Let Us Worship God!

November 22, 2026—10:30 AM

Christ the King Sunday

A Hybrid Worship Experience In-Person and Online

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough;
Worship Leader: George Nelson; Message: Rev. David Wenker, Pulpit Supply
Worship Production: Dee Sloan



Welcome! Worship Your Way!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: www.coldspringworship.com

The Cape May Ministerium invites everyone to a community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cape May Lutheran Church, 509 Pittsburgh Ave. Cape May.

Message Preview:

Pastor David Wenker brings the message "My God Shall Supply".

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be challenging, as we experience loss through our lives. Contentment is a learned skill, and we are all still in school learning.

Music Preview:

Ruth Rich will be playing flute with us this morning and the **Cold Spring Singers** will sing "Songs of Thanksgiving", a medley of hymn tunes giving thanks to God, for the Offertory.

The Reformation that had taken place throughout much of Europe had lost much of its zeal towards the end of the seventeenth century. The established church had become a place of shallow dead orthodoxy and rigid formality. Phillip J. Spencer, a Lutheran pastor in Frankfurt, Germany, wanted to give new life to the church by preaching the whole Bible, calling for repentance, and emphasizing a personal relationship with Christ. Under his preaching, people came to Christ and many lives were changed. Interest in such preaching spread throughout Germany, and it became known as the Pietistic Movement. Johann J. Schütz, the author of "***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above,"*** was a prominent lawyer in Frankfurt who helped Spencer establish prayer meetings and Bible-study groups in homes. In 1675 Schütz wrote this hymn because of the revival in the churches. His desire was to have the song proclaim the greatness of the Lord while emphasizing the nearness of a personal God.

Gospel musician Andraé Crouch composed "***My Tribute***" (also known as "To God Be the Glory") in 1971 in about 10 minutes after a friend urged him to write a global hit inspired by Scripture.

Lutheran pastor Martin Rinkart wrote "***Now Thank We All Our God***" (Nun danket alle Gott) in the 1630s in Eilenburg, Germany, during the devastation of the Thirty Years' War and a severe plague outbreak. Originally composed as a short mealtime prayer (Tisch-Gebetlein) for his children, it became an enduring hymn of gratitude amidst profound loss.

Prelude: **Jayne McDonough**

Welcome: **Rev. David Wenker**

God Welcomes All (unison)

God welcomes all,
strangers and friends;
God's love is strong

and it never ends.

The Call to Worship: Psalm 145: 13 -18 (Responsive)

One: The lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.

Many: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

One: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Many: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

One: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Many: The Lord is near to all who call on his, to all who call on him in truth.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

We worship you out of gratitude for the blessings you pour into our lives. We worship you for the wonder of your grace and mercy you give to us. We worship you for the beauty of who you are in all your glory. All we have and all we are is your gift to us. Our love, devotion, obedience and worship is our gift to you. We pray in Jesus Name, AMEN

*Gathering Hymn - #483 (Blue) "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

2. What God's almighty power hath made,
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye never sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

3. The Lord is never far away,
But through our grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

4. Thus on my gladsome way along,

I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!

Call to Confession:

This is a holy time and a holy place set aside for holy people; yet what makes us holy is not our perfection, it is Christ's. Every sin that is found outside of the church is found inside of it. The only difference is that here we acknowledge our sin and lay it before the one who has the power and authority to redeem us. Trusting in the promise that God is for us, let us confess our sins together:

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

We confess we do not give you the thanks you deserve. We confess we are prone to self-pity and complaining. Forgive us and heal us. Cleanse us of self-pity and set us free to be people who are filled with gratitude, able to love and appreciate the beautiful gifts of people with which you surround us. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive)

One: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. .

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **The Gloria**

Glory be to the Father.
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen, Amen.

Prayer for Illumination:

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh upon your people gathered here today. Allow the fulness of your power, your majesty, your authority and your righteousness to fill this moment. Stir something up in us. Shake us from our reverie. Convict us of the truth we need to hear. And if we have asked you for too little, we pray you do something beyond what we can ever ask or even imagine. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who

made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 10-23

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I

have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings. All God's people here send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar's household. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Message: "My God Shall Supply"

Rev. David Wenker

Prayer and Silent Reflection

Hymn of Meditation: #4 (Red) "My Tribute"

How can I say thanks for the things
You have done for me?
Things so undeserved,
Yet You gave to prove Your love for me;
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude.
All that I am, and ever hope to be;
I owe it all to Thee. To God be the glory,
To God be the glory, To God be the glory

For the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.

Just let me live my life;
Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.
And if I gain any praise, Let it go to Calvary.
With His blood He has saved me;
With His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory For the things He has done.

Offering of Our Gifts:

The Apostle Paul declared that God loves a cheerful giver. Though God has all authority, and every right to levy a tax and demand a portion of what we have, God instead invites us to choose for ourselves how we will respond to the grace and the providence we have received. So whether we have much to give or much to receive, let us joyfully celebrate this offering.

Offertory - "Songs of Thanksgiving"

Cold Spring Singers

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all flow;

praise God all creatures here below;



praise God above the heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication



Community News & Announcements

To donate flowers in memory, or in honor, of a loved one, sign up in the narthex and/or contact Beverly Mate, 609-847-1530. ($20/vase).

A limited number of poinsettias will be available for purchase and dedication for $20.00. Order forms are available in the narthex. All orders, with payment are due by Sunday, December 6.



Happy Anniversary Blessings to:
Joe & Roseann Paulits



Luncheon social at Bella Vida following worship, is today, Sunday, November 22. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex for those who wish to attend.



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Volunteers needed to decorate the church & Price Hall! We will meet on Saturday, Nov. 28th

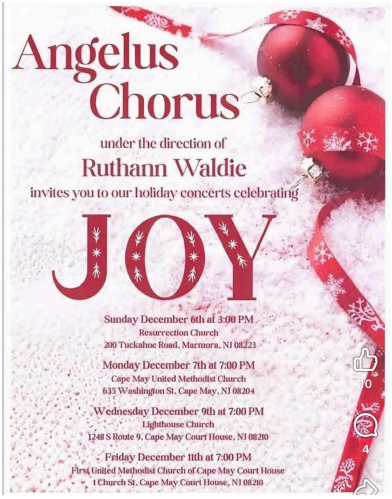
at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. See Beverly Mate to sign up!



The Deacons are sponsoring a Reverse Advent Calendar project to help local food banks. Items can be brought in when collected, to the church or Price Hall. Pick up the Reverse Advent calendar list in the narthex.



Please join us after Worship on December 13 for our annual Advent Luncheon, held in Price Hall. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.



Wreaths Across America: **ceremony on Sat. Dec. 19 at 12:00 p.m. Forms to purchase a wreath for a veteran's grave are available in the narthex.**

The Angelus Chorus is presenting their holiday concerts "*Celebrating Joy*", beginning Dec. 6, 7, 9 & 11. Flyers with times & locations are available in the narthex.

Receiving of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People:

(If you'd like to add to our prayer list, please complete a green Let's Pray card.)

Pray for: Comfort to the **Beare** family in the passing of **Rick**, son of Judy and Brother of Kevin; **Janet Strauss** with lung issues; **Pat Harris' son** recovering from surgery; **Warren Nuessle** is in rehab at Pelican Place, after a fall. He is still feeling weak; **Ruth Rich** & her family on the passing of her 31 year old **great nephew,** a Penna. state trooper and father of 2, to a pulmonary embolism; **Terri Sigrist**, who suffered a major heart attack this week, best friend of Carolyn Meldrum; **John Navin,** critical burns from a house fire, in North Wildwood, friend of Bob & Linda Hall; **Anderson family,** 3 young children & Mom. dad, **Jayce** died in a tragic car crash; **Agnes Bross** recovering from a brain bleed at home now; **Janice Weiner** still in coma from West Nile Virus; **Ariana Palmer**, 23 year old awaiting heart transplant.

Continual prayer requested for: **Eileen Stalford** in nursing care; **Roberta McCaughey** with an inoperable brain tumor; **Baby Eleanor Mills** is facing more heart surgery

Those on hospice care: **Marty, John Stalford, Gertrude Hess, Ted Lewis.**

Those undergoing cancer treatment: **Vince Stacy, Joan Rikki, Todd Aspell, Norma Sasso, Joe Paulits, Greg Myers, Ray Gulden, Karen Bachman.**

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 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 forever. Amen.

Fresh Expression of Community

Once we were strangers,
Now we are neighbors
Once we were strangers,
Now we are friends.

Sending Hymn: #555 (Blue) "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God

With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

Benediction: **Rev. David Wenker**

Postlude: **Jayne McDonough**

Go in peace. See you next week!

So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.

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1. *God Welcomes All:* CCLI Song #549555
2. Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*:*Johann Jacob Schutz, Trans. Francis Elizabeth Cox Bohemian Brethren Kirchengesang; CCLI Song #6066215
3. *Gloria*: Public Domaine
4. *My Tribute: Andrae Crouch ; CCLI Song #11218*
5. *Songs of Thanksgiving*: S. Moore ; CCLI Song #4774262
6. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #18204
7. Now Thank We All Our God*: Martin Rinkart, Johann Cruger, harm. Felix Mendelssohn*; CCLI Song #86638