

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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 the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Mazurka Op. 33 No. 2”

Frédéric Chopin

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

***To God be glory forever and ever!***

In Christ all things hold together;

***he is head of the church and Lord of all.***

\* Hymn 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

\* Call to Confession

\* 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

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Response 581

“Gloria Patri”

***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.***

## **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (OT, p. 299)

Psalter: Psalm 132 (Hymnal 381)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Waiting for a King”

Williams/Martin

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8 (NT, p. 245)

Sermon: "The Parentheses"

Rev. Carter

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 363

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

\* Affirmation of Faith: 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.**

Moment for Thanks-4-Giving

Offering

Offertory

“Minuet and Trio D. 41 No. 20”

Franz Schubert

Prayers of the People and 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.**

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 644

"Give Thanks, O Christian People"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

“Ende vom Lied from Fantasiestücke Op. 12”

Robert Schumann

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Marsh on her birthday by her family.

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children And Youth Ministries	Jana Schillinger
Liturgist	Andy Kepler
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Pianist	Nathaniel Worrell

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## **Church Family Announcements**

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- Promise to wear a face mask? No covid-related symptoms for the past 14 days? Willing to have your temperature taken at the door? **Join us in person at 10:00 am.** (Reservations are no longer necessary.)
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

Our Session requires masks for all worship services, meetings, and group events in the church building. Temperature checks will continue at church gatherings, and social distancing will be encouraged. We believe in the effectiveness of the covid-19 vaccinations and urge everybody to get vaccinated against covid-19.

If all of us can choose restraint and pursue public health, we have a better chance for stopping the spread of the virus and its variants. In the words of St. Paul, "Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Galatians 5:13-14)

**Thank you for your strong financial support!** The 2022 program budget will soon be finalized. Please return pledge cards to the church office as soon as possible.

**Our sanctuary** is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

All are invited to a **Thanksgiving Service** on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Dunmore Presbyterian Church, 137 Chestnut Street, Dunmore.

There will be no church activities on Wednesday evening, November 24, due to Thanksgiving preparations!

**Adults**, please join us on the following Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 for an Advent study called **A Weary World: Reflections for a Blue Christmas**. We anticipate you will be able to participate both in-person and online. Meets in room 206.

**Adult Choir members**, plan to be back here on Wednesday, December 1, 7:15-8:15: students in 9th Grade to adults are welcome. Meets in the sanctuary.



**Holiday Angel Tree:** It's time for our annual **Pajama Drive** for children in local Head Start programs! Look for tags on the Christmas tree that is set up in the Narthex, All PJ's must be returned to the church, wrapped and tagged, by **Monday, December 13**.

**There are many pairs of unclaimed glasses** on the table in the narthex. Please check to see if any are yours.

The church is **looking for an Audio-Visual technician**. This part-time position will support the video live-streaming and audio needs for our worship services, and will require between two and five hours each week, mostly on Sundays. Training will be provided. As Frank Jones transitions back to his work as our Director of Music, we are looking for someone who can assist him in the technical needs for our worship services. **Send a note to Rev. Bill to express an interest** ([pastor@fpccs.org](mailto:pastor@fpccs.org)).

## **THANKS *for* GIVING**

**Today is** a special day. We are celebrating the Feast of Christ the King, but also taking some time before the coming of Advent and year's end to reflect on the past 11 months of good work and offer one another a hearty "Thanks *for* Giving."

Please join us downstairs for a festive coffee hour. The Fellowship Hall is decorated with a variety of table displays reminding us of all the gifts we have collectively shared this year with one another, with our community, and with the larger world—gifts of our bounty, our time and talents, and even our physical spaces.

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As we move closer toward Christmas, the Narthex will be filled with displays inviting you to close the year with a "**gift to a stranger**." In addition to the traditional pajama tree (see above), you can order gifts from Heifer International or our own Presbyterian Giving Catalog, as well as specific gifts to benefit the Uganda Pygmy Ministry or Afghan and Congolese refugee families in Lackawanna County. Candy to benefit the Appalachian Service Project will be available.

Building on the theme of "Small Gifts - Big Impact," we invite you to mark each gift by selecting a colorful paper strip from the basket in the Narthex and placing it into the slotted box there. These symbols of your generosity will be fashioned into paper chains to further decorate the Narthex.

**Last Call:** The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 28. We are planning an online devotional. Want to write for it? We would need three paragraphs of reflection on a Bible text and a one-sentence prayer. If you would like to compose a devotional for it, contact Rev. Bill.

**Can you help?** We are seeking two groups of ten people who can **volunteer at the CEO/Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank**. Our volunteers (who must be vaccinated) will assemble boxes of food for those in need. One group will work on December 15 from 9 am to 12 noon, and the other group will work on December 17. Want to help? Contact Diane Scheuer.

**Save the Date: Join Us to Decorate the church** on Friday December 3 at 12 noon. More information will be available in the December Presbyter.

### Meetings this week

Sunday, November 21	Christ the King Sunday		
	10 a.m. Worship		Sanctuary
	11 a.m. Thanks <i>for</i> Giving		Fellowship Hall
	11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class		Room 206
Tuesday, November 23	9 a.m. Presbyter mailing		Room 206
	7 p.m. Deacons meeting		Room 206
	7 p.m. Thanksgiving service		Dunmore Presbyterian
Wednesday, November 24	10:30 a.m. Prayer and Share		Room 209
Thursday, November 25	Happy Thanksgiving! (Church Office is closed.)		
	7 p.m. ALAnon		Fellowship Hall
Friday, November 26	Church office is closed.		
Sunday, November 28	First Sunday of Advent		
	10 a.m. Worship		Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class		Room 206

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