

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Festival of Christ the King  
10:00 a.m.

November 23, 2025

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

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

Gathering Hymn 643 “Now Thank We All Our God”  
Words of Welcome

Prelude “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” arr. Jason Payne

Call to Worship Psalm 99:1-3

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

***God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!***

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

***Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!***

\* Hymn 268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*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 (598)

***Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

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***Amen, amen. Amen, amen! Amen, we praise your name, O God.***

### **PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Luke 23:33-43 (NT, p. 89)

A Time with Children

Anthem "How Can I Keep From Singing" G. Walker

Psalter: Psalm 46 (OT, p. 517)

Sermon: "In the Midst of Noise and Chaos" Rev. Carter

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

\* Hymn 826 "Lift High the Cross"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:13-20

***God has rescued us from the power of darkness***

***and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,***

***in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.***

***Christ is the image of the invisible God,***

***the firstborn of all creation,***

***for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,***

***things visible and invisible,***

***whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—***

***all things have been created through him and for him.***

***He himself is before all things,***

***and in him all things hold together.***

***He is the head of the body, the church;***

***he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,***

***so that he might come to have first place in everything.***

***For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and***

***through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven,***

***by making peace through the blood of his cross.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for the Norton Fund  
Offering  
Offertory      “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”      arr. David Lasky  
\* Doxology (606)  
\* Prayer of Dedication

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn 260      “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”  
\* Charge and Benediction  
\* Postlude      “Rejoice, the Lord is King”      arr. David Lasky

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

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\*      All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Jack & Diane Scheuer in memory of Diane’s brother, Barry Carnahan.

**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
Liturgist	Christine Lee
Trumpeter	Jeff Leas
Ushers	

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A teal-colored crown graphic with five points, each topped with a small teal diamond. The interior of the crown features a faint, light-colored silhouette of a world map. The text is centered within the crown's shape.

And the LORD will become

**KING**

over all the earth;  
on that day the LORD  
will be one  
and his name one.

ZECHARIAH 14:9, NRSV

## **This Week at a Glance**

### **Sunday, November 23**

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 11 a.m., Generosity Team, Room 210
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

### **Monday, November 24**

7 p.m., AA

### **Tuesday, November 25**

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10:00 a.m., My Brothers' Keeper Quilts, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Deacons
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

### **Wednesday, November 26**

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

### **Thursday, November 27**

- Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

### **Friday, November 28 – Office Closed**

### **Saturday, November 29**

- 9:45 a.m., OA

### **Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent**

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11 a.m., Confirmation
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts, Room 111

## 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 gather each Sunday 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.

**November Food Drive** - The Deacons are sponsoring a Food Drive to serve the Dalton Food Pantry and The Gathering Place. During the season of Thanksgiving, please help us feed those in need within our community. Collections will be accepted throughout the month of November. Any non-perishable items would be appreciated, such as cereal, oatmeal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, tuna, crackers, etc. Look for updates in the Sunday bulletin.

**Celebrating Advent: Watching for the Light** - 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 are welcome and encouraged to participate, so bags will be available for families with children and for those without. Advent bags will be available to **pick up at the Church beginning on November 23.**

**LIFT: Living In Faith Together** - Join us for a regularly occurring **intergenerational program and meal** held after worship. We welcome families of all sizes and ages to break bread together as we hear God's word and engage with one another in discussion and activities. Our next LIFT program will welcome and celebrate the season of Advent on **December 7.** Mark your calendars for this event and spend time in fellowship with us!

**Adult Education** meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Room 206. In December, we will be talking about a "Theology of the Arts." The Gospel of John presents Jesus as the Visible Word and the Audible Light. Michael Thompson will explain how this has far reaching implications for the impact of the arts in our daily lives. In addition to sharing insights into how the arts are woven throughout Scripture, Caryn Thompson will lead some fun, hands-on exercises in creative expression. Whether you consider yourself "artistic" or not, we'd love to have you join us for this meaningful and interactive exploration at 6:00 pm.

**Special Advent Class:** "That's What Christmas is All About, Charlie Brown!" Rev. Carter will lead a lively conversation about the well-known holiday special. We will explore the background of the show, as well as its timeless themes. All are welcome to join us on two Sundays, December 14 and 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon in Room 111, right down the hall from Fellowship Hall. Bring your goodies and coffee with you.

**Give a Gift to a Stranger** - Visit our **Give a Gift to a Stranger** tables in the narthex during Advent. You'll find meaningful ways to support people in need as you give a gift to family and friends. There is handmade candy for the holidays sold by Appalachian Service Project. There are opportunities to buy basic needs for Pygmy families in Uganda, to offer monetary support for Haitian students, and to buy gifts for local refugee families. Thank you for supporting these ministries over the years, and we look forward to seeing you beginning November 30.

**Holiday Pajama Tree** - The tree is ready for you to pick out your tag for purchasing a pair of PJs. All gifts must be returned by December 7, wrapped or in a gift bag with attached tag for identification purposes. Please DO NOT include anything extra with your gift. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Janet

**Blue Christmas** is scheduled for **Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.**

Held in the sanctuary, this meditative worship service is an invitation to engage compassionately with the full range of emotions that surface during the holiday season. Through prayerful songs, Christmas carols, candlelight, and carefully chosen readings, we will confront a dark world with deep faith, bold courage, and resilient hope.

**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:** Debbie, Molly, Ellen S., Jeff, Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Timothy, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Renee, Wendy, Margaret, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate, Shirley, Peg, Dorina

## Take a Presbyterian trip to Ireland

Registration is continuing for our church's journey to the Emerald Isle. Scheduled for April 12-21, 2026, a group of Presbyterians will travel to Dublin, Galway, and all the spots in between. As with the trip to Scotland, Witte Travel of Grand Rapids is organizing an extraordinary trip for us. Reach out to **Rev. Bill Carter** or Jamie Strong with questions.



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