



HIS KINGSHIP ... SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED.

DANIEL 7:14, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King

November 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn 336

“We Gather Together”

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Rejoice, The Lord is King”

arr. Jason Payne

Call to Worship

Psalm 93

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty and girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

Lord, your throne is established from of old;

You are from everlasting.

* Hymn 804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* 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: (Psalm 100, to Hymn 385)

Michael Morgan

Let every voice on earth resound

and joyful hearts hold God adored.

In gladness may God’s courts abound.

With songs of praise unto the Lord.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Psalter: Psalm 93 (OT, p. 549)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“A Song of Thanksgiving”

arr. Michael Helman

Second Lesson: Daniel 7:9-14 (OT, p. 828)

Sermon: “Looking Behind the Curtain”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (to “Diadem”)

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. Lana Kelley

* Doxology 606

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 826 "Lift High the Cross"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" arr. Charles Callahan

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

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given by Diane and Jack Scheuer in loving memory of Diane's brother, Barry Carnahan.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Pastor | Rev. William Carter |
| Coordinator of Children and Youth | Jana Schillinger |
| Director of Music | Frank Jones |
| Director of Bell Choir | Richard Cochrane |
| Organist | Kay Ten Eyck |
| Liturgist | Karis Naeher |
| Ushers | Susan Flynn and John Conklin |

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.



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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.

- Join us at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.
- Large-print bulletins are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

This morning for our children:

- The Nursery is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it is furnished with a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.
- Bible Time, for children age 4 to approx. grade 4, tells about
*listening for God *God calls Jeremiah *Justice *God hears Daniel's prayers.

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, Judy, Renee, Clyde, Emily, Denise, Sawyer, Marion, Nancy J., Debbie S., Jerry, Dawn, Chris, JoAnne, Sue, Jeanette, Rob, Lucy, Dennis V., Marlene, Yaya and Fedeline, Ann, Tim, Hooper family, Bill, Mike, KeeVon's family and friends, our country, Jason, Bobby, Craig K., Gary K.

Thanks to all who have turned in a pledge card to support our church's ministry and mission. We are encouraged by your generosity. If you haven't returned yours to the church office, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Celebrating Advent: Immanuel, God With Us

The season of Advent is a time to reflect on our many blessings, remember God's promises, practice patience (hopefully slowing down our busy-ness), and prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

We welcome our families to pick up 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. Advent bags are ready to be taken home today.

We're taking a break this week (November 27) from Adult Education, Adult Choir, and Bell Choir. **Please join us next Wednesday evening, December 4 at 5:45, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m., respectively.**

The Mobile Food Pantry serves several families in the area. If you know of someone needing assistance with food insecurity in their home, invite them to contact fpccsfoodpantry@gmail.com or church office at 570-586-6306 to pre-register (which is required). Next distribution is December 12, 4-6 p.m.

Our deacons are sponsoring a Grief Support group for the community. It meets at the Gathering Place, 304 S. State St., Clarks Summit the third Thursday of the month, the next being December 19, 6 p.m. It is open to all.

Look for our Holiday Pajama tree this morning in the Narthex. Select a tag from the tree. Purchase a pair of PJs for that child, returning it by **December 10** either wrapped or in a gift bag **along with the tag from the tree.** Please do not include anything extra. The gifts need to be the same as children will be opening them together at the Head Start Center.

We are sad to announce Linda Schuller passed away in the Lancaster area after a long illness. Her obituary is available online. Friends are invited to a reception in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. to noon.

Our All-Church Recital is today!



This afternoon at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary, musicians in our church family offer music for choirs, bells, vocalists, and instrumental soloists. It's always a stirring celebration of talent, given as a gift to the community.

The concert will feature the FPC Adult Choir under the direction of church music director Frank Jones, the FPC Bell Choir directed by Dick Cochrane, a chamber trio featuring Catherine Huhn, flute; Connie Weiss, oboe; and John Weiss, cello; and other performers.

The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the costs of the event. For more information, please call the church at 570-586-6306.

Donations of food will be accepted for the **Neighborhood Food Pantry located at the Gathering Place in Clarks Summit.** They are particularly in need of cereal, crackers, jelly or tuna. Also, donations of rice and soup would be greatly appreciated. Please join us in our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Last call: Order your Christmas Poinsettias today! Order forms can be found on the table in the Narthex. Cost is \$9.50. A check can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please include your name (*as it should appear on the bulletin insert*), phone number (in case of questions), the flower dedication, and whether you plan to take the plant home.



Deadline is today.

Can you help? At the end of October 2024, total pledge receipts were running \$30,000 behind budget. The Session is counting on our generous congregation to help the church catch up during the Advent and Christmas Season. **Thank you.**

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 24

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Children's Bible Time
- 4 p.m., The Arts at FPCCS: "All Church Recital"

Tuesday, November 26

- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111
- 7 p.m., Deacons, Room 206

Wednesday, November 27

- 9 a.m., Presbyter mailing, Room 206
- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206

Thursday, November 28 **Thanksgiving**

The church office is closed.

Friday, November 29

The church office is closed.

Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- Following the anthem, Children's Bible Time

Looking Ahead:

- Sunday, December 1, Advent begins with Worship and Communion at 10 a.m.
- Friday, December 6, Marywood Guitar Ensemble offers a concert in our sanctuary at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, December 8, following worship, Living Faith Together (LIFT) program takes place in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a meal and intergenerational program where we will celebrate the season of Advent.

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