternal

and his faithfulness lasts forever.

MATTHEW 25:31–46

The Final Judgment

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, ³² and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to the people on his right, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. ³⁵ I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, ³⁶ naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ The righteous will then answer him, ‘When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick

or in prison, and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ The King will reply, ‘I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Away from me, you that are under God’s curse! Away to the eternal fire which has been prepared for the Devil and his angels! ⁴² I was hungry but you would not feed me, thirsty but you would not give me a drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger but you would not welcome me in your homes, naked but you would not clothe me; I was sick and in prison but you would not take care of me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they will answer him, ‘When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and we would not help you?’ ⁴⁵ The King will reply, ‘I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.’ ⁴⁶ These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life.”

EZEKIEL 34:11–24

The Good Shepherd

¹¹ “I, the Sovereign Lord, tell you that I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them ¹² in the same way as shepherds take care of their sheep that were scattered and are brought together again. I will bring them back from all the places where they were

scattered on that dark, disastrous day. ¹³ I will take them out of foreign countries, gather them together, and bring them back to their own land. I will lead them back to the mountains and the streams of Israel and will feed them in pleasant pastures. ¹⁴ I will let them

graze in safety in the mountain meadows and the valleys and in all the green pastures of the land of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will find them a place to rest. I, the Sovereign Lord, have spoken.

¹⁶ “I will look for those that are lost, bring back those that wander off, bandage those that are hurt, and heal those that are sick; but those that are fat and strong I will destroy, because I am a shepherd who does what is right.

¹⁷ “Now then, my flock, I, the Sovereign Lord, tell you that I will judge each of you and separate the good from the bad, the sheep from the goats. ¹⁸ Some of you are not satisfied with eating the best grass; you even

trample down what you don't eat! You drink the clear water and muddy what you don't drink! ¹⁹ My other sheep have to eat the grass you trample down and drink the water you muddy.

²⁰ “So now, I, the Sovereign Lord, tell you that I will judge between you strong sheep and the weak sheep. ²¹ You pushed the sick ones aside and butted them away from the flock. ²² But I will rescue my sheep and not let them be mistreated any more. I will judge each of my sheep and separate the good from the bad. ²³ I will give them a king like my servant David to be their one shepherd, and he will take care of them. ²⁴ I, the Lord, will be their God, and a king like my servant David will be their ruler. I have spoken.

SERMON: “Sheep & Shepherd”

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN

CLOSING HYMN: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;

and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

BENEDICTION:

We seek to follow where our shepherd leads
And to find nourishment where God provides.
Follow Christ in a new life of service
That bears fruit among all you meet.

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, November 22, 2020

BELL PRACTICE: Mondays, 7:00 PM in the Grove building.

GRIEFSHARE: Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM in the Grove building. All are welcome!

HOMEWOOD AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Throughout November. \$3/person or \$5/couple.

BLANKETS PLUS OFFERING: Church World Service (CWS) Offering Taken Throughout November. In 2019, 154,000 blankets were distributed worldwide by Church World Service.

FEED-a-FRIEND MARATHON: The Marathon benefits New Hope Ministries and can be heard on *Happy FM 95.3, Rocky FM 98.5* and *WHVR AM 1280*. We will be collecting canned goods and/or cash donations from November 15 through December 6 (Last day to donate, December 6). Every \$1 buys 3 cans and \$8 buys a case of canned goods. Broadcast times: Thursday, December 10, Noon to 8:00 PM & Friday, December 11, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

“CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS”—New Hope Ministries: Christmas Gifts. We will be collecting various toys and household items to be distributed by New Hope Ministries for needy families in our area. Lists of items will be available for you at church services and online (www.stdavidsucc.com/announcements). As well as toys for children, there is especially a need for teen items. *No clothing items are being collected.* Many clients do not have full-size kitchen appliances, so we are focusing on providing small kitchen appliances such as crock pots and toaster ovens which are essential for them. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in making Christmas so much brighter for those in our area. Collections can be made at the church Sunday mornings. Deadline for donations will be Sunday, November 30.

ANNUAL MITTEN TREE: The Council of Churches has many hats, mittens and scarves on hand this year, so we will not be collecting those items during this Advent season. Instead, we will be collecting items for Homewood Skilled Care residents. **Items Needed:** *Christmas Cards, Unscented Body Lotion, Cube-style Tissue Boxes (Christmas-themed, if possible).* Collecting items now through Sunday, December 6. Thank you!

CARD SHOWER: Nancy Garrett will be celebrating her 90th birthday on November 26.

Nancy's Address:

Nancy Garrett
Cottage 114
425 Westminster Avenue
Hanover, PA 17331

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Christmas Poinsettias, \$11/each. We will be using red poinsettias again. Order by December 6. Make checks payable to St. David's UCC and write "Poinsettias" in the memo section of your check. An order form can be downloaded by clicking on the poinsettia photo on the church website in the announcement section:

<https://www.stdavidsucc.com/announcements>

CLEAN GALLON-SIZED PLASTIC MILK/JUICE CONTAINERS WANTED: The Music and Worship Committee is collecting gallon-sized plastic milk/juice bottles for making luminaries to be placed around the church on Christmas Eve. We cannot drink that much milk ourselves until Christmas and we need your help. Bring your clean, label-free bottles to church and give them to Nancy Costello. Thank you!

UCC PENSION FUND OFFERING (Benefits Retired Clergy). **Offering Dates:** Sunday, December 20 and the Christmas Eve Worship Services. We are able to express our love and compassion for retired UCC Clergy through this offering. These are individuals who have faithfully served their congregations and who now find themselves facing unexpected financial needs. This assistance will benefit those who need help with health insurance premiums, and emergency financial or household needs. Thank you for your contributions.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please send your prayer requests directly to Pastor Scott either by text (717-880-6082) or e-mail (pastor@stdavidsucc.com) prior to Sunday, so that he can lift them up during worship.

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS: If you would like to mail your offerings to the church, please mail them to Harley Hartman, 2195 Blackrock Rd, Hanover, PA 17331 and include one offering envelope indicating the manner in which you would like to have your funds applied. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of St. David's!

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC)

HACC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

PAL — Packing, Serving, If Anyone Would Like to Volunteer For Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, a Few More Individuals are Needed to Work in the Kitchen.

Changing Lives Shelter — AM And PM Shifts

Meals On Wheels — Runners And Drivers

Front Desk — Tues, Thurs, And Fri Reception Help.

Cleaning— Wed

HACC ITEMS NEEDED:

PAL: Sauerkraut, Large Cans of Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Pasta Sauces, Single-serve Fruits, Canned Pears, Scalloped Potatoes Boxes, Corn Bread Mix, Beef and Chicken Broth, Ziploc Sandwich Baggies

Changing Lives Shelter: Large Trash Bag, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Disinfectant Wipes/Spray, Umbrellas or Ponchos

HACC General (Benefits All Ministries): Lysol Spray/ Disinfecting Spray

Meals on Wheels: Prayer Cards/ Words of Encouragement for Our Shut-Ins, Large Print Word Find or Crossword Activity Books, (Old Extra-Large Print Devotion Books. We Currently Have 10 Books and Need 30 More to Reach All of Our Shut-ins.

Clothing Bank: Family-Sized Toiletries, Sheet Sets (all sizes), Bath Towels, Men's White T-shirts (L & XL), Baby Diapers (Size 4–5).

HACC Clothing Bank: Many good quality clothing items are available. Both clients and anyone in the public are welcome to setup an appointment to select clothing. You will be given *Two Free Bags* of clothing. After that, each item is \$.50. Call 717-633-6353 for an appointment. Open Mon–Thurs 9 am–Noon. Masks required, temp check, sanitize hands.

Ruth's Harvest: Single-serve Entrees, Cereal, Juice Boxes, Snack or Veggies (all single-serve).

COMMUNITY AID UPDATE: Community Aid will be removing the bins from our church property. They are currently accepting donations of *clothing, shoes, toys, books and jewelry* at the store on Baltimore St. Just mention St. David's United Church of Christ and our **Code number, #20003** and we will receive \$.06 per pound for clothing donations. Drive-up hours are Monday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

We are offering three (3) Christmas Eve Worship opportunities this year:

4:00 PM (Childrens Program), 6:30 PM (Traditional), 9:00 PM (Traditional)

Drive-thru Communion is scheduled from **Noon until 2:00 PM** on Christmas Eve.

Candle-lighting during "Silent Night" will be Covid-style, using our cell phone flashlights, rather than traditional candles. *Unfortunately, these plans are subject to change due to the current situation, but we assure you, we will do our best to honor Christmas as best we can and thank you all for your understanding.*

In order to accommodate all who may wish to attend church on Christmas Eve, we are asking you to **choose** which service you plan to attend and the **total number of people** who will be attending with you. *(Fill out and place in wooden container or mail to church)*

WORSHIP SERVICE	NAME	NUMBER ATTENDING
4:00 PM		
6:30 PM		
9:00 PM		

HYMN NOTES

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS: Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877), the author of this hymn, was the son of a vice-admiral. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and ordained in 1844 as a priest in the Church of England. A big passion of his life was the creation of the innovative *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, an impressive achievement in the history of English hymnody and a collection of the various glorious gospels of its time. An important feature of this hymnal was the printing of text and tune for each hymn on the same page, so any singer could see and sing the unique pairings.

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is,” a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 23, was written by Baker for the Second Edition of *Hymns Ancient & Modern* in 1868 and included in the appendix. His friend John Bacchus Dykes, a musical editor on the committee, wrote the tune specifically for it, which is the title of Psalm 23 in the Latin translation. (Source: GodTube)

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US, is a well-recognized hymn found in many hymnals and sung by many denominations. Surprisingly, for such a well-known and loved hymn, little is known about the true author.

The hymn is most attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp when the hymn first appeared in Thrupp’s *Hymns for the Young* (c. 1830) and the Fourth Edition in 1836, but without attribution. The penned words were directly applied to children, and the anonymous writer obviously meant to use this four-stanza hymn for teaching. It was more than twenty years later that the tune we presently know was composed by the American musician William Bradbury (1816–1868). His tune (Bradbury), named after himself, has most often been associated with this text. Bradbury modified the original words meant for children and broadened the meaning to include all the congregation. Then, with some modernizing of the language, the text was standardized as it appears today and has remained largely untouched since about 1830. When the Methodist Book of Hymns shortened the refrain in 1966, the publisher received so many complaints, the full Bradbury version was put back into *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989).

The picture we get from this hymn, and the reason it has been such a defining song of the church, lies in the fact that it presents the fuller theology of Christian life in one song. This picture of the saving love and grace of God, the salvation message of God, God’s fellowship with us, and the continuing service to God gives us the broader perspective of what the Christian life should be. Thrupp attempted to make the hymn accessible to children, and Bradbury has presented it in a way that is applicable to every Christian. The hymn endures because of its message of hope, love, salvation, and Christian living. (Source: Discipleship Ministries)