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CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED AND
SEVENTY FIVE YEARS
1822 - 1997



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 20, 2022 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list, too. Welcome!

Prelude

"Arioso"
Michael Broadhurst, Flute

J.S. Bach

Choral Call to Worship

Hymn 336

"We Gather Together"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

In humility we are called to confess our sin, reaching out in penitence to our Lord and Savior. Trusting in the merciful love of God, let us pray together.

Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a source of light on the way to peace.

Assurance of God's Grace

The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness and guides our every step in the path of salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

"Gloria"

Stanton

Offer unto the Lord finest fruits from your vineyards and wheat from your fields, and sing Gloria, sing to his name! Offer unto the Lord fairest songs of elation and poems of peace, and sing Gloria, sing to his name! For his Kingdom on earth, and his Kingdom above, are one world without end. Offer unto the Lord hymns of joyous Thanksgiving and sonnets of grace, and sing Gloria, sing Gloria! Sing to the Lord. Open your hearts to a moment of peace. Open your mouths to an hour of praise! Open your eyes to a day of delight; and sing Gloria in excelsis! Gloria in excelsis deo! For his Kingdom on earth and his Kingdom above are one world without end. Offer unto the Lord fairest songs of elation and poems of peace and sing Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Sing Gloria!

Doxology

**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.**

November Birthday Blessing

Prayers of the People

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 debts; as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Colossians 1: 11-20

Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Hymn 273

“He Is King of Kings”

Second Lesson

Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Sermon

“Worth Remembering”

Rev. Steve Frazier

Hymn 367

“Come Ye Thankful People, Come”

Benediction

Postlude

“Christ the King”

Benoit



Church Staff

Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor
Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music
Gabrielle Goodrich – Secretary

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to this morning's service of worship. Thank you for helping us maintain social distancing and a clean worship environment. Until the Corona Virus is no longer a health threat, we are participating in a more limited liturgy.

There is an urgent need for additional FPC volunteers to be on hand between 3:30-5:00 pm on Sundays. Most weeks, it simply requires someone willing to be on-site, greet the partner church volunteers who have prepared and will serve the meal, then locking up afterward (including the Courtyard). At least 1 (and often 3) FPC veterans are there each week, too. We're all in this together! Anyone interested in learning the (very minimal) ropes, please see Oralie Wilhite, Mary Ann Taylor or Sue Fay.

Week of November 6- Prayers of the People

- Mary Lemming
- Frances Hasty
- Paul Butler
- Lane Pittman
- Agnes McFadden
- Alice Simpson
- Beth, friend of Mary Ann Taylor
- Karen Diggs
- Emily Bond
- Linda Thompson
- Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Betsy Brown	19	Sue Fay
4	Toby Pennell	19	Corbin Taylor
9	Graham Fitzwater	20	Paul Butler
12	John Hackworth	23	Diane Turner
15	Tanner Furman	28	Connor McCormick



**I NEEDED CLOTHES
AND YOU
CLOTHED ME
MATTHEW 25: 36**

Brrrrr, winter is on its way!
We will be collecting **GLOVES, HATS, AND SCARVES** to distribute to our PLBC guests and others in need. Both women's and men's items are needed, especially large gloves for men. There will be a **collection box in the courtyard foyer** for the next several weeks.