**The Inter-Faith Chapel**

**“A House of Prayer for All People”**

**3680 South Leisure World Blvd.**

**Silver Spring, Maryland 20906**



**November 26, 2017**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**9:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM**

 ***As you enter to worship, please remember to silence your cell phones.* **

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*Throughout the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus' teaching has announced and illustrated the kingdom of God. God's kingdom does not function like a typical kingdom. This divine reign has invaded the world and is good news -- especially to those on the fringes of society. This rule welcomes those who have no status and seeks to serve others rather than exploit them.* Carla Works

**WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Ramonia L. Lee**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

**We light this candle as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to *peace* in our world.**

**PRELUDE *Christ the King (Agincourt)* Frederick Swann**

 **Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Barbara McKenzie**

*Leader: Around the world this day,*

*the universal church celebrates the “The Reign of Christ.”*

*Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful,*

*has been enthroned above all authority and power*

*in this world and in the world that is to come.*

**PEOPLE:** **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,**

 **serve the Lord with gladness**

 **come into his presence with singing.**

*Leader: God has placed everything under Christ’s wounded feet,*

*appointed the One who wore a crown of thorns*

*as the supreme head of the church, His body.*

**PEOPLE:** **Enter His gates with thanksgiving,**

 **come into His courts with praise.**

 **Give thanks and praise His loving name!**

** HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name***

**INVOCATION**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**Loving God, too often, we overlook the needs of people around us while we proclaim our devotion to you. We could do so much more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick.  We fail to see how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us, how our medical system denies healing to the poor, how poverty leaves children without coats, how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a distance. Open our eyes to see your presence in every person, and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

** AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**As followers of Jesus Christ,**

**living in this world—**

**which some seek to control,**

**but which others view with despair—**

**we declare with joy and trust:**

**Our world belongs to God!**

**From the beginning,**

**through all the crises of our times,**

**until His kingdom fully comes,**

**God keeps covenant forever.**

**Our world belongs to Him!**

**God is King! Let the earth be glad!**

**Christ is Victor; His rule has begun. Hallelujah!**

**The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!**

**We rejoice in the goodness of God,**

**renounce the works of darkness,**

**and dedicate ourselves to holy living.**

**As covenant partners,**

**called to faithful obedience,**

**and set free for joyful praise,**

**we offer our hearts and lives**

**to do God's work in his world.**

**With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,**

**we expect the Day of the Lord.**

**And we are confident**

**that the light which shines in the present darkness**

**will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

** GLORIA PATRI**

 **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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 OT 984**

**Readers: 9:00 AM Juanita Sealy-Williams 11:00 AM Maggi Lindley**

**ANTHEM *Jesus, the King* Lloyd Larson**

 **Chancel Choir**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER UNISON**

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 NT 35**

**HYMN *Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life***

**SERMON “When Christ the King Comes” Dr. Ramonia L. Lee**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY *God, My King, Thy Might Confessing* Albert Lowe**

 **Chancel Choir**

** DOXOLOGY (Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

** CLOSING HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign***

** RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

*Leader: We will go now into God's world:*

**People: to bring healing to the sick and hope to the despairing.**
*Leader: We will go now to serve Jesus' sisters and brothers:*
**People: to offer a hand to those who have fallen,**

**to put a warm coat around those who shiver in the cold.**

***Leader:*** *We will go now to share the Spirit with everyone we meet:*

**People***:* **to be a companion to those in prisons as well as those bound by injustice, to bring the cup of grace to every parched soul.**

*Leader: Amen.*

**People: Amen.**

** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos**

 **“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever**.

**Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**POSTLUDE *Carillon-Sortie* Henri Mulet**

 **Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**A PARTING THOUGHT**

*"The difference between followers of Jesus and those who do not know Jesus is that those who have seen Jesus no longer have any excuse to avoid 'the least of these.” -*Stanley Hauerwas

***Welcome To The Inter-Faith Chapel***

**We are committed to being “*A House of Prayer for All People*.”**

**We are seeking to share God’s love and care through outreach, study, and worship. We invite you to share with us in this journey.**

**Believing that God’s love and welcome are extended to everyone,**

**we strive to make our worship experience accessible to all.**

* **Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex.**
* **Large Print Bibles are available in our Library.**
* **Space allowing extra room for wheelchairs and walkers, along with companion seating, is located immediately inside the Sanctuary.**

**If you need any accommodations while here, our ushers are happy to assist.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS Dedicated by Yvonne Williams in memory of her husband**

 **Rev. John Williams on his November 27 birthday**

**USHERS 9:00 AM Louis Katsouros, Head Usher**

 **Clydis Kellough, Pat McConnell, Naomi Rogers**

**USHERS 11:00 AM Louise Langley, Head Usher**

 **Jill Glixon, Arlene Kaiser, Fredreika Smith**

 **GREETER 9:00 AM Ruby Ricks**

 **GREETER 11:00 AM Ruth Witt**

**FLOWER MAKERS Regina Lash and Kimi Sugimura**

**Delivery of Altar Flowers on Monday, November 27**

 **Beryl Adams Anna Pappas**

 **Presence on Sunday, November 19**

 **9:00 AM: 89 11:00 AM: 114  Total: 203**

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|  **Offering** **$5,518** |  **Weekly Budget****$7,788\*** |
| **Year to Date Offering** **$375,982** |  **Year to Date Budget**  **$359,586\*** |

 \*This amount represents offerings received and pledge budget only and does not reflect approved withdrawal of $12,380 per month from the endowment fund needed to meet overall 2017 operating budget.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES***

**VISITOR REGISTER** If you are a visitor at The Inter-Faith Chapel, we are so pleased you chose to worship with us today. Please sign the *Visitor Register* located in the Narthex that we might have a record of your attendance, and please receive a coffee cup as a small welcoming gift. We are delighted that you are here today and hope that you will return again soon!

**NEW MEMBER REGISTER** We would love for you to consider membership with this dynamic and active family of faith. If you are interested in joining The Inter-Faith Chapel, please sign the *Member/Affiliate Register* located in the Narthex near the coat closet and we look forward to being in contact with you.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** All are welcome to come and help decorate The Chapel, for our Advent and Christmas season. Christmas music will be playing and light refreshments will be available. Gather at 9:00 am on **Saturday, December 2.**

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday December 3**, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. During the meeting, we will vote to approve the budget and to elect officers for 2018. Please make plans to attend this important meeting and pick up an informational packet in the Narthex that includes the proposed budget and slate of officers.

**HELP OTHERS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS!** Home baked cookies that do not contain nuts are needed for our Christmas gift bags. Bring three dozen cookies, labelled for gift bags, to the kitchen on **Sunday, December 3**. Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver these bags to members and friends who live in Leisure World or nearby care facilities. Come by the fellowship hall on **December 7-17** to pick up bags to deliver. Pick up gift tag(s) in the Narthex for socks and toys gifts to local children. Deliver unwrapped gifts on **December 10** or **December 17**.

**SERVICE TIME CHANGE!!!!!**

**During the winter months of December – February, we will have one combined Sunday morning worship service at 10:00 am. This new schedule will go into effect on Sunday, December 3.**

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR CONCERT** All are invited to enjoy a concert on **Wednesday, December 6** at 10:15 am, presented by the fourth and fifth grade students at Georgian Forest Elementary School. The children are always very excited to share their music with the community and will perform pop music, spirituals, folk music, and a winter-themed selection.  Our school supply and book drives, plus socks and toys gifts for the holidays benefit this school, and the concert is one way they say thank you.

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM** Lovely poinsettias will adorn The Chapel from December 17-24. You may order a plant for $10.00 and designate it in memory or in honor of a loved one. Order at [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) or pick up an order form in the Narthex. The ordering deadline is December 8. Please do not put orders or payment in the offering. You may leave your payment and order in the office or mail it.

**LET’S GO CAROLING!** The Born 1942 and After group invites all Chapel members and friends to come caroling on **Sunday, December 10** at 3 pm. The group will go caroling to friends who are not able to attend worship and then enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and fellowship. If you would like to go caroling, please RSVP by calling 301-598-5312 or going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) by December 5. If you would like the carolers to visit you, please call Dr. Lee by December 5.

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** Your 2018 envelopes will be available for pickup starting on Sunday, December 24. If you don’t already have envelopes, please consider ordering a box. Using envelopes helps us to speed money counting and keep better records. If you want to order envelopes, please contact Linda or Bonnie at 301-598-5312 by Friday, December 15.

**FLOWER DELIVERY** The Monday flower delivery schedule for November and December is in the Narthex. Please consider signing up and delivering flowers to brighten someone’s day.

**FLOWER DEDICATIONS** Each Sunday, a Chapel member or friend dedicates the altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. We have openings to dedicate the flowers on December 10 and 31. Your dedication will be listed in the bulletin and the flowers will be delivered to Chapel members or friends who are sick or celebrating a birthday. The cost is $45. Please call Bonnie at 301-598-5312 if you are interested.

**CALENDAR**

**Monday, November 27 10:30 AM Advent Study**

**2:00 PM Sandwich Makers**

**Tuesday, November 28 11:00 AM Handbells**

 **12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

 **1:30 PM Handbells**

**Wednesday, November 29 10:00 AM Women’s Chorus**

**Thursday, November 30 10:00 AM Extended Staff Meeting**

 **1:15 PM Women’s Bible Study**

 **7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

**Friday, December 1 7:30 PM JRLW Shabbat Service**

**Sunday, December 3 10:00 AM One Worship Service**

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**CHAPEL OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Monday – Friday**

**301-598-5312**

***Rev. Dr. Woodie Rea, Senior Minister***

***Rev. Dr. Ramonia Lee, Minister of Congregational Life***

***Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music***

***Linda Faith, Administrator/Facilities Manager***

***Bonnie Bonner, Administrative Secretary***

***Steve Buck, Gary Carpenter, Video Technicians and Sextons***