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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

Christ the King/ Reign of Christ

November 20, 2022

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Children are welcome and encouraged to remain in Worship. If needed, Nursery (in Room 8) is available for children 3 and under. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude **Schafe können sicher weiden, BWV 208** J. S. Bach
Sheep may safely graze and pasture in a watchful Shepherd's sight

Choral Introit **Rejoice, the Lord Is King** Darwall's 148th

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn 142: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!** Coronation

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone and a new life has begun.

All: **In Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #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.*

*Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 31

Jesus Christ has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal King who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us. He ascended to heaven, there to show that he is head of the church and that the Father rules all things through him.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Catherine Adams

After the Choral Anthem, children preschool - 2nd graders are invited to participate in a combined Worship Workshop experience in Room 101 to learn more about the practices and purpose of worship.

Choral Anthem

And Can it Be?

D. Forrest

*And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?*

*No condemnation no I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love!*

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

(pew Bible NT, p.200)

"Governed by Justice and Love"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

W. L. Thompson

Marcia Thom-Kaley, Soloist

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me
Come home, come home. Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner come home"*

*O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me
Come home, come home. Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner come home"*

*Doxology

Hymn #592

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Hymn 150: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"*

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on Nun Danket Alle Gott

F. Bock

We encourage all to share the love, joy, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with one another. All are also encouraged to join in the Narthex for lemonade and cookies before participating in one of the many spiritual growth opportunities available for all ages.

*Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God in memory and honor of Robert Milton Bob Miles,
M.D.*

Stewardship: God wants to partner with YOU!

On Sunday, December 4, the Session will be meeting and one of the main focuses of that meeting will be the 2023 proposed operating budget. At this time, the congregation represents pledge amounts totaling \$410,352 for 2023. Thank you to all who have made your 2023 commitment and pledge to partner with God and God's church in 2023. The stark reality of fewer and lower pledging can have major implications on the operations and ministries First Presbyterian Church is able to faithfully attend. To meet and support the goals and needs outlined in the narrative budget, a tremendous amount of faith and commitment is still encouraged for all involved in the life and ministries of First Presbyterian Church. If you have not yet completed your 2023 pledge, please do so as soon as you are able. We look forward to partnering with you!

Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

“Share the Warmth” Fall Coat Drive – ends today!

Last call for coats! If you have any you would like to donate after today, please let Alex know!

Griefshare - Surviving the Holidays

All are welcome to attend a special **Griefshare** class THIS Tuesday, November 22 from 11:30am-1:30pm led by Rev. Nancy Dawson in the church library. Feel free to bring your lunch. Materials will be provided. Please contact Nancy or Marcia Thom-Kaley for more information.

Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone this Christmas!

We invite you to purchase a poinsettia "in honor" or "in memory" of someone to help decorate the Sanctuary for worship. The cost is \$18 per poinsettia (pot is 6"). Place your order with payment on the sheet in the front entry by November 27. You may take yours home after worship on December 18.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed – November 28th-30th @ Boonsboro Kroger

There are still a couple of FPCLY slots available on Monday and Tuesday, November 28th and 29th. Sign up on the easel board in the Narthex or contact Sally Leslie (cicver@msn.com or (434) 942-4859). Additional dates and times beyond these 3 days are also available. Thanks to all that have signed up!

Interested in Joining the Members Helping Members or Bereavement Teams?

The Care & Nurture Committee is looking for folks to join these wonderful opportunities to serve members of our congregation. *Members Helping Members* entails being “on call” for half of one month for rides to appointments, meal deliveries, or visiting with folks, while *Bereavement* helps with receptions after funerals. Contact Alex Collier or Jackie Hill (665-6552) for more information or to join!

The church offices will be closed at 12pm on Wednesday, November 23 and all day November 24 and November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday!

***** Please view the calendar at www.fpclly.org or call the church office for more information. *****

Pastor on Call: Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for November: Treena Koroneos 434-944-9014, Katy Nunn 434-229-5289

Call To Respond

2022 has been an interesting and, in some ways, a difficult year. For all of us, and equally for our Church. With about six weeks left in the year, our financial projections for 2022 look to show us with a revenue shortfall of almost \$100,000. We would like to make an appeal to all of you in the Congregation, as the Holidays and year-end approach, to make one extra Christmas gift for First Presbyterian. For those of you who regularly make a late year gift, please consider adding a little. If you fulfill your annual pledge on a monthly basis, please think about adding something to your December contribution. If you have already completed your 2022 Pledge, please add a little "Love Gift" to the Church in your plans. This really is a situation where, if we all help, the work will get done. Thank you for your considerations. Your Finance Committee: Bill Paxton, Chal Nunn, Kathryn Pumphrey, Frank Whitehouse, Dennis Howard, Dave Tate, Randy Nexsen, and Kirk Todd.