



First Presbyterian Church
300 School Street
Clarks Summit, PA 18411
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Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music: Hymn 268, verses 1-2

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Jason Payne

Call to Worship Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all you nations!

Extol him, all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

* Hymn 826 "Lift High the Cross"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors,

and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response: Gloria Patri 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46 (NT, p. 29)

A Time with Children

Anthem "All People Living on the Earth" (Psalm 100) Lim/Bell

Second Lesson: Psalm 100 (OT, p. 552)

Sermon: "Gratitude Without the Gravy"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 385 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Hymnal, p. 14)

Presentation of Arthur Scheuer

* Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p. 17)

Offering

Offertory

"Jesus Shall Reign"

arr. Lana Kelley

* Doxology 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal p. 35)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

Diadem

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him...crown him...
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him...crown him...
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him...crown him...
and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him...crown him...
and crown him Lord of all!

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"O Worship the King"

arr. Lana Kelley

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by the Abington Heights Interact Club in thanks and appreciation to the First Presbyterian Church for the use of the church and help from its volunteers in supporting the club's Global Thanksgiving dinner event for local refugees and immigrants.

The Rose is in honor of the baptism of Arthur Scheuer, son of Brad and Katie Scheuer, and grandson of Jack and Diane Scheuer and nephew of Kristian Scheuer.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Trumpet	Jeff Leas
Liturgist	Grant Taylor
Ushers	Betsy Ellis and Erika Adams

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

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

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
 - **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.
- **Large-print bulletins** can be found at the rear of the sanctuary.
 - **Please** use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

Bible Time is our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday following the anthem, children are invited to go (with adult leadership) for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

Make some music with us. Every Wednesday, **the Adult Choir** rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, and **the Bell Choir** rehearses at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. New singers and ringers are welcome for these ensembles.

Adult Education continues this coming Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in room 206. The next study, led by Rev. Carter, will be about Advent. All are welcome!

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Bob, Bonnie, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Sharon, Sonny, Ralph, Linzy, Sue, Dillon, Tony, Aiden, Margaret, Colleen M., LeAnne, Wayne, Jim, Bill, the family of Janet Taylor, Thank you, Lord.

Do you have a college student or military person far from home? The Deacons would like to send a goodie box to brighten the gray of winter. If you will forward the person's name and complete mailing address to Grace Farrell (570-878-7396 / glee1124@yahoo.com) or the church office (office@fpccs.org / 570-586-6306), we'll be happy to make that happen.



Today, families are invited to take home an **Advent Bag** filled with an Advent calendar, devotions, activity suggestions, supplies for a craft, and more. All ages and everyone in the church is welcome and encouraged to participate, so bags will be available both for families with children and for those without. The Advent Bags can be found on the table located between Rev. Carter's and Jana Schillinger's office.

Advent is coming: The Music, Worship and Arts committee invites our church family to join in the fun of preparing the sanctuary for Christmas! **On Saturday, December 2, please come at 10:00 a.m.** to hang wreaths, decorate trees and windowsills, etc. We will have coffee, tea, and hot cocoa downstairs to get us all in the mood! Please come! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we have an idea how many will be here. All are welcome!



LIFT: Living In Faith Together

Join us after worship on **Sunday, December 3** for a meal and intergenerational program. Families with children as well as congregants of all ages are invited. Enjoy a meal, Bible reading and discussion, and activity as we welcome and celebrate the season of **Advent**. It's a great opportunity to share fellowship and faith with our friends and family.



We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.

Looking Ahead! ICE FESTIVAL ART SHOW AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian is happy to once again host a juried photographic exhibit, as well as the fine artwork of its talented parishioners at the 2024 Clarks Summit Ice Festival. If you would like to be a part of the event, here's what you need to know.

Elaine Tweedy will coordinate the Art Show again in January. If you are interested in participating, you will need to let her know by **December 31, 2023**. You can contact Elaine via her email elainetweedy@gmail.com or cell 570-575-1705. All participants must be registered by that date. There will be no late entries accepted this year. Drop off of artwork and photo-graphy will be Thursday, January 25th between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Pick up of your work will be Sunday, January 28th between Noon and 1:30 p.m. Photography work will be juried, with first, second and best of show awards. On the artist side of the event, there will be a People's Choice Award as part of the show! For more information and a schedule of the event, contact Elaine.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 26

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the Sanctuary and online
 - **Bible Time**

Tuesday, November 28

- **10 a.m.**, MBK Quilts, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.**, Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, November 29

- **9 a.m.**, Presbyter Mailing, Room 206
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary
- **8 p.m.**, Adult Bell Choir, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 2

- **10 a.m.**, Church Christmas decorating (see announcement)

Sunday, December 3

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
 - **Bible Time** for young children following anthem
- **After worship**, Live in Faith Together Program (LIFT), Fellowship Hall

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