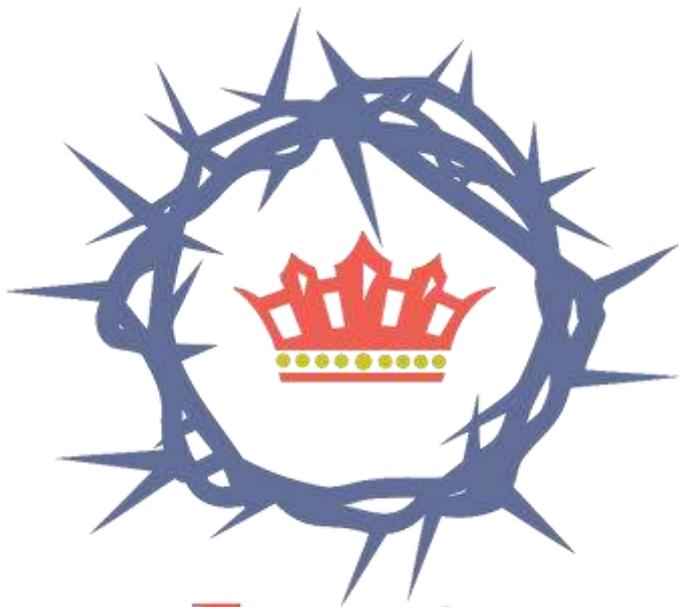


FIRST 
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Christ
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King
SUNDAY

November 24, 2024

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Sunrise

David H. Hegarty

CHIMING THE HOUR

WHO WE ARE

Leader: We are called Christians but what does that mean?

People: We are a welcoming community of disciples of Jesus Christ continually demonstrating God's reign.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Fain, liturgist

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 132

Leader: Come, Let us gather together in worship in the house of the Lord.

People: We come to give thanks for the gift of faith in the Lord our God.

Leader: Come, let us gather together to praise and honor the King of kings.

People: We come to give thanks for the promises of the Lord our God.

Leader: Come, we who love and serve the Lord, let us worship and bow down and sing our praises before God, the Holy One.

People: All who love the Lord are called to be God's agents for change in this broken world. We commit ourselves to you.

*HYMN NO. 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus Christ died that we might have life.

People: The one without sin gave himself for us.

Leader: Friends, hear the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*KYRIE

No. 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find wisdom,
and in your will discover your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

*When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed;
this must take place, but the end is still to come.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Natalie Sleeth

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;
exalt our God with one accord, and in his name rejoice.*

*Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*All your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, praising you eternally!*

*Yes, we through all eternity shall join th' angelic lays
and sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise;
he has redeemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God;
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

SERMON

Signs of the Times Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 441 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Jesus Calls Us

Robert J. Hughes

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional) Hymnal Page 16

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 559

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Psalm of Praise

Franklin Ritter

WORSHIP NOTES – The Sunday of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year. It celebrates Jesus Christ as the true king of all things, acknowledging his sovereignty over all creation. This day serves as a reminder of Christ's eternal reign and calls believers to live in submission to his authority.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN INQUIRERS CLASS for those interested in joining the church is being offered by Sherard Edington. Classes will be held during the Sunday School hour on November 24 and December 8. If you would like to be part of the class, please contact the church office. Everyone is welcome!

There will be no **Wednesday Fellowship Meal** on Wednesday, November 27, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Meals will resume on December 4.

ADVENT BOOKLETS – Copies of *Joy to the World: Daily Readings for Advent* are available for each family to pick up in the sanctuary and outside the chapel.

THE 4 CENTS A MEAL offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope. A portion of this offering stays with FPC to use in our local area with the remaining used to support hunger relief in Middle Tennessee.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) **YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade)** There will be no Youth group meeting on Wednesday, November 27.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today		Wednesday
8:45 a.m.	Worship	No Activities due to holiday
9:45 a.m.	Church School	Thursday
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Friday
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	Saturday
Monday		
6:00 p.m.	New Day Group	
Tuesday		

SESSION

Class of 2024
Max Carter
Nancy Gebhardt
Mickey Stueck
Allen Vance

Class of 2025
W.P. Bone
Jack Emmert
Frank Reeves

Class of 2026
Carol Hill
Margaret Ann Trail

DIACONATE

Class of 2024
Jonathan Bouton
Carol Turner
Van Turner
Sandra Weatherford

Class of 2025
Rachel Low
Jim Stueck

Class of 2026
Melissa Cassetty
Karen Hunter-Lowery
Jim Murff

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Jim Stueck
Budget & Finance – Jim Stueck
Buildings and Grounds – Allen Vance
Christian Education – Nancy Gebhardt
Congregational Care –
Outreach – Margaret Ann Trail
Personnel – Jack Emmert
Worship – Mickey Stueck

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Organist/Director of Music – Darryl Nettles
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
NCC Worship Leader – Natalie Loader
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Elementary Class and
Middle - High School Class

Adult
Crossroads Class
Faith Builders Class

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