Announcements

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We also have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired.
- Jan Fadden, our Parish Nurse is here today to provide health checks.
- LEAP Christmas Gift Bags: This year GPC will provide 102 gift bags to infants and children at the LEAP preschool. You are invited to sponsor bags! Each bag is $25. A sponsorship table will be on the patio for the next few Sundays.
- **Document Shredding Opportunity!** If you have documents you need to securely dispose of, you are welcome to bring them to the office, starting on Tuesday, November 24th all the way up to Tuesday December 15th between 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (except not on Mondays, Thanksgiving, Black Friday or weekend days) to have them all shredded at no cost.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

PRELUDE Variations on "Now Thank We All Our God" Kenneth Kosche

WELCOME Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Deacon Steve Solano

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know this! The Lord is God!

People: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.

People: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE #155 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Verse 1

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 2

*please rise in body or spirit

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 3

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CALL TO CONFESSION Deacon Steve Solano

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

All: Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to outfit humankind with the same freedom to choose and act that you have. We thank you for this power, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do the things we know not to do. We take advantage, even as we sense our conscience pulling us away from what is wrong. We deny our own agency and claim "it is what it is" about the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we be empowered to do justly, love kindness and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. So believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Thanks Be to Thee" G. F. Handel

Thanks be to thee. O Lord our God!
For all the blessings of thy great love.
Praise to thee.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord our God!
For all the blessings of thy great love.
Praise and honor to thee!

Thy loving hand doth protect us,
Guide us, O Lord, guide us.
In thy great mercy shield us from harm.

Thy loving hand doth protect us,
Guide us, O Lord, guide us.
In thy great mercy shield us from harm.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord our God!

*please rise in body or spirit

For all the blessings of thy great love.

Praise and honor to thee!

Praise and honor to thee!

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Verse 1

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

Verse 2

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

Verse 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 earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,
and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in
my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so
that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to
which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among
the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to
work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand
in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and
dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in
the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him
the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him
who fills all in all.

MESSAGE "Open Hearts, Open Eyes" Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #425 "Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining"

Verse 1

Lord of light, Your name out-shining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in Your kingdom
as the servants of Your grace;

*please rise in body or spirit

use us to fulfill Your purpose
in the gift of Christ Your Son.

Refrain

Abba, as in highest heaven
so on earth Your will be done.

Verse 2

By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field;
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed;
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won. [Refrain]

Verse 3

Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at Your feet may lowly kneel;
with Your grace our triumphs hallow,
with Your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun. [Refrain]

Verse 4

By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus bringing
peace to all, and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all Your children one. [Refrain]

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Robert Lau

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.

God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,

*please rise in body or spirit

Who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Deacon Steve Solano

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

Verse 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
Pure light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished.
As forward we travel from light into light.

Verse 2

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Jim Pazan

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Paul Manz

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