

Christ the King
Thanksgiving Sunday

November 20, 2022

10:30 a.m. Worship



Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever
is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything
worthy of praise, think about these things. --Philippians 4:8

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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

This service is being **livestreamed** and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice w/those who rejoice, weep w/those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website www.fpcsb.net, along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are **welcome** in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Sunday, December 4th.

Morning Worship†

Lector: Kendra Lamb

REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received ... but only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.

-- St. Francis of Assisi

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Chaconne

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Allow the music to usher you into sacred space and time.

*CALL to WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God all the earth!

✘ **Worship with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

We know that you are God. You have made us and we are yours.

✘ **We are your people, and the sheep of your pasture**

We enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise,

We give thanks to you and bless your name

✘ **Your steadfast love endures forever,
and your faithfulness to all generations.**

*HYMN 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

PRAYER of CONFESSION

✘ God of peace,

We do not rejoice in you always,

We are not gentle to everyone,

We are anxious about many things—

And we forget to ask You for what we need

(Moment for silent reflection and confession)

help us to ask you for what we need, with thanksgiving;

and let your peace guard our hearts and minds

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

* Stand if you are able ✘ The congregation will read.

CHOIR RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God*¹ Daniel Iverson
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

✘ **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.**

(We stand and sing Alleluia)

***ALLELUIA**

William Zeitler

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le al - le - lu - ia!

Chords: Em, B, Em, D, G, D, 1. Em, B, 2. Em, Bm, Em

TIME with the CHILDREN

[After Time with the Children, our children pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to join Jeanne Clark for KidSpace in Room 11. Parents, please pick your children up immediately following worship. Infants through pre-Kindergarten may go to the Nursery as necessary.]

ANTHEM *Now Thank We All Our God*² K. Lee Scott
All sing verses 1 and 3; Choir sings verse 2. The music can be found on the back of this order of worship.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-9 *New Testament, page 198*

John 6:30-35 *New Testament, page 98*

This is the word of faith that we proclaim

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

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SUNG REFRAIN 527*Eat this Bread*³*Jacques Berthier*

**Eat this bread; drink this cup;
 come to me and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread; drink this cup;
 trust in me and you will not thirst.**

*Verse 1**I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father**Verse 2*

*Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
 but this is the bread come down from heaven*

*Verse 4**Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever***SERMON***Rev. Dr. Sandy Tice***THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

(We invite you to respond to God's Word. We offer our gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world. You are invited to bring your offering up to the basket during the offertory. You may also place it in a basket on your way out or send gifts through the mail or online.)

OFFERTORY**DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

✘ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and OUR LORD'S PRAYER

✘ **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
 Amen.**

HYMN 37Let All Things Now Living*

ASHGROVE

***MOMENT for REFLECTION**

³ Text: Robert J. Batastini & the Taizé Community, 1984, alt. Music: Jacques Berthier, 1984.
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***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *Sevenfold Amen* *John Stainer*

POSTLUDE *Order of Chivalry:* *William Zeitler*
Courtesy & the Horse's Bridle

(For health reasons we are not greeting at the door)

GREETERS: Mindy and Amy Rueda

USHERS: Chris Thomas, *Lead Usher*

Dave Thomas, Marilyn Kraft, *Security Ushers*

SOUND ENGINEER: Dan Direen

VIDEO ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATOR: Kevin Lamb

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Jim Huffstutler, Bob Saenz

Elders: Jeanne Clark, Susan Skoglund, Alex Smith

Deacons: Mark Adelson, Carmen Avila, Marianna Fowles

This Weeks' Celebrations

<i>Nov 21</i>	Terry & Stephanie Ross	<i>Nov 24</i>	John-Paul & Stephanie Fletcher
<i>Nov 23</i>	Dan Direen		Larry Kistner
	Wade Preciado		Matthew Garcia
	Chase Preciado	<i>Nov 25</i>	Sandy Tice & Tom Rennard
	Joyce Seeger		William Zeitler
		<i>Nov 26</i>	Brad Smith
			Chris Wright-Thomas

News and announcements are available in your Friday *Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

Music Box

It has been observed that The Church has gone through a major upheaval every 500 years or so. The Reformation — around 1500 — was one of these upheavals. I thought gentle readers might enjoy a brief examination of the other two upheavals. So this week we'll consider the first and next week the second...

The Roman Empire was hostile to Christianity for the first few centuries. Generally Christianity was frowned upon in a big way — really bad for your career, for example, and from time to time this hostility rose to the level of literally feeding Christians to the lions. But by about 300 AD the Empire wasn't doing so well, and Roman Emperor Constantine (272-337) was looking for ways to stabilize things. By then Christianity had become a major movement, so seeing a potential ally, Constantine legalized Christianity in 313. And for Christianity to be politically useful, Constantine felt it was important that there was One Unified Church ('Catholic' means 'Universal'), with all Christians on the same theological page and dutifully obedient to One Unified Church Leadership. So Constantine convened Christian leaders from around the Empire at the Council of Nicaea (325) to settle and formalize the fundamental tenets of what we now call Christianity. After considerable debate, they codified Christianity in the 'Nicene Creed' (lightly revised in 381). The Nicene Creed remains a founding document of most of Christianity — Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodoxy, the Church of the East, and much of Protestantism including Presbyterians — you'll find the Nicene Creed on page 34 in our hymnal!

And then, in 380 Emperor Theodosius made Christianity the official religion of the Empire, and authorized the persecution of non-Catholics. And so, the Church — hand in hand with the Empire (it's not called the 'Roman Catholic Church' for nothing!) — started persecuting 'heretics' with increasing forcefulness as time went on. And thus began the unholy marriage of Church and State which has characterized Western Christianity up until recent times.

This unholy marriage of Church and State wasn't unique to the Catholic Church at all — Protestants carried on the tradition. Protestants burned heretics at the stake just like Catholics. Many of the initial colonies here in America were theocracies (that is, the Church and the State are essentially one and the same) — for example the Plymouth Colony, established by pilgrims on the Mayflower. Eight of the thirteen colonies had official 'established' churches, and attendance on Sunday morning was often required by law. Indeed, between 1659 and 1661, the Massachusetts Bay's Puritan magistrates hung four Quaker missionaries.

But in 1682, English Parliament passed the Toleration Act, which ended corporal punishment of dissenters in New England, and gave colonists the right to build churches and conduct public worship. And as the colonies grew and increasingly interacted, toleration became more and more a practical necessity. It could be argued that the American Revolution itself required the colonists to set aside their religious differences to fight their common enemy, and that the Constitution uniting the colonies would not have been possible without taking Religion entirely off the table of the government. And so we have as our very First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

The marriage of Church and State certainly isn't confined to Christianity. It's likely the norm in human history, so we Americans are engaged in a rather novel and grand experiment: whether the separation of Church and State can work in the long run. Colonial voters enacted the Constitution and the First Amendment — modern voters could vote them out. Time will tell!

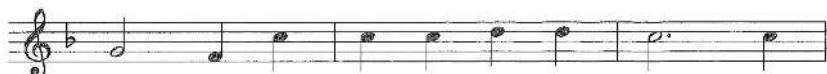
-- William Zeitler

Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-87

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Johann Crüger, 1598-1662



All: 1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and
Choir: 2. Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be
All: 3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be



voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, In
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And
giv - en, The Son, and Him who reigns With



whom his world re - joic - es; Who, from our moth - er's
bless - ed peace to cheer us, And keep us in his
them in high - est heav - en, The one e - ter - nal



arms, Has blest us on our way With count-less gifts of
grace, And guide us when per - plexed, And free us from all
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore; For thus it was, is



love, And still is ours to - day.
ills In this world and the next.
now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

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