

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025

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.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Give Thanks

J. Biery

The Call to Worship
God has looked favorably on all of God’s people and has redeemed all of creation.
God has given us a mighty Savior, the Lord whose reign we celebrate.
We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.
Let us worship God!

*The Hymn of Praise

We Gather Together

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*The Call to Confession
In humility we are called to confess our sin, reaching out in penitence to our Lord and Savior. Trusting in the merciful love of God, let us pray together.

*The Prayer of Confession
Wondrous and generous God, You bless us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thanks.
At the same time, forgive us for being hardhearted and tight-fisted, when we don’t let Your blessings flow, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world.
Release us, Holy God, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. AMEN.

*The Assurance of Pardon
The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness and guides our every step in the path of salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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**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 Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus *from* Messiah

G. F. Handel

First and Second Chancel Choirs

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

Lighting the Way

Rev. Ted McCulloch

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:14-16

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The Sermon

Lights, Jesus, Action!

Rev. Ted McCulloch

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed (traditional)

hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

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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

Accept Our Thanks

J. Sibelius

First and Second Chancel Choirs

*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 We All Are One in Mission 435

*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 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come D. Johnson
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Liturgist : Samantha Engel
Ushers: Anne Schmidt, Sayre Nichol
Greeter: Karen Kalina
Fellowship Hour:
Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and the First
and Second Chancel Choirs.



- The office will be open **Monday and Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.
- **The office will be closed Wednesday, and Thursday.**

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

No 2nd @ Second today, Nov 23. We plan to learn about Bethsheba Sunday, November 30. All are welcome after worship, in the library.

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, November 30.** These beautiful poinsettias are \$10.00 each and have multiple large blossoms.

Take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service.

Angel Tree:

The gift tags are out. Angel Tree provides gifts to children of incarcerated parents. There are some tags still available on the table in the gathering area. Thank you for your generosity and support to those most vulnerable in our community. **Please return gifts by December 14.**



Boy Scout Greens Pickup:

If you ordered holiday greens from Boy Scout Troop 304, they will be ready for you to take home **TODAY**. The Scouts will help you load up at the Scout barn after worship.

2026 Directory:

In order to print an accurate church directory, we are making sure that we have your correct information. Sonia and/or Adam will be at the table in the gathering area with printed information sheets. Please stop by and make sure we have all your information correct. If you take the sheet home, please make sure to bring it back.



Music Notes:

On Saturday, November 29, at 1:00pm, Thomas will be performing an organ recital at the First Congregational Church of Saginaw (403 S. Jefferson Ave.). The program will feature Advent and Christmas music.



On Sunday, December 14, at 4:00pm, Concerts at First Presbyterian Saginaw presents the second annual Handel's Messiah concert. The concert will include the Saginaw Bay Youth Orchestra and the Saginaw Choral Society, and features the Christmas portion of Messiah, plus the Hallelujah Chorus.

On Sunday, December 14 at Second Pres., the children are going to sing during the service. This is a time honored Season of Christmas tradition here at SPC that everyone enjoys, but we need your kids and grandkids to make it a success. Please contact Thomas for more information @ music@prcsaginaw.org.



Preparing the Way:



NEXT Sunday, November 30, 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 pantry has requested peanut butter(not large containers), sloppy joe mix, canned chicken or tuna, or anything you can give will be appreciated.**