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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church- Lynchburg, VA

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus! Welcome to worship this morning at First Presbyterian. It is a privilege and joy to see you and be able to praise and bring God glory this morning with you. As we gather to worship this morning, I pray you feel God's love surround you and the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit stirring inside you. You are welcome here!

Today is Christ the King Sunday within the church's liturgical calendar. Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ's reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to his rule. The day is celebrated widely on the last Sunday before Advent. It therefore serves as a transitional Sunday leading directly into Advent, the Christmas cycle, and the new Christian year. The day fits well with the eschatological emphasis and anticipation of Christ's second coming highlighted during Advent. It also serves to help those of us who are already thinking about Christmas to remember that Christmas is about much more than a baby in a manger- it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the "King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and Prince of Peace." The theme of Christ's lordship is central to the New Testament and to the faithful practice of Christian worship.

Run the Race, Fight the Fight, Keep the Faith,
Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson

Building Hospitality and Welcoming Children

Just as God's arms are open wide with grace and welcome, so too are the doors of FPCLY open wide with hospitality. We are grateful you are here today and pray you feel at home! The following are a few notes to help be a comfort and guide during your time here:

- Ushers are available and willing to assist you in finding your way or answering other questions.
- All visitors are encouraged to stop by the Hospitality (Welcome) Desk near the main entrance for more information or to share your contact information.
- Hearing-assist devices, Large Print Bulletins, and Large Print Hymnals can be found in the Narthex.
- Accessible Restrooms can be located down the main hallway from the Foyer.
- The Elevator is also located down the main hallway from the Foyer.
- The Nursery (ages 0 to 3) and Nursery Nook are located on this level through the Chapel in Room 101. A Nursery Care Provider is there to help assist you.
- Welcoming Children: Just as Jesus welcomes the little children to come, so we welcome children of all ages in worship. In order to make the worship service as welcoming for our littlest ones as possible, we provide worship carts in the Narthex with a variety of resources to make a worship bag. Following the Children's Moment, children age 4 years to 2nd grade are invited to a Worship Workshop led by Abby Boyle, our new Worship Workshop Coordinator. Worship Workshop runs from post Children's Moment to the Benediction, with all participants being led from the Sanctuary to Room 1 (downstairs below Library) for activities and then back to the Narthex for pickup.

Interested in joining?

First Presbyterian would love to welcome YOU as a new member. If you'd like to be here in a more official capacity, you are invited to join First Presbyterian as a member. Everyone who is part of our community is treated the same. Joining isn't about special treatment, but rather about a commitment you make to following Jesus alongside others trying to do the same. New member gatherings take place throughout the year based on interest. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson (peter@fpcly.org) or Alex Collier (alex@fpcly.org).

Service of the Lord's Day... Christ the King

November 23, 2025

*From the beginning of the early church, God's people have met to worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We **gather** to praise the Triune God, confess our sin, and seek God's grace. We **hear** the good news of the gospel and are invited to **respond** to that good news in prayer, mission, offering, and celebrating the Lord's Supper. We are **sent** forth to glorify God through the service of daily living.*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

All are invited to join together in saying liturgy printed in bold.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. Pethel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: based on Revelation 1:4-8; 7:12

Leader: Grace and peace to you from him who is and who was and who is to come.

All: All praise to you, God of all, for your blessing upon us now, for your blessing upon us in what has been and for the gifts of grace and peace you wait to give us.

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

All: All praise to you, Jesus Christ, for your great love for us, for giving yourself to us, and for bringing us back to the Father.

Leader: Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him.

All: Lord Jesus, we look in expectant hope to the day of your great glory and wait with eager breath to join with all creation in your praise.

Leader: "I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

*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 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 Jesus as our Lord and ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying his commands and teachings. (Moment of Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

As the water is poured into the baptismal font, and the good news of God is shared, know that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live a renewed life. Glory be to God. Alleluia. 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.*

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

In response to God's love, grace, and forgiveness given as a gift to us, we are called and encouraged to share those gifts with others. During this time, we invite all to share the love, joy, and peace of Christ you have been given with those around you with a handshake, fist bump, peace sign, or hug. You may also use the words: "May the peace of Christ be with you." And a response would be, "And also with you."

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

All children ages 4 years to 2nd grade are welcome and encouraged to attend Worship Workshop in Room 1. Worship Workshop is led by Abby Boyle, Worship Workshop Coordinator. If children do not wish to go to Worship Workshop, they are welcome to return to their seats for the remainder of worship. Worship carts are available for those who might like an activity to learn more about God and worship.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Old Testament Reading: a story from 1 Samuel

"I AM... King"

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

In Christ Alone

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

arr. Fettke

*When I gaze into the night skies
and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?*

*You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.*

*You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
Oh, what is man? That you are mindful of him?*

*O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we, And so would we.
Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name, Alleluia!*

***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 #145: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!**

Marion

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go.
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe. [Refrain]

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. [Refrain]

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

To God Be the Glory

arr. Pethel
