

Thanksgiving
Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2024 10:30 a.m. Worship



In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where
is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"

-- Matthew 2:1

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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 8th.

Morning Worship†

Lector: Mark Adelson

REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE

“Christ the King Sunday focuses on the cosmic character of Christ’s reign over the entire world. It can serve as a review of the life and work of Christ and remind us who he is. It is also a testimony to everyone that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ the King. Finally, it is an invitation to each of us to submit actively and joyfully to his sovereign rule.”
--*The Worship Sourcebook*, Calvin Institute

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

*(We will sing many songs today. Note the notes for who sings which verses of hymns. Please feel free to remain seated as you need. The * denotes when we stand.)*

PRELUDE

***We Thank Thee, Lord** S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

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

INTROIT

***O Worship the King** Joseph Martin Kraus*

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. O tell of God’s might; O sing of God’s grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God’s path on the wings of the storm.

*CALL to WORSHIP¹

Through the power of God,

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

✘ **As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.**

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

✘ **May this love guide our hearts.**

Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

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

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

¹ The Presbyterian Hymnal Online

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, 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.**

ANTHEM *Now Thank We All Our God*² arr. Marianne Forman

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next. Now thank we all our God, now thank we all our God. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore, and shall be evermore, now thank we all our God. Amen, amen, amen!

TIME with the CHILDREN

[Children are always welcome in worship. Activity bags are available.]

LESSONS and HYMNS on the LIFE of CHRIST

Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:18-23

New Testament p. 1

HYMN 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

(Verses 1 and 4)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
He rules the world with truth and grace,**

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and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Epiphany of Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12

New Testament p. 2

HYMN 152

What Star Is This

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Soloist:

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.

Choir:

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed"; and
lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord's command.

All: **While outward signs the star displays,
 an inward light the Lord conveys
 and urges them, with tender might,
 to seek the giver of the light.**

**O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.**

Childhood of Jesus

Luke 2:41-47, 51-52

New Testament p. 59

HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

All: **Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
 O thou of God to earth come down,
 thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
 thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

Higher **Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Voices:** **robed in the blooming garb of spring.
 Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
 who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

Lower **Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
Voices:** **and all the twinkling, starry host.
 Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
 than all the angels heaven can boast.**

All: **Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

Baptism of Jesus

Mark 1:9-11

New Testament p. 34

HYMN 482

Baptized in Water³

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Life and Ministry of Jesus

Luke 4:16-20

New Testament p. 61

Mark 1:30-31

New Testament p. 35

Matthew 25:31-36

New Testament p. 29

HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Soloist:

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."**

All:

**I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

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Soloist: I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”

All: I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

Soloist: I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”

All: I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till traveling days are done.

Death of Jesus

Luke 23:44-48

New Testament p. 89

HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*⁴ WONDROUS LOVE

Choir: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Lectern **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,**
Side: **when I was sinking down, sinking down,**
 when I was sinking down
 beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

Pulpit **To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,**
Side: **to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;**
 to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 while millions join the theme, I will sing!

All: **And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;**
 and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;

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and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Resurrection of Jesus

Luke 24:1-9

New Testament p. 90

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

(Verses 1-3)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Ascension of Jesus

Luke 24:50-53

New Testament p. 91

*HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

(Verses 1, 3-4)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

REFLECTION

Christ the King

Pastor Wendy Lamb

THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

(We offer our tithes and gifts to be part of God's purposes in the world, and we invite you to take part. You may place your offering in the basket in front or give it to the usher. You may always send gifts by 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.

***HYMN 336**

We Gather Together

KREMSER

***MOMENT for REFLECTION**

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

GREETERS: Bobbie Terrell, Claudia Oakes

USHERS: Brad Smith, *Lead Usher*

Mark Adelson, Chris Thomas, *Security Ushers*

SOUND ENGINEERS: Dan Direen, Brent Nord

LIVESTREAM ENGINEER: James Welte

CAMERA OPERATORS: Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Charlene Peterson, Robert Saenz, Doris Schiavone

Elders: Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann

Deacons: Mindy Rueda, Steve Smith, Dan Direen

Pastor Nominating Committee:

Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams

This Weeks' Celebrations

Nov 24 John-Paul & Stephanie Fletcher

Larry Kistner

Matthew Garcia

Nov 25 William Zeitler

Nov 26 Brad Smith

Chris Wright-Thomas

Nov 27 Abigail Grace Willis

Nov 28 Raymond Olivarez

Nov 29 Norm Wallis

Nov 30 Sanai Wright

Deacons' Community Outreach/Thanksgiving Gift Cards

Thanksgiving is next Thursday and the Thanksgiving gift cards are ready for you to pick up and deliver to your nominated recipient TODAY. If you cannot pick up your gift card today, please let us know so we can make other arrangements. **Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!**

***OUR ANNUAL PW ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET --
DECEMBER 8th AND 15th***, in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

Visit our market - we're offering unique gifts for those you love! Invest in our **Internship program**, or support our **Food Ministry**, or send funds to our super successful **LifeSkilz program** at SBHS. All of these gifts keep on giving to those who need support and encouragement. Cards representing most of these gifts will be available for you to share with the recipient of your thoughtful gift(s).

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

Measured in terms of the percentage of the population (military and civilian) that were casualties of the war and its effects (like famine and disease), the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) was by far the worst in Western history. Mortality rates around 20% – closer to 50% in some areas. By comparison, the mortality rates of WWI and WWII were more like a few percent overall (with certain areas like Poland in WWII closer to Thirty Year War casualty levels). By this measure the Civil War was much worse than the world wars, but still nowhere near the Thirty Years War. So imagine mortality rates maybe 10 times worse than WWII or the Civil War, going on for 30 years instead of just six. It defies comprehension.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) was a Lutheran pastor who came to Eilenburg, Saxony at the beginning of the Thirty Years' War. As a walled city, Eilenburg afforded some small measure of safety and thus became a refuge for the dispossessed. The result, however, was overcrowding, pestilence, and famine. And armies overran it three times despite its walls.

Eilenburg started with four pastors: one left town to "visit relatives" and wouldn't return. The other two pastors perished in plagues. So the Rinkart home became a refuge for refugees, even though he was often hard-pressed to provide for his own family. During the height of the Great Plague of 1637, as the only surviving minister in Eilenburg, Pastor Rinkart conducted as many as 50 funerals a day. (Assuming, say, a 10-hour day, that's roughly one funeral every 12 minutes.) All in all, he performed more than 4000 funerals, including one for his wife. Eventually, the death rate became so extreme that services over mass graves were all that could be managed. The plague was followed by a famine so extreme that thirty or forty persons might be seen fighting in the streets over a dead animal for food.

Martin Rinkart wrote "Now Thank We All Our God" (in German, "Nun danket alle Gott") roughly twenty years into the Thirty Years' War. Right around the devastating 1637 plague that claimed his wife among so many others. He originally wrote it as a table grace for his family – at a time when one was seriously thankful for any food at all.

When the tsunami of calamity receded, Pastor Rinkart found himself performing a surfeit of weddings – as widows and widowers (and their surviving children) regrouped into new family units – terribly necessary for survival. Sadly, these respites were too soon followed by yet another plague, and/or famine, and/or army. (Although on one occasion Pastor

Rinken did manage to talk a commanding general out of sacking his city — one less sacking is a very good thing!)

Pastor Rinkart lived to see the signing of the Peace of Westphalia which ended the war. He died the following year. -- William Zeidler



The seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a symbolic statement of the church's heritage, identity, and mission in contemporary form. Its power depends on both its simplicity and complexity, as well as its traditional and enduring qualities.

The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis,
and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas, Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

In this time of change for our congregation, a Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher,
Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris,
Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams