

Reign of Christ Sunday



Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ

November 20, 2022

9:30 am



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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshipping with you. There's also a "playground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshipping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Please ask an usher about our hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Key:

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation

Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant

† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

*Please Note: In an effort to protect those who are vulnerable, **masking is strongly recommended**. In addition, the first four rows of pews on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved as a “masking only” section (for those who wish to be in close proximity only with others who are masking).*

Reign of Christ Sunday

Jesus is given the title of the Anointed One (Messiah), even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness—he is the true king who will set all things right. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love. On this last Sunday in the church year, we walk through the seasons of the liturgical calendar together, experiencing yet again the hope that comes from Christ our King.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 90 and Psalm 93)

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Before the mountains were brought forth or you had formed the earth and the world,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

You are king, robed in majesty and armed with strength. Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Gathering Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns
ELW 855 vs 1 & 3

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5

*The
presiding
minister
greet the
assembly
with the
words used
by the
apostle Paul
in 2nd
Corinthians
to greet
churches.
Then the
assembly
greet the*

† Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

<p><i>presiding minister in return. It is a moment of mutuality that signifies trust, love, mutual service, and a shared hope in God.</i></p>	
	<p>Children’s Sermon</p> <p><i>Children aged Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to leave the service after the Children’s Sermon and attend the first part of Sunday School instruction (2nd part to resume in classes after worship.)</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Word</u></p> <p><u>Advent</u></p> <p>A reading from Isaiah 40:1, 3-5</p> <p>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. A voice calls out: ‘In the desert prepare the way for the Lord make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all humankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’</p> <p>Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.</p> <p>A few words about Advent</p>

Advent Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway ELW 264 vs 1&4

1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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Christmas

A reading from Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth

to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A few words about Christmas

Christmas Hymn: Joy to the World ELW 267 vs 1&4

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Epiphany

A reading from Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We see his star in the east and have come to worship him."

They went on their way and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A few words about Epiphany

Epiphany Hymn: We Three Kings WOV 646 vs 1&5

1 We three kings of Orient are;
 bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 following yonder star.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
 King and God and Sacrifice;
 heav'n sings alleluia:
 alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

Lent

A reading from Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A few words about Lent

**Lenten Hymn O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days
ELW 319 vs 1 & 3**

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves

that we may know God's love.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
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Holy Week

A reading from Mark 8:31-35

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A few words about Holy Week

Holy Week Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus ELW 349 vs 1 & 2

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Easter

A reading from Luke 24:1-8

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared, and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A few words about Easter

Easter Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today ELW 365 vs 1 & 2

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Pentecost

A reading from John 20:19-22

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A few words about Pentecost

Pentecost Hymn: Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396 vs 3

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;

and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
Refrain

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

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Time After Pentecost

A reading from Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

A few words about Time After Pentecost

**Time After Pentecost Hymn: O God, Beyond All Praising
ELW 880 vs 1 & 3**

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;

and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942-1996

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The Prayers of the Church are the way in which the church lives out “the priesthood of all believers.” We pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our own participation.

† Prayers of the Church

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader’s heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Additionally, today we especially pray for Peter, Helen, Max, Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Ed, Jamie, Mark, Willie, Char, Jen, Rich, Marie, Jeanette, . . . and for those we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Strengthen our spirit of discipleship and service. Guide us through our focus groups this month as we discern the guiding principles and purpose statement for our faith community in this time and place. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.

† Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you.

The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ in a low-touch or no-touch way. Children return to the sanctuary from Part 1 of Sunday School.

The Meal

Offering

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	<p>Offertory</p>
	<p>† Offering Hymn: Soon and Very Soon ELW 439 vs 1</p> <p>Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!</p>
	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <p>Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Great Thanksgiving</p> <p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>
	<p>† Words of Institution</p>
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.</p>

<p><i>his disciples when they ask him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>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 and ever. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.</p>
	<p>† Communion</p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to kneel at the altar rail. Gluten-free communion is available upon request. The wine is red; grape juice is white. When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.”</i></p> <p>The body of Christ, given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.</p>
	<p>Communion Hymn: Beautiful Savior ELW 838</p> <p>1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.</p> <p>2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,</p>

robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

† **Post-Communion Table Blessing**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

† **Reign of Christ**

A reading from Revelation 1:4b-6

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

	<p>A few words about Reign of Christ</p>
<p><i>With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Sending</u></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ‡ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.</p>
<p><i>Through the sending hymn we are sent out into the world to follow Jesus.</i></p>	<p>† Sending Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW 855 vs 4 & 5</p> <p>4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.</p> <p>5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.</p> <p>Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4</p>

<i>The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i>	† Dismissal Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. Thanks be to God.
	Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Presiding: The Rev. Marissa Harrison	Readers: Bill Fink, David and Paula Maeder Connor, JoAnne Wancata
Ushers: Larry and Chris Jacobson	Counters: Michael Wancata, Ellen Young
Online Usher: Kim Wylie	Acolyte: Aaron Krankowski



Announcements from Good Soil November 20, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Peter Alexander; Helen Andrews; Max Bechtel; Jae, Jeff, and Oakley; Andrew Evatt; Ed Fink; Jamie Lanter; Mark Liston; Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; Rich Petrusky; Marie Sternad; Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:

Denise Johnson (Nov 20), Mark Johnson (Nov 20)

The flowers adorning the altar today are placed to the glory of God by Bill Fink to celebrate the 72nd wedding anniversary of Ed and Verna Fink, his parents.

We are excited to announce that we have reached our generosity goal of 48 intent cards and we have unlocked the \$5000 challenge grant! We have also more than doubled our goal of increasing weekly donations by \$200 to increasing our weekly donations by a projected \$411 per week—INCREDIBLE! Thank you for your generosity and faith-filled support of God’s ministry through Good Soil!

Focus Groups for Discerning Congregational Purpose Statement and Guiding Principles:

All parishioners, please mark your calendars to attend ONE of the two remaining focus group opportunities: (RSVP to contacts indicated)

Sunday, Nov. 27th – Brunch after worship, begins at 11:30am (childcare provided)

Wednesday, Nov. 30th – Dinner at 6pm, event begins at 6:30pm

For meal planning, please RSVP to the following Dandelion Team Members:

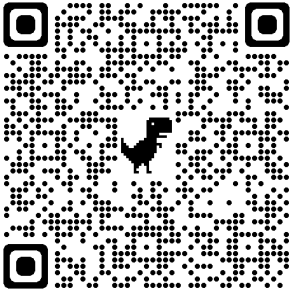
Sunday, Nov. 27th – RSVP to Barbara Munch, bwmunch@aol.com

or (440) 465-4937

Wednesday, Nov. 30th – RSVP to Adam Pate, caricatureguy@yahoo.com

or (419) 606-3373

Last call to color mittens to decorate our reindeer in the All Aglow Tree Lighting event coming up on Dec 2. Mittens are on the table in the “pray ground” and can be left in the green basket on that table when completed. Let your creative juices flow!



Advent Small Groups – Advent is a time of preparation and hope. We prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of Jesus and we look with hope for the good news that Jesus brings to our lives.

We are offering an opportunity to deepen our faith through once-a-week small group reflection times Patterned after the popular Lenten small groups.

Meetings will last for an hour and there are various options to participate. Use the QR code to go to a form to sign up or contact Deb Yandala for assistance (440-503-4251 or debyandala@gmail.com).

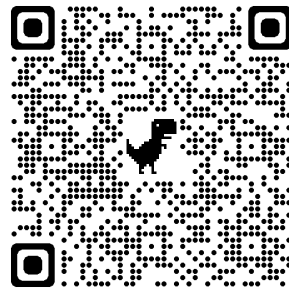
Advent Small Group Session #1 - the week of Nov 28th - Dec 4th

Advent Small Group Session #2 - the week of Dec 5th - Dec 11th

Advent Small Group Session #3 - the week of Dec 12th - Dec 18th

- Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- Weekday morning at 10:00 a.m. in-person (day and meeting place TBD by the group)
- Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. in-person at Good Soil

“Seeds” is a weekly e-newsletter all about what’s going on at Good Soil. If you’d like to subscribe and get it every Friday, use this QR code to sign up. You can also call the church office at 440-331-1773 for help signing up. It’s a great way to stay in touch with all the exciting happenings at Good Soil!



Calendar of Events		
Sun, Nov 20	CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Wed, Nov 23	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Thurs, Nov 24	THANKSGIVING DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Fri, Nov 25	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sun, Nov 27	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-Person and Livestream Worship • Sunday School • Coffee Hour • Purpose/Guiding Principles focus Group (Brunch and Child Care provide) 	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
	ADVENT SMALL GROUPS BEGIN (see note below)	
Tues, Nov 29	Advent Small Group via zoom	7:00 p.m.
Date TBD	Advent Small Group in-person (mid-week AM)	
Wed, Nov 30	Purpose/Guiding Principles Focus Group (Dinner provide; no child care)	6:00 p.m.
Sat, Dec 3	Ladies' Breakfast – Gene's Place, Kamm's Corner	9:00 a.m.
Sat, Dec 3	Advent Small Group at Good Soil	10:00 a.m.

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