

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation in B flat

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

arr. Paul Oakley

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

The heav'ns are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low,

The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.

But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.

-George Herbert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What brings us together here?

We are drawn to worship Christ, who loves us, who frees us from our sins, and who made us a kingdom, serving his God and Father.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things by your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Christ sympathizes with our weaknesses. The one we call King has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach him boldly and receive his mercy and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we call you king but we fail to follow you. We are taken by the idols of this temporary world, seeking power while you call us to service, consuming your creation, and misjudging our neighbors. Reclaim us now, and forgive us, O our Lord and our hope for salvation. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Kyrie” from Service in F

Harold Darke

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison (ancient Greek): Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because we are God’s own people, let us remember our baptism and be thankful!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 583)

GLORIA (TAIZE)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

We share in the peace that passes all understanding. Indeed, the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 276)

Sing A New Song Unto the Lord

SING A NEW SONG

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 for Kids’ Kirk. They will return before communion.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, enter into the hearts, minds, and souls as we hear these words of Scripture. Illuminate our understanding. Transform the words into the stuff of new life. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 93 (O.T. p. 549) The Psalms are a songbook for believers. **Thanks be to God.**

*John 18:33-37 (N.T. p. 113) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice before God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

King of Glory, King of Peace

Carson Cooman

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee; And that love may never cease,
I will move Thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.*

*Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou alone didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst bear me.*

*Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in Heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort To enroll Thee:
E'en eternity's too short To extol Thee.*
-George Herbert

*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.**

SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

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:

Sung by all: (Hymn 572)

**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.**

The prayer continues.

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

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Gluten free elements are available on the small plate near the baptismal font. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

COMMUNION MOTET

The Best of Rooms

Robert Lehman

*Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We came forward in faith. Now let us depart in assurance. We came to the table to meet Christ there. Now let us carry him with us as we go. We came by invitation, now we will go with inspiration. Thank you for blessing us, O Lord! Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

J. Stainer

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Carillon du Longpont

L. Vierne

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington* ~ Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Communion Servers: *Patti Price & Glenda Price* ~ Kids' Kirk: *Linda Morris*

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawa



The Life of the Church

The Mission Committee meeting has been moved from today to next week, December 1 immediately following worship.

Today following worship we will be having a reception to celebrate Jeff Moles and send him off with all of our love, support, and best wishes. We will have a basket set out for cards/love offerings.

Our annual **Advent Workshop** will be held on December 1 from 4:00-6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for a simple meal and time of fellowship.

Our Fall Study on Poverty continues tomorrow, meeting from 6:30-8. This week we will discuss Pick Up The Burden: How Then Shall We Live? (Reading: Part VI and Epilogue)

Hanging of the Greens Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 30th and come help us decorate and prepare the church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. We will begin at 9 AM. All are welcome to come lend a hand!

2025 Giving Envelopes are located on the table in the hallway outside of the library. The boxes are no longer numbered. Please reach out to Debbie Hutchinson if you have any questions.

Christmas Pageant rehearsals for the children and youth will be held during the Sunday School hour on Sundays in December.

2025 Pledge Update: 49 pledges received for a total of \$249,600. Please be sure to turn in your pledge card so we can make our goal of \$450,000.

Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year (through Oct.)	Month of Nov. (to date)	Week Ending Nov. 20
Income: \$414,694.89*	Income: \$ 22,938.82	Income: \$ 5,326.82
<u>Expense: \$444,621.11</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 27,668.68</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 1,960.69</u>
Balance: -\$ 29,926.22	Balance: -\$ 4,729.86	Balance: \$ 3,366.13

*This includes \$20,000.00 from Permanent Funds

Want to help? If you are writing or renewing your will, please remember the church.



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