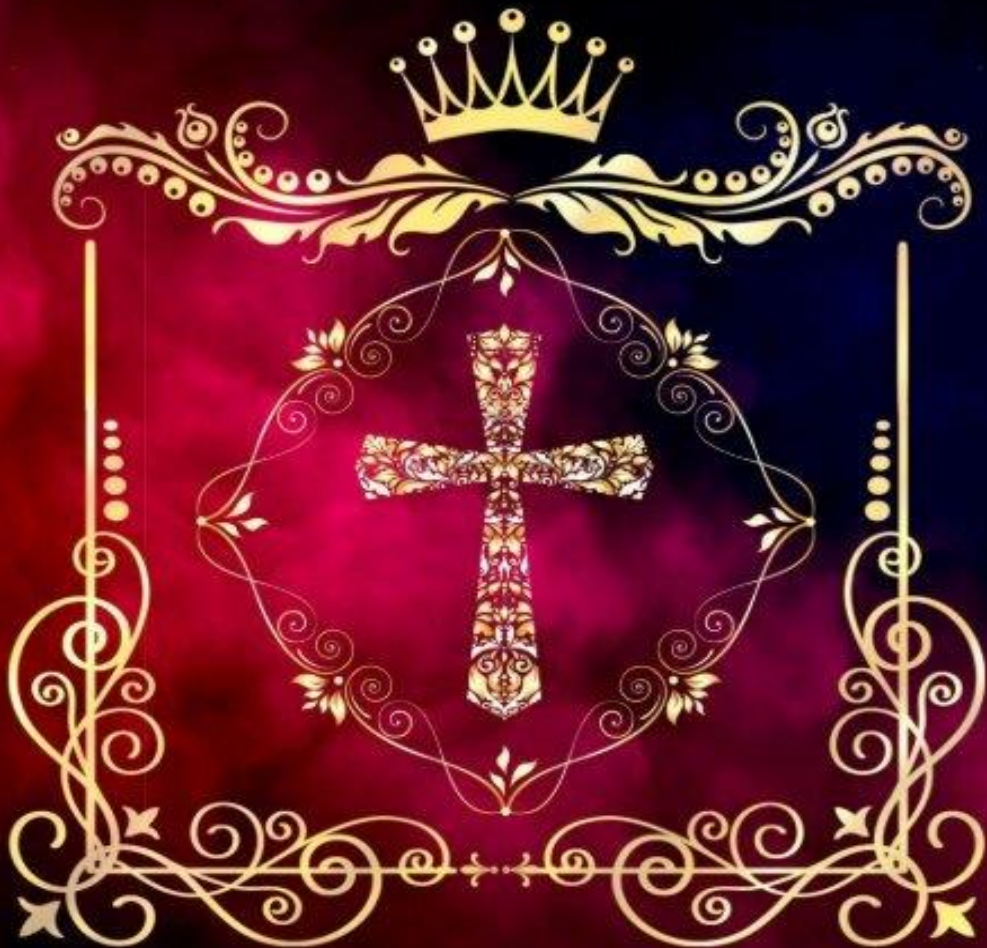


WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

CHRIST THE KING
Sunday, November 24, 2024

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

GATHERING

(* Please stand in body or spirit. Text in **bold face type** is to be read by all.)

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME – THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on “Nun danket alle Gott”* -Georg Frederich Kaufman

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 93*

One: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

All: He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

One: Your throne, O Lord, is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

All: The floods have lifted up their voice.

One: The mighty waters, more majestic than the thunders; majestic on high is the Lord.

All: God be with us...let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

Eternal God, Jesus taught that true power is made known in service; we are to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves as we reveal your reign of peace. Give us the will to do this work and the grace that we may accomplish it; with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, on earth as it is in heaven. By Jesus’ very name, we ask it. Amen.

***HYMN** *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* *No. 268*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

[Silence is kept for personal confession]

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI** *No. 581*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANTHEM

“Rejoice, Ye People of the Faith”

-Joseph M. Martin

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

GINNA TAYLOR, PASTOR

***HYMN**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

No. 363

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

GINNA TAYLOR, PASTOR

One: Almighty God, you have exalted Jesus over all creation to lead us into truth. Give wisdom to all leaders and people to resist the earthly powers that destroy our common life; guide us in the way of peace.

All: Today we recognize you as King, the God of love.

One: Bring unity of mission to your church and fill us with a joy for your gospel as we invite others into your reign.

All: Help us to be ambassadors of your message, God of Love.

One: Enfold all who suffer in body, mind or soul into the comfort of your healing, and enable us to extend our arms in kindness as witness to your love.

All: Today we are witnesses to be messengers of your reign.

One: Sovereign God, you sent Jesus to inaugurate a world of justice and peace through the power of your Spirit. May the words we pray be more than words this day; let our lives reveal your love.

All: As go out into the world, let our sense of fairness be seen by all.

One: For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give you thanks through Jesus Christ. With all of the saints in heaven and on earth, together hear us as we offer our prayers to you using the words you have taught us to pray:

All: 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.

LISTENING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

SERMON

“Are You Still Listening?”

GINNA TAYLOR, PASTOR

RESPONDING TO GOD

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

From the Book of Confessions; Constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA, Part 1, pg. 7

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks"

-arr. Richard Kingsmore

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 606

**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.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)

Holy God, you call us from every tribe, language, people, and nation to share in your everlasting kingdom. Bless these gifts that we offer that we may extend your blessing to others, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 643

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

-arr. Jerry Ray

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Missions Committee Update

As we continue our support of the Food Pantry at Heart & Hand, please remember to pick up just a little something every time you go to the store. Here are the items specifically requested by Heart & Hand for today: cranberry sauce, dressing mix, sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, canned green beans, etc. **Next Sunday, December 1st: Peanut Butter.**

Today's Scripture

Revelation 1:4b-8 (NRSV)

Introduction and Salutation

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the
tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to 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.

John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

Jesus before Pilate

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, **"Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"** ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, **"My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."**

³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, **"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."**



Advent Series

Pastor Ginna
First Presbyterian Church
Facebook Live



Nov 26, 27, 28 Tues thru Thurs 10:00 a.m.
Dec 3, 4, 5 Tues thru Thurs 10:00 a.m.
Dec 10, 11, 12 Tues thru Thurs 10:00 a.m.
Dec 17, 18, 19 Tues thru Thurs 10:00 a.m.



Christ the King Sunday

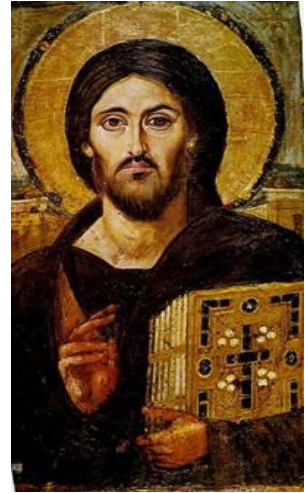
At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8). This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints' Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins. Christ reigns supreme. An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 151)

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme. Christ's truth judges falsehood. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. In the end, Christ will triumph over the forces of evil.

Such concepts as these cluster around the affirmation that Christ is King or Christ reigns! As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart. To Christ alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives. Christ calls us to stand with those who in every age confessed, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" In every generation, demagogues emerge to claim an allegiance that belongs only to God. But Christ alone has the right to claim our highest loyalty. The blood of martyrs, past and present, witnesses to this truth.

*Behold the glory of the eternal Christ! From the beginning of time to its ending,
Christ rules above all earthly powers!*



Christ Pantocrator ("ruler of all"), a sixth century icon from Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai

Faith Ideas from The Nurture Committee of the Presbytery of WV

Please use this suggested scripture questions, and activities to help you explore your faith.

November 24--Read John 18:33-37

On this Christ the King Sunday we find Jesus confronted by Pilate who wants to know if Jesus is indeed the king of the Jews. How do you answer this question in your own life, is Jesus your King? If so, how do you honor your King?

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Men's Shelter & Veteran's Center: The Presbyterian Women are collecting tee shirts, boxers, and socks for the Crossroads Men's Shelter and the Veteran's Center (sizes Large and X-Large). Donations may be left in the Parlor. Deadline for donations is December 15.



Stocking Stuffers for Heart & Hand and the Sojourner's Shelter will be received on three Sundays, December 1, December 8 and December 15. These are to be small, unwrapped items, placed under the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

Mitten & Sock Tree: As the cold winter winds blow in, everyone needs mittens, a warm scarf and socks. The Mitten Tree will be set up during the month of January on the landing of the B Street church entrance to collect mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, and hats to be distributed to the children at Sojourner's Shelter



Ring Bells for Children in Need at Kroger!

The holiday season is fast approaching, and what better way to embrace the spirit of giving than by coming together as a community to make a difference in the lives of children in need? The funds collected during this event will be directed towards providing Christmas gifts, warm clothing, and essentials for children who may otherwise go without during the holiday season

Tom Titus is looking for volunteers to Ring Bells at the Riverwalk Kroger on the following dates: December 11th, 12th, 14th, or 16th.

If you are interested, please call Tom at (304)-993-4611.



A Gift for our Church Staff

You may wish to make a special financial gift to show your LOVE for the members of our faithful Staff of First Presbyterian. This collection will be divided evenly among our staff as a Christmas gift from the church. You may place your contribution in the offering plate or church office no later than December 15. Offering envelopes are available in the pew racks. Thank You!

South Charleston First Presbyterian Church Website:
www.fpcscwv.org makes available our Sunday morning live-stream worship services & bulletins, newsletters, Session information, and youth group videos. Also posted are Announcements for the Month, information about upcoming mission projects, and our many fellowship opportunities.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS & DEEDS OF LOVE**

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