



CHRIST
THE KING
SUNDAY

*First
Presbyterian
Church*



First Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

You are invited to stand if able
Items in **bold** are congregational responses

– ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME–

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

JOYS AND SORROWS

Pastor

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

O God, in Jesus Christ we celebrate your power at work. You raised him from the dead to rule with you forever more. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may see the hope to which Christ calls us, that we may be the hope for the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, and the needy, and that we may enter your realm of eternal peace. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Liturgist

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us,
and we are God’s.

People: We are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with
praise.

People: Give thanks to God; bless his name.

Leader: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**People: God’s faithfulness is from generation to generation.
Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Transforming God, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”

Blue 144

INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

CHORUS

“Spirit of the Living God”

Blue 322

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***KYRIE: *Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Ezekiel 34:15-16)**

Pastor

Response: The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!

***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. Amen.***

***SHARING THE PEACE:**

May the peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

FIVE-MINUTE FELLOWSHIP—Greet your neighbor.

GATHERING CHORUS “The Family of God” Screen
I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God.
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood.
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
I’m a part of the family, the family of God.

– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (sung) Led by Liturgist
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

OLD TESTAMENT:	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Liturgist
GOSPEL:	Matthew 25:31-46	Pastor
SPECIAL MUSIC:	“You Are a Refuge”	Video
SERMON:	“The King Who Serves”	Pastor
HYMN:	“I Cannot Tell”	Red 210

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

CHORUS “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Screen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Liturgist

Jesus calls us to reach out and care for our neighbors in need. One way we do that is together as the church: the corporate body of Christ. Let us offer our gifts to God for God’s work in our community.

OFFERTORY

Joe Balogh

***DOXOLOGY**

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. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Led by Liturgist

Generous God, we bless your name because you have called us and claimed us and sent us into the world to do your will.

Receive now this offering, both of our money and our lives.

Through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger welcomed. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

HYMN:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Blue 555

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Leroy Walters from the Walters family.

THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY

Liturgist today is Sharon Zunic.

Greeter today was Carol Tragresser.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY: Worship at 10 am; 2 cents a meal offering

SATURDAY: Decorating the church for Christmas

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 10 am; 1st Sunday in Advent

Last Sunday's Attendance: 37

Last Sunday's Offering \$793



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PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions
or e-mail the church at.

† Lisa Aten † Kaiden Bane † Nuncio Battista † Dolores Beatty †
Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish
† Bob & Carol Berish † Carl Boone † Garret Brigs † Frank Britton
† Cameron Burnardza † Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway †
Sally Campbell † Carol Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga †
Chloe Chachaula † Rev. Ian Chikoti † Nancy Craig †
Glenn Crownover † Darla † Rich & Kathy Davies † Sandy Davis †
Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk † Norm Floyd †
Howard Forsyth † Janis Garofalo † Louise Gerber † Glenn Hart †
Sarah Hepple & Baby † Brittany Heckathorn † Wayne Helster †
Frieda Hilman † Patti Huyck † Diane Johnston † Zoey Johnson †
Janet † June Kefover † Donna Kearns † Cameron Kennedy
† Irene Leyda † Mike Lemley † Vivian Grant Lewis † Gordon Lucas
† Ronnie Lynn † Laura Martin † J.T. Mateka † Taylor McGee †
Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori † Phil Morrow † Lynette Murray
† Betsy Neel † Mary Caroline Nicholas † Jim Palfrey † Scott Palfrey
† Marguerite Patterson † Marge Pawlaski † Nora Pelezar †
Helen Pulgino † Dennis Raymer † Dorothy Rogers † Alina Shaw
† Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Rose Smarachek † Toi Smith
† Walter Smith † Gianna Smoyer † Ginger Thorp † Jared Tragemba
† Sandy Walters † Joseph Waywood †

**Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders
(police, fire, EMTs), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel,
Caregivers who deplete themselves caring for others,
those affected by senseless violence and war,
and those affected by natural disasters,
especially those on Maui affected by the fires and winds.**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list, please call the office at
724-929-7616 or fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate)*



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E L D E R S

Class of 2023 Sharon Zunic Jane Bonari Mary Beth Burkley	Class of 2024 Lori Lamberski Carol Tragesser David Burdis	Class of 2025
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Class of 2023 Marguerite Patterson Dennis Peters Patty Gillon Eileen Kunca	Class of 2024 Jessica Phillabaum Dave Neel	Class of 2025 Susan Aten Fred Exley June Exley Barb Moskala
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness.

As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.

(Adopted October 10, 1998; revised February 2, 2013)

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES	
Nov 26- Dennis Peters	Dec 1- Maxine
Nov 29- Nora Gibson	Brownlee
Nancy Koons	Dec 1- Dave Neel
Nov 29- Becky	Dec 2- Judy Latchem
Moravec	Dec 2- B. J. Thomas
Nov 30- J.T. Mateka	Dec 9- Nancy Komlos

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Poinsettia orders must in by TODAY. Poinsettias are \$10 each, and the color choices are red, pink, white, and jingle bells (speckled). Please fill out a form and give it to Susan Aten.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE: Once again this year we will be purchasing gifts for under-privileged children in our community through the Salvation Army. We will receive and display 25 tags which you can choose to bless a child at Christmas. All gifts will need to be at the church by Monday, December 10th. We will deliver them to the Salvation Army on Monday, Dec. 11th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The congregational meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, December 10th. Please plan to be there. We will be electing deacons and elders and accepting the pastor's terms of call for 2024. Nominees will be published next week.

ROSTRAVER FOOD PANTRY: Donations to Westmoreland Food Bank have been down recently. Anything you can donate to help would be greatly appreciated, especially during this holiday season.

(HOA) CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Ladies of the church, join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 7th at **1 pm** in the FH. This will be a covered dish luncheon, so bring your favorite dish. We will also have a gift exchange. Each women should bring a gift valued at \$10 to share. To register, contact Donna Sichi or Linda Aten.

SESSION MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED: This Wednesday evening, at 6 pm will be our meeting. Please notify the office if you are not available to attend. Zoom will be available for those who wish to join in from home, and handouts will need to be in the office by Wednesday morning so they can be posted for the meeting.