



Brookline Community Church
Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2023

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Prelude: Psalm 100 from the Scottish Metrical Psalter 1650

I've included the lyrics so you can compare what they're singing to the current version. Plus the Scottish accents are pretty robust!

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
- 2 Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, Come ye before him and rejoice.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make: We are his flock, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.
- 4 O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto: Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.
- 5 For why? the Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

Call To Worship, Psalm 100, p. 481

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

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

**All: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God.

**All: It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

**All: and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the LORD is good;

**All: his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

RESPONSE: [#820 Threefold Amen \(Danish\)](#)

Children's Message: *How often should we give thanks?*

[Hymn: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands by Lifetree Kids](#)

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands. He's got the little bitty baby in his hands.
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands. He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got everybody here in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole wide world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

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Or if we don't feel like jumping around as much

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King by Fredonia Hill Worship

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along
Oh praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father praise the
Son

And praise the Spirit Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father praise the
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A Prayer of Joys and Concerns:

The response to "Lord, in your mercy," is "hear our prayer."

Let us recite Psalm 23 together:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

[For next week, please feel free to send me your joys & concerns and I'll include them in our prayers: minister@bccnh.org or call/text (857) 259-7269.]

Hymn: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us by Hymns of Grace

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;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do 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, O hear us when we
pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, p. 702

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

RESPONSE: #820 Threefold Amen (Danish)

Reflection on the Scripture:

Hymn: Shepherd by CityAlight

Though I walk through the valley
And I can't see the way
When the shadows surround me
I will not be afraid

For I know You are with me
you will always provide
Though the path may be lonely
You will stay by my side
I will rest my soul
I'll trust in You alone

For the Lord my Shepherd
Leads me, leads me
And He is all I need
In the darkest valley
I know, I know
My Shepherd is all I need

Lord I know that You seek me
When I'm trying to hide
And Your love it pursues me
All the days of my life
I will rest my soul
I'll trust in You alone

For the Lord my Shepherd
Leads me, leads me
And He is all I need
In the darkest valley
I know, I know
My Shepherd is all I need

I rest my soul
In You alone
You light my way
You lead me on

I rest my soul
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MINISTRY OF SHARING

***DOXOLOGY: #809 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

***Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We've Been Given:**

**Holy God, use us, and these gifts,
to feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
and honor your presence in all people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World (a riff on Psalm 100)

Leader: The Lord God is our shepherd.

**All: We are the people of God's pasture,
the sheep of God's hand.**

Leader: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

All: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

Leader: Amen and.

All: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 839 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with
you till we meet again."

Postlude: Shepherd by Amanda Cook

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (11/26/23)

- Friends & family of Jane Jukes, Scott Higgins, Ed Krom, Ron Whitebred, Chris Crowder, Morris Nicholson, Eddy Razzaboni, Flora Kenyon, Polly Foley, Ken Perrin.
- For Dave Joki and Dave Flannery, both members of the Brookline Fire Department, both fighting cancer
- For Paul, John's friend, who's in a tough fight with cancer.
- For Kim, Donna's relative, whose liver transplant had a setback
- For Brandon, Jill & Kevin's friend, on the heart transplant list.
- For Mark, John Nicholson's brother, who's facing medical complications
- For Kevin, Kevin's dad, who's facing some medical issues
- For Tim, Megan's friend, recovering from medical setbacks
- For the friends and family of Leo, Amy's son George's best friend, who passed away after a tough recovery from an accident
- For a friend, figuring out a way to pay her rent
- For a family in transition
- For Dave Hoffman, recovering heart surgery
- For Deb, Marjorie's relative, entering hospice care, may they ease her passing
- For Olivia, a twelve-year-old friend of Jessica, having meniscus surgery
- For Zane, Jessica's friend, who's continuing to recover from his accident
- For John Lee's newly discovered step-mother, who's been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, may her treatments bring her relief
- For grandparents who are trying to put their families' lives back together, when their children can no longer take care of their grandchildren
- For Tina, Barbara's friend, facing more chemotherapy after cancer surgery
- For George, Sanjay's dad, having to have neck surgery after Thanksgiving
- For Kyle, Marcia and Clarence's grandson, in the hospital with a blood clot in his leg
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, may they find a way forward
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For the people of Taiwan, searching for peace in the face of hostility
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

Household Prayer: Morning¹

God of all creation, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise. Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today, and keep me faithful to your ways, for I want to live for you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day. Where I failed to do your will, forgive me. Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die, welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

How would it change you to see the face of Christ in every stranger you meet?

Daily Awareness Reflection²

At the end of the day, I've been asking myself the following questions. I jot down the answers and ask them again the next evening. I've found it helps me to remain centered as well as increasing my awareness of God in my life. It takes about 10 minutes.

1. Slow down. Stop. Prepare yourself to pray by becoming aware of the love with which God looks on you ...
2. Note the gifts God has given you today. Give thanks to God for them ...
3. Ask God that this be a time of special grace and revelation ...
4. With God, review the day. Look at the stirrings of your heart, your thoughts, and your choices as the day progressed. Which have been of God? Which have not? What does God want to say to you about both? ...
5. Ask for forgiveness for failures/omissions, for healing from their effects ...
6. Look forward to the following day, and plan concretely with God how to live it according to God's desire for your life ...

¹ The Morning & Evening Prayer and Question for Reflection are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*. Copyright 2014.

² Elizabeth Liebert, *The Soul of Discernment* (Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 2015), 31.

Announcements

Thank you for your support on our food pantry drive!

For our October food drive we collected 165 items & \$100 in monetary donations for the Brookline Food Pantry and Share.



The Christmas Raffle is Live!

You can now buy tickets and take a peek at the raffle baskets. Check out [our website](#) and let your friends know!

Christmas Faire is more than a gorgeous raffle

- **Take Home Meal: Chicken Pot Pie!** Let Megan (kingmegan7@gmail.com) know if you want to order or contribute ingredients!
- **Christmas Cookies: \$7 for 12.** Let Megan (kingmegan7@gmail.com) know if you want to order or contribute cookies to the church by December 1.
- **Soup & Chilis To Go:** Let Ann (desrochers.ann@gmail.com) know if you can donate soup, chili or help with set up or clean up

SHARE Wreath Gifts Due by Dec 10:

The wreath is up, with ornaments identifying the kids and what they're hoping to get. Please have your unwrapped gifts back by Dec. 10. The guidelines for participating are in an envelope next to the wreath.

Faith Formation: Deepen Your Connection with God: Dec. 10, 8:30a

We will be offering faith formation sessions once a month. In addition to the activities designed for the kids, we'll be offering a separate track of reflections on Christian Faith Practices for the adults.

We meet at 8:30am on Sunday mornings: 12/10 (moving from 12/3 because the Christmas Faire is later that day), 1/7, 2/4, 3/3, 4/14 (moving from 4/7 because I usually take the Sunday after Easter off), 5/5, 6/2

Gently Used Winter Clothes can find a good next home

If you have any gently used winter clothes, let Amy (arazz3914@gmail.com) know. She'll find a good home for them.

Email Scams may appear to come from the church!

You may get an email that appears to come from the church or Rev. Cath asking for money or gift cards. We won't ever do that, so you can ignore them. The scammers haven't necessarily infected our computers, and we keep up with our anti-viral software. Unfortunately, mean people make it difficult for all of us.

Brookline Senior Citizen Active Walking Program details for 2023-2024

The Hampshire Dome is open for seniors to walk during the winter. For more details, [click here](#).

There's a task list in the Social Hall if you could help with a church project

Some are bigger than others; some will require supplies that the church will provide. If you have a few hours and would be willing to take on a task, we would appreciate the help!

The Church has 12 Covid Test Kits, Take & Replace!

NH made Covid supplies available to certain non-profits. We took advantage of the program to snag 12 Covid test kits. If they become hard to find again, feel free to grab one (Candy secretary@bccnh.org can help) and replace it later.

Brookline Food Pantry

The Brookline food pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs [Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page](#) has updates. And there's now [a long, robust Google doc](#) that shows what they need.

If there's anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Amy know.

Help Lines

You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255 (or 988)
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233



Gifts for *SHARE*



This Christmas our church will be helping to make the holiday merrier for area families by participating in the SHARE gift-giving project. We have adopted six children in two families this year.

Instructions for gift giving:

- Choose a colored tag (or more) from the wreath located in the lower front entryway of the church.
- Purchase the requested gift or an appropriate substitute.
- Provide Gift Receipts if possible
- Do not wrap the gifts for children. You may put the gift in a gift bag. Attach colored tag (from the wreath) to the gift. Attach Christmas gift tag with first name of child and family # on it.
- GIFT WRAP AND GIFT BAGS MAY BE DONATED ALSO.
- If you must substitute a specific gift request, please try to stay with the type of gift requested. Please be sure to return a gift for each ornament taken. If you find that you cannot buy an intended gift, return the ornament as soon as possible.
- Please bring the gift to church on or before Sun., Dec. 10th.

The deadline is Sunday, Dec. 10th
Gift cards to Walmart, Target, Amazon and/or
supermarkets are also appreciated!!

The church's financial obligations continue.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
October	\$111,505	\$81,663	\$29,842

There are several ways to send your offering.

1. Text "GIVE" to 603-506-4455 for your first time. Click "Sign In" then "Register for an Account"

2. Scan the QR code



3. Mail to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507,
Brookline, NH 03033.

