

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Thanks Be to Thee* Handel

The Call to Worship

Come, let us worship Christ our King!

For the Lord Almighty is the King of glory.

There is none like you, O Lord.

All the nations shall come and bow down before you. They shall glorify your name.

For you are great and you do wonderful things. You alone are God.

*The Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* 155

*The Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we can receive mercy. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. Too often we have heard the cries of the hungry and not fed them; we have heard the pleas of the needy and walked past them; we have known of the sick and imprisoned and not cared for them. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to share your love with all those we meet. [Silent confession.] Holy judge of all, convict and correct us, we pray. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus Christ died that we might be saved. He was raised from death to life and sits at the right hand of God where he intercedes for us. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response *Glory Be to the Father* 579
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

*The Passing of the Peace

The Anthem *Redeemed* Crosby & Butler
Billie Bauer, piano & soloist

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:31-46* page 38 NT

The New Testament Reading *Ephesians 1:15-23* page 259 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith *Based on Philippians 2:5-11*
We believe that Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Hymn *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* 434

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *All Glory to Jesus* Peterson

*The Doxology

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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* 151

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

*Postlude *Hail the Lord of All Creation* Ritter

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Liturgist: JoAnn Hunt

Greeters:

Ushers: Randy Wierda & Patty Donahue

Musical Talent: Laurel Taipale and Billie Bauer

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Announcements and Upcoming Event

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

No Fellowship Hour or 2nd @ Second today due to hanging of the greens.



Hanging of the Greens

We will get busy immediately after worship **TODAY** decorating the church for the Christmas season. When we're done, we'll enjoy lunch together. We will supply the pizza, and you supply a beverage. All are invited to help!



Liturgists and Advent Wreath Lighters

During Advent we need both a liturgist and an Advent wreath candle lighter on Sunday mornings. We need two or more people or a family to do that. The signup sheets are in the gathering area.

Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone the order forms are in the gathering area. . The deadline to order is **Sunday, December 3**. These beautiful poinsettias are \$10.00 each and have multiple large blossoms and a bow attached. They will decorate the church for 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 24, and will stay until after the 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Take your poinsettias home after the evening Christmas Eve service.



Angel Tree is a part of Prison Fellowship and provides an opportunity for our church to extend the hope of the Gospel through delivering Christmas gifts to children on behalf of their incarcerated parents. Please keep in mind, although there is a "wish list" on each tag, you are not obligated to buy everything on that list. \$25 is usually the maximum amount. All gifts are due back at church by **December 10**.

Music Notes



Christmas is coming, and that means lots of wonderful Christmas music! All that wonderful music makes it the perfect time to sing with choir!! The Chancel Choir will rehearse on **Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.** Come join us as we make a joyful noise to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Preparing the Way

Next Sunday, December 3, is the First Sunday of Advent and communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate.

We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.



The office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.