

Christ the King/ Reign of Christ

November 26, 2023



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Christ the King

November 26, 2023, 9:30 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Little Ones: Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during Worship. Check-in begins at 9:20 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. service.

Godly Play and Godly Play Choir: Children in preschool through elementary school-age are invited to attend Godly Play worship in Room 340 following the Blessing of the Children. Parents can pick up their children on the first floor in the Choir Room, where they will be doing Godly Play choir until 11:15 a.m., except on Communion Sundays when they will return during worship to be able to participate in communion.

WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

*As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests
in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.*

Prelude In Christ There Is No East or West Charles Callahan

Choral Introit He Is King of Kings African American Spiritual
He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.

* Call to Worship/Opening Words

In the midst of a world where many call for our loyalty

we gather to celebrate the coming of the King of all Kings.

In a time where we are told to look out for ourselves,

we gather to acknowledge that we serve the Lord of all Lords.

In an era where leadership and power are often viewed with suspicion

we gather to look for a different model, a different King.

God who calls us together,

**awaken in our hearts this day an awareness of what it means to live
into your kingdom.**

- * Hymn #263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION
- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

God, whose reign is just, we acknowledge that our actions and inactions have led to oppression of our neighbors. We have willingly benefitted from privileges that cause harm to others. We have failed to heed your call to lead from a place of humility, and to care for our communities in a way that makes it possible for all to flourish. Forgive us our fear of scarcity and love of power and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.

(Silent Confession)

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

- * Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

- * Passing of the Peace

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

- * Grateful Response #582 Glory to God, GLORY TO GOD
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Youth Mission Minute for Mission

Blessing of the Children

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth



Following the Blessing of the Children, children 3rd grade and younger may go to Room 340 for Godly Play.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 95 :1-7

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O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

Scripture Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far-off, hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing! It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth. It liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No

storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Second Lesson

2 Kings 22:1-20; 23:1-3

page 310 pew Bible

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the way of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, "Go up to the high priest Hilkiah and have him add up the entire sum of the silver that has been brought into the house of the Lord that the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the Lord; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the Lord repairing the house, that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. But no accounting shall be asked from them for the silver that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly."

The high priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord." When Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king and reported to the king, "Your servants have melted down the silver that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the Lord." Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a book." Shaphan then read it aloud to the king.

When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded the priest Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary, and the king's servant Asaiah, saying, "Go, inquire of the Lord for me, for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our ancestors did not obey the words of this book to do according to all that is written concerning us.

So the priest Hilkiah, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the prophet Huldah the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; she resided in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter, where they consulted her. She declared to them, "Thus

says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me: 'Thus says the Lord: I will indeed bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. Because they have abandoned me and have made offerings to other gods, so that they have provoked me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched.' But as to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him: 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, because your heart was penitent and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. Therefore, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring on this place.' They took the message back to the king.

Then the king directed that all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem should be gathered to him. The king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him went all the people of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. All the people joined in the covenant.

Sermon

Rev. Jessica Commeret

* Hymn #378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

MERLE'S TUNE

Offering

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Mark Patterson

* Doxology

Praise to God the Father

DA N'ASE

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
 praise to God the Spir - it; praise to the Three - in - one. Sing
 praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
 Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

Prayer of Dedication

Concerns and Celebrations

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer Response #601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Messages of our Life in Community

* Hymn #274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY

* Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Jessica Commeret

Director of Music: Clinton Miller

Lay Reader: Katie Abbott

Musicians: FPC Choral Scholars: BK Riha, Deja Jennings, Cassie Wilson,
Zach Sanford, Issac Washington; Desra Dabney, flute

A/V Technician: Robbie Riffle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd Hour Faith Formation will break today. Come at 3 p.m. for **Hanging of the Greens** and help make everything festive for the coming season! All ages welcome!

Today is the deadline to receive donations of coats, blankets, hats, socks, and gloves. Our youth will make sure these get to those in need and THANK YOU for supporting their service!

Mobile Food Pantry is THIS Saturday December 2. Sign up on the sheet outside the office. Volunteers should plan to arrive by 7:30 a.m.

Advent Workshop is next Sunday December 3 during **2nd Hour Faith Formation**. All ages will gather for a time of preparation, including service projects, crafts, food and more!

Visioning for Lent (yes, that's correct). The Faith Formation Committee is gathering this Thursday November 30, 6:30 p.m. to think, dream, and plan what our Lenten journey might look like. All are welcome.

Lunch Bunch meets Thursday at noon in Room 113. Bring your lunch for a time of warm fellowship! All welcome.

Family Faith Formation families with children and youth are invited to come tonight at 5:00 p.m. We'll enjoy fun, food and a time to explore faith formation and plans for next year! Questions? Email Jessie or Leslee.

Interested in deepening your faith during Advent? Consider joining the online course – The Cosmic Christ – Advent and the Coming of God. Four Mondays at 1 p.m. Eastern beginning December 4. BUT you can sign up and watch the replays as able. A preview airs tomorrow at 1pm. [The Cosmic Christ - Signup Page \(homebrewedchristianity.lpages.co\)](http://TheCosmicChrist-SignupPage(homebrewedchristianity.lpages.co)) You can scan the code to get to the registration page.



Prayer Ministry: Prayers.God

We have been using the Prayer Cross to help our youth grow in their prayer life. This has expanded by adding our Prayers.God bulletin board. Put your prayers in the Prayer Cross so the youth can pray. Once the youth have prayed, they will put them on the bulletin board (outside of the Parlor) so everyone in the church can pray. Thank you for continuing one of the most important ministries of the church.

Caring Cupboard & Daryl the Barrel – last week of November!

We are collecting **Feminine Products** for the **Caring Cupboard**.

Daryl the Barrel is collecting **sugar**.

Thank you for supporting these ministries to our community! Watch for December's needs in the next Enews.

Advent Lessons and Carols Worship Service – Next Sunday

We will be joined by Dr. John Schwandt, guest organist, for an Advent Lessons and Carols service where we will journey with the prophets foretelling the arrival of the Messiah.

Hymn #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

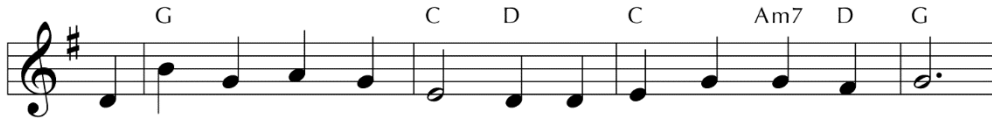
bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.
 sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

Hymn #274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY

Capo 5: (Am) Dm (F) B \flat (C) F (Em) Am (Am) Dm (A7) D7



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B \flat Am Gm Dm



prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B \flat) (F) (E) (A/C \sharp) (Dm)
 E \flat B \flat A D/F \sharp Gm



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

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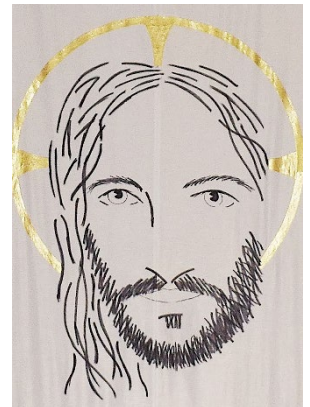
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LITURGICAL ART

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. Traditionally various colors are used for each season or special day. All our paraments are gifts from artist Don Beck, whose creative vision continues to shape worship at FPC.

TODAY we observe Christ the King Sunday which celebrates the full authority of Jesus Christ as ruler of the universe, whose kingship is one of humility, service, justice and love. The reign of Christ is observed on this final Sunday of the Pentecost season (Ordinary Time) before the Advent Season begins a new Church Year cycle next Sunday, waiting for the promised Messiah.



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