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*SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
November 20, 2022  
Christ the King/ Reign of Christ*

**GATHERING**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "All Glory Be to God on High" Johann Gottfried Walther

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Russ Carpenter, acolyte

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95 Kim Marshall, liturgist

O Come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

For the Lord is a great God:

**A great ruler over heaven and earth.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you raised Christ from the dead and established him as Lord over every power. Give us grace to serve him wisely and faithfully, that the world may see his glorious inheritance among the saints and recognize the freedom of joyful obedience in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN 638

“O Come and Sing Unto the Lord”

IRISH

*O come and sing unto the Lord; to God our voices raise;  
Let us in our most joyful songs the Lord our Savior praise.*

*Before God’s presence let us come with praise and thankful voice;  
Let us song psalms to God with grave; with grateful hearts, rejoice.*

*The Lord our God is King of kings, above all gods enthroned;  
The depths of earth and mountains high by God alone are owned.*

*To God the spacious sea belongs; God made its waves and tides,  
And by God’s hand the rising land was formed, and still abides.*

*O come, and bowing down to God our worship let us bring;  
Yea, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker and our King.*

\*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.**

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Those coming forward for Faith Sharing are invited to move to the chancel area during the Response.*

\*RESPONSE 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

(stanza 3)

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts  
above.*

**THE WORD**

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Debby Johnston

ANTHEM

“Coronation”

Craig Courtney

*Crown Him the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace. Crown Him the one who died and rose again to live for evermore, Crown Him the Bread of Life, High and holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star He holds the keys of death, He holds the keys of hell. He is ruler of the kings of earth. Crown Him, behold your King. See Him coming with the clouds, every*

*eye shall see Him whom they have pierced. See Him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega. He is the Living One. He who is and was and who is to come. He has loved us unto death, He has freed us by His blood. He is the mighty Son of God. Crown Him, behold your King. Behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Crown Him!*

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

SERMON "The Sheep, the Goats, and the King" Rev. George

\*HYMN 343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY

*Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.*

*In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.*

*From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil,  
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.*

*The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;  
Yet long these multitudes to view the sweet compassion of your face.*

*O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
Among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again.*

*Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod;  
Till, glorious from your heaven above, shall come the city of our God!*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From *The Confession of 1967*

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as the heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth...and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign us present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all [people] and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With and urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" Georg Kaufmann

\* Response 675

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

TALLIS CANON

(stanza 4)

*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

**Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept our offering in union with Christ’s offering for us. Confirm in us the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, that we may testify to the sovereignty of his love. Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is truly right and our greatest joy...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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** You are holy...dedicated and fit for your service. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.** Gracious God... who taught us to pray saying, **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.**

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**SENDING**

\*HYMN 268

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

*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 love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*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 end throughout eternity.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Mark Schweizer

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face; may the rain  
fall soft upon your field, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

\*POSTLUDE

“Crown Imperial”

William Walton

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Thank you** to Stan Scheer, Frank Poolos, Kim Marshall and Debby Johnston for their leadership in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Russ Carpenter.

**Ushers for November:** Myron Lowder (captain), Jim Hesley, Al Andrew, Steve Cumming, Ella Cumming, Jack Morton.

**Outside Ushers for November 20:** Ronnie Michael, Lee Snuggs.

**Elder Greeters** Mike King, Chris Whitley.

**Sound:** Evan Sanges    **Film:** James Cotton    **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

**There is no Children's Church during November.** Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

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**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Claude Harwood, Wayne Palmer, Penny Welling (friend of the congregation), Gloria Bryson (Trinity Place), Ann Byrd (Home), Tim Rodgers, Doris Forte-Spring Arbor, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook); (Home), Carole Yost (Home), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler, Elizabeth Wilson, Ann Snuggs, Susan Pandich-breast cancer, Jason Miller (friend of the congregation), Laura Frazier, Debbin Hinson.

See newsletter for complete list.

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<p><b>IN MEMORIAM</b> Jane Pickler September 13, 1942 – November</p>
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**Community Thanksgiving Worship**

**Date: Sunday, November 20**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: First Presbyterian Church**

**We are hosting.**

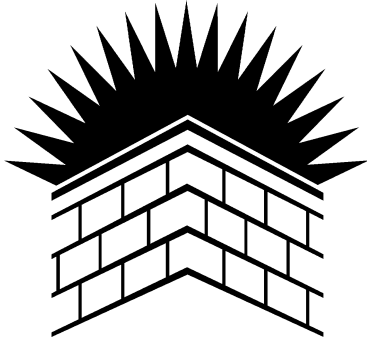
**Other area pastors will assist in worship.**

**Alternative Christmas Gifts**

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Alternative Gifts go on sale in the Pit Stop November 27 and will continue December 4, 11 and end on December 18. The charities we chose this year are Stanly Community Christian Ministry (SCCM), Presbyterian Disaster Relief and The Esther House.





*The Christian Education Corner*

- Join us for SUNDAY SCHOOL !**
- ❖ Children (K-5th graders) meet in the childcare area downstairs (music 9:45-10:05 in choir room)
  - ❖ Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) meet upstairs in the Youth Room
  - ❖ The Wired Word meets in the Parlor
  - ❖ Dr. Jolly’s Discussion Class gathers in the Old Session Room
  - ❖ Those who Love to Read meet in the Gaither Classroom.
  - ❖ Questions & Conversations will meet upstairs in the Conversation Room.

If you are not on the SPOND app please download it. That is the easiest way for all of us to keep in touch. Here is the link to join <https://group.spond.com/LTOXZ>

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**SNL Youth Group Friendsgiving  
Sunday, November 20, 6:00 p.m.**  
Bring your favorite dish to share.



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**Monday Night Bible Study** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr.) Mondays at 8:30 pm.



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**Save the date for Christmas Kitchen!  
Buy Your Christmas Goodies and Support the Youth  
Sunday, December 11 - Before & After Worship**

**KITCHEN**

Buy your Christmas goodies to share through the holidays and some goodies for yourself!

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**Hanging of the Christmas Greenery on Saturday,  
November 26 at 10:00 a.m.**



On Saturday, November 26, we will decorate the church for the season. Please come help decorate the Chrismon tree if you can!

The church will look beautiful for the first Sunday of Advent (November 27)!

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**Show your FPC spirit**

Order an “At Home Under the Dome” t-shirt. Youth will be in the Pit Stop for the next few Sundays taking orders. All proceeds go to youth summer Montreat trips.

**Community Table**  
**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**



On Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, FPC will host lunch at the Community Table. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- 1) to provide a pot of chili to serve 15-20 people
- 2) to provide a dessert (pound cakes, cookies, or brownies)
- 3) to provide 2 dozen cornbread muffins
- 4) to provide individual fruit cups
- 5) to provide granola bars
- 6) to help serve and clean up on the 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-1:00.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Linda Anderson.

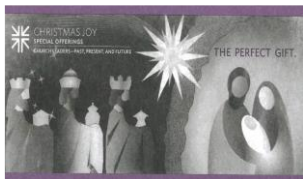
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***Save the Date for the Joy Program***  
***Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m.***



The Youth will present the Joy Program during worship on December 11. The Joy Program is called, *O Come Let Us Adore Him*. While the story will be well-known, and the songs will be familiar, you will notice a few new twists on your favorite Christmas carols. Our children will tell us the age-old story of faith. We will have a covered dish following worship.

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**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
*Every generous act of giving...  
is from above.*  
**James 1:17**

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**SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS**



If you would like to contribute to the purchase of 8 ten-inch poinsettias as a Christmas memorial/honorarium, please make a check for \$10.00 payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for poinsettias. **Please return the check along with the form below to the church office by noon Monday, December 12.** A complete list will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18. **Following the Christmas Eve service on**

**December 24, all 8 poinsettias will be delivered to the hospital and local nursing homes.**

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**SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS & HOLIDAY GREENERY**

**Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.**

**In memory of:**

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**Given by:**

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**In honor of:**

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, November 20**

*Christ the King/Reign of Christ, The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

- 8:30 am Session Meeting
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Breakfast Bunch (K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders)
- 11:00 am \*Worship
- 6:00 pm SNL Friendsgiving
- 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service-FPC

**Monday, November 21**

- 10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 8:30 pm Bible Study 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade –Home of Debby Johnston  
1212 Heritage Dr.

**Wednesday, November 23**

*No Morning Prayer/No Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

- 6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Thursday, November 24**

*Thanksgiving  
Church Office Closed*

**Saturday, November 26**

- 10:00 am Hanging of the Greenery

**Sunday, November 27**

*First Sunday of Advent*

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am \*Worship

**\*childcare provided**

**Church Staff**

Transitional Pastor, Rev Catherine George  
 Office Manager, Kyle Lambert  
 Secretary, Beth Poolos  
 Transitional Director of Christian Ed, Melissa Eudy  
 Director of Fellowship/Congregational Care, Jane Snyder  
 Music Director, Frank Poolos  
 Organist, Stan Scheer  
 Facilities Manager, Shawn Graeff

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**November**

- 21- Debbie Wainwright
- 23- Gayle Russell  
Thomas Taylor
- 24- John Earnhardt
- 25- Shirley Hinson
- 26- Jennifer Hesley

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**November**

- 22- Ned & Gayle Russell
- 26- Mark & Kim Andrew

**Elders**

Al Andrew, John Earnhardt, Bill Jolly, Mary Kesselman,  
 Mike King, Ken Knight, Kim Marshall, Andy McLeod,  
 Catherine Moeller, Sandy Rogers, Ellen Snyder,  
 Chris Whitley, Ellen Whitley

**Deacons**

Emily Andrew, Keith Bryson, Shannon Bullard,  
 Michelle Cumming, Wes Eudy, Martha Sue Hall,  
 Lillie Hancock, Jim Hesley, Liz Jolly, Myron Lowder,  
 Laura McLeod, Lee Snuggs

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