



ANNOUNCEMENTS: WEEK OF NOV 21 - 27

Church Work Day TODAY, immediately following worship. Bring yard gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, tarps or old blankets & help us with outdoor church cleanup. A lite soup and sandwich lunch will be provided!



Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 4, 10:00 AM – Noon. Mark your calendars and make plans to bring the kids or grandkids! The young and the young-at-heart are invited for a pancake breakfast where you can also decorate cookies, make a Christmas craft and visit with Santa!



Children's Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 12, 11:00 AM. All children in PreK – 6th grades are invited to participate in this year's Christmas pageant, "The First Christmas." Rehearsals are being held at Children's Chapel during weekly worship. Mark your calendars and join us!



ALPHA IS COMING Make plans to join our Alpha program on **Wednesdays starting January 5th!** We'll meet for dinner around 5:45 pm and end at 8 pm each week through March 9th. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of faith in an open and informal environment. EVERYONE is welcome, no matter where you are in your faith journey! Sign up on the bulletin board or at www.polkcityumc.org/grow



UMW WINTER DONATION DRIVE Bring in winter mittens, gloves, hats & scarves of all sizes for the NP Comet Cupboard food pantry ministry. Place in red barrel in church entryway.

WELCOME GUESTS! If you are visiting, please stop by the Welcome table to fill out a Connect Card and pick up a Welcome Bag!

#LOVELIKEJESUS TUMBLERS can be purchased for \$10 at the Welcome Table (each purchase covers the cost of a free tumbler for our guests)



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY**



THANKSLIVING: Living a Life of Gratitude Every Day

God's people are called to be thankful people more than just one day a year, but to live a life of gratitude every day in response to the God who was, and is and is to come. We can look back on past blessings and be thankful; we can be more intentional about counting our blessings in the present and be thankful; and we can trust that God is always at work to create a future that looks more on earth as it is in heaven.

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GATHERING SONG

“He Reigns”

WELCOME/CONGREGATIONAL GREETINGS

www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

Please record your presence in the Facebook comments or the website attendance card

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Susan Mahannah

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end.

People: This is our God—the One who loves us, and who gave himself for us; who gathers us together in this place, and bids us seek his face.

Leader: Let’s worship God together!

SONG OF PRAISE

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we have trouble believing in a King in our lives. Early in our nation's history, we rejected monarchy as something undesirable. Yet, this day we are called to recognize You as the King of our lives, our sovereign ruler. Your kingdom is based on the laws of love; loving God as God has truly loved us and loving our neighbor as we ourselves want to be loved. That love extends beyond the borders of our lives, into a world in which there is fear and alienation, hunger and disease, hopelessness and darkness. Jesus, our sovereign ruler, our friend, our master and guide, you have asked us to reach out to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those imprisoned, and welcome the stranger. These words are not unfamiliar to us, yet somehow we have treated them as “nice words” but not an active part of our life of faith. Forgive us, Lord, for the weakness of our faith and witness. Rule our lives again with your powerful love, that we might truly be your disciples. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37 (CEB)

SONG OF REFLECTION

“What a Beautiful Name”

Children age 3 & up invited to follow ministry leaders for children’s chapel; they return during closing song

SERMON

“Thanks-Living”

Pastor Melody Webb, James Menke & Angela Cupp

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS & PRESENCE

Turn to a neighbor to share joys and concerns, or submit prayer requests in the Facebook comments or the Attendance Card on our website www.polkcityumc.org/online-worship

PASTORAL PRAYER / 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

Your gift in-person, by mail or mobile device, or online at www.polkcityumc.org/give supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church. Thank you for your extravagant generosity! Find this week’s announcements on the back side of the bulletin, or on our website at www.polkcityumc.org

SONG OF COMMITMENT

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Please bring your offerings and commitment cards forward during this song. You may also choose to place a rock on the altar as a sign of your commitment to participate in the ministries of the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

BENEDICTION

THANKSLIVING STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY



"ThanksLiving" calls us to consider how God's people are called to live a life of gratitude every day in response to the God who was, and is, and is to come. God has blessed each of us with unique **talents, skills and spiritual gifts** to equip us as disciples of Jesus Christ who are called to be servants in ministry. We have also been blessed with **financial resources** to help support the ministries of the church.

As we come to this season of counting our blessings, we in the church are asked to prayerfully make our commitments for the ways we will offer back these gifts and blessings to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in the coming year.

Read more at www.polkcityumc.org/stewardship-campaign

Find more information about spiritual gifts and take a spiritual gifts assessment at www.polkcityumc.org/serve

Please return your 2022 Time & Talents and Estimate of Giving commitment cards
