



Mark Dukes, *Christ Enthroned*

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



The Reign of Christ

Sunday, November 21, 2021

10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Behold the reign of Christ,
**like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the dew on the grassy land.**

Come! Behold the reign of Christ,
**a power that shall not pass away
and a love that will never be destroyed.**

We belong to the reign of Christ,
the Alpha and Omega, who was, and is, and is to come.

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

*HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.
May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Rev. 1:5

Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. 1:5b

Sisters, brothers, and siblings, God loves us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins; therefore be at peace. **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 268)

*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 throughout eternity.*

*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.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 93 A song of God's covenant people. **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 1:4b-8 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 18:33-38a The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“The Whole Truth”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed, 325 CE

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

The Gift to be Simple

arr. Chilcott

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

THE 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Bill Duncan*

Communion Servers: *Creda Heffelfinger & Cindy Little*

The flowers today are given in memory of our former organist,
Paul. E. Oakley, who passed away ten years ago this week.

The Life of the Church

A Congregational Meeting will be held today immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for 2021. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of nominees:

Session Class of 2022: Tom Furlong, Patrick Wallace

Session Class of 2024: Creda Heffelfinger, Ashley Hicks, Don Preuss*, Jerry Price*, CeCe Robinson*

Deacons Class of 2024: Janice Odom, Beverly Swanson*

Trustee Class of 2024: Ashley Johnson*

2022 Nominating Committee Members At-Large: Marna Loucks, Meredith Bowers, Rayma Bramschreiber*, Patti Price**

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The SEEK Museum (Struggles for Emancipation and Equality in Kentucky) in Russellville is the destination of a racial justice pilgrimage we will take on Saturday, Dec. 4. Depart FPC with us at 8:30am or travel on your own and meet us in Russellville at 10am. After a guided museum tour, we will share lunch together and reflect on our experience before traveling back to Owensboro. The cost is \$13 which includes lunch. Contact Jeff Moles to sign up.

The Advent Workshop will be held Sunday, December 5 from 5-7pm in Fellowship Hall. Following soup and sandwiches, there will be a variety of activities for all ages to help us observe the Advent season.

A Mission Project at the Advent Workshop will be packing treat boxes that will be distributed with our Christmas Baskets this year. We need donations of candy and snack foods. There is a display near the Clinton Place door with more information.



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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