

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude

All for Jesus

Malcolm Archer

The Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the Triune God! We worship the Lord God Almighty –
who was, and is, and is to come.

We worship Jesus Christ –

who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

We worship the Holy Spirit –

who is God's presence and power in our lives.

Let us give God all our praise and thanks!

To God be the glory for ever and ever!

*The Hymn of Praise *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* 477

*The Call to Confession

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners so that all who believe in him would receive eternal life. With this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess our sinfulness to you. You are king, yet we fail to submit to your reign in our lives. You love us unconditionally and sacrificially, yet we do not love you as we should. You have freed us from our sins, yet we live entrapped by our destructive habits. Only you are deserving of all glory and honor, yet we worship false idols of money, power, and prestige. In your mercy, forgive us, we pray. [Silent confession.]

Loving God, we humbly repent of these sins and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Christ loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood. In him, we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Response

Give Thanks

Smith



Give thanks ___ with a grate - ful heart, give thanks ___ to the Ho - ly One, give



thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ ___ his son. Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

The Anthem

Without His Cross

Joseph Martin

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37

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The New Testament Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

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The Sermon

So Much to Celebrate!

Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory To God be the Glory arr. Tedd Smith

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* 555

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that
in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude Now Thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Liturgist: Karen Kalina

Ushers: Anne Schmidt, Larry Smith

Greeter: Mary Smith

Fellowship Hour: No Fellowship Hour, please help with Hanging of the Greens.

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir

The flowers today are “In appreciation of the success of the Fish Fry and Adam Engel, a man of many fish and the 13th Apostle.” – Reid Calcott

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Office hours for the week of November 25-29 will be **Monday through Wednesday** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church. The office will be closed Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.

Mission Committee Updates

The Christmas gifts for the Angel Tree mission are due **Sunday, December 8** so they may be distributed to the children before Christmas. Angel Tree provides gifts to children of incarcerated parents. Tags with suggested gift items for each child are available for pickup in the main hallway. Thank you for your generosity and support to those most vulnerable in our community.



In the **Mission Corner** there is a “Box of Blessings” where you can leave small personal care items like the toothpaste & toothbrushes we often get at dental cleanings, or other small items you might find on sale & pick up. These will be added to the periodic food pantry collections.

Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone the order forms are in the gathering area. The deadline to order is **Sunday, December 8**. These beautiful poinsettias are \$10.00 each. They will decorate the church December 24, for the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Take your poinsettias home after the evening Christmas Eve service.



Preparing the Way

NEXT Sunday, December 1, is the First Sunday of Advent and communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.

Let's Go Caroling

Please join us for Christmas Caroling to our homebound friends on Saturday, December 14 at 3:30 pm. We will meet at the church, get on a rented bus, and drive around bringing Christmas joy. We will return to church at 6:30 pm for food and fellowship, and finish the evening with a carol sing-a-long. Please bring a snack to share and your best holiday spirit!



We would also like to deliver a stack of Christmas cards to those we visit so that they have something to enjoy after we leave. You can help make this happen! Please drop your Christmas cards off in the basket in the fellowship area no later than Wednesday, December 11. Here is the list of people:

Lyle & Carol Cousins
Ed & Alice DeWyse
Larry & Linda Sims
Myrtle Zietz

Don & Sally Day
Bob & Peggy Donaldson
Vickie VonBerg

New Pew Bibles

New pew Bibles, the New International Version (NIV), have been generously donated to the church. If you would like to have one or more of the old pew Bibles, they will be available for you to take home during the month of December. In January, we will find a good home for the Bibles that remain. We express our deepest gratitude to the anonymous donor, and we praise God for this gift of his Word.

John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits^a before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”^b

and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”^c
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”