

November 24, 2024; 9:00 am
Christ the King Sunday

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.

Prelude: "Picardy"

arr. by Richard Warner

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.

*GTG 274 "You, Lord, Are both Lamb and Shepherd
Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Wendy P.

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. AMEN

*** Opening Prayer**

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us.

Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN

***Sung Response: GTG 267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”**

Linda D., Cheryl C., and Elise C. Cantors

***Call to Confession**

Wendy P.

While there are many with power in our world - power to hurt us, power to hire or fire us, power to control us - only God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we fear the power of the world, and welcome the power of God's grace.

***Prayer of Confession**

Wendy P.

The choices we make, mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the one whose weakness gives us life.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Forgive us, God. **Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior.**

***Assurance of Pardon** (based on Psalm 132)

The Lord made a covenant with King David, promising faithfulness to his descendants. In Christ, we have a new covenant, assuring us forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace. In Christ, our true king, our lives are made whole.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula ‘The Peace of Christ.’ ‘And also, with you.’ Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response: GTG 582 “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

Dedication of Banner Stands

What is this place?

This place is only a building, but when we gather here, God's name is praised.

What are these things?

The things in this place are only materials produced from this world, but combined together in this place with God given skills, they serve us as we praise God's name.

We give thanks for all those who contributed in various ways to design and build these banner stands.

May we, too, be instruments that proclaim your word, O God, with our mouths and with our lives, as we ask questions, exercise creativity, and wonder at your mysteries.

We dedicate these banner stands to the glory of God, pointing our attention to God's Holy word; to our living of God's word, as we go from here inspired, challenged, comforted, or wondering.

May we remember that as you call us, O God, you send us. As we are called to this place, it is to be sent out again, to proclaim your word with our lives, to engage your word with our minds and hearts, and to live your word with our whole selves.

We pray this dedication in the name of Jesus our Lord, son of God and son of a carpenter, who took simple things and helped us to see God.

Amen.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 93 (Common English Bible)

(page 549 in the pew Bible, page 738 Common English Bible)

The LORD rules!

**He is robed in majesty—
the LORD is robed,
clothed with strength.**

Yes, he set the world firmly in place;
it won't be shaken.

Your throne is set firm for a very long time.

You are eternal!

LORD, the floods have raised up—

**the floods have raised up their voices;
the floods raise up a roar!**

But mightier than the sound of much water,
mightier than the sea's waves,
mighty on high is the LORD!

Your laws are so faithful.

Holiness decorates your house, LORD, for all time.

Scripture Reading: John 18:33-38a (Common English Bible)

(page 112 in the pew Bible, page 1318 Common English Bible)

Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken
to you about me?"

Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief
priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus replied, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.”

“So you are a king?” Pilate said.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.”

“What is truth?” Pilate asked.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Bible Presentation

***Hymn: GTG 264 “At the Name of Jesus”**

Sermon: “What is Truth?”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Prayers of the People

Arnold L.

Bob & Ollive B.

Brian C.

Chastity G. & Joan S.

Corinne C.

Danielle B.

Darren B.

Dick and Maryann*

Dirk V.

Elaney, Gina & Randy*

(Andy L. granddaughter, daughter, sil)

Elias B* (Laurie C grandson)

Gib D.

Jesse F.

Joan K. (Marcus A. Mom)

Kathy A*(sis/Kevin B., sil/Kim B)

Liam A.

Lynn M.

Marie L.

Pass Family

Pat D.

Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)

Paul W.

Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)

Sherry M.

Steven B.* (Kevin B. nephew)

Vern A.* (Debra S dad)

The names in bold are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer.

If you or someone you know wants added to our prayer list, contact a Deacon or the church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate

or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

We Respond to God's Word

Moment for Mission: Blood Drive, Loaves and Fishes, Joy Offering

Laurie C.

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Handbell Choir*
arr. by John A. Behnke (ASCAP)

***Offertory: GTG 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" v. 1 & 4**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: GTG 362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "At the Name of Jesus"

arr. by Richard Wienhorst

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Individuals in Person: 107

Zoom Households: 4

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
11/17/2024	\$4679.00	Tithes/Offerings
	850.00	Special Offerings
11/11- 15/24	\$3181.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	310.00	Special Offerings
	<u>\$9020.00</u>	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org [Giving page](#). (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

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11:30-12:30pm

3:00-4:30pm

November 24

Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections-Gratitude and Traditions

Sunday School in the Gathering Room

Learning Team Meeting

Cantata Rehearsal

Monday

10:00-11:30am

November 25

Staff Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

November 27

Men's Breakfast

Thursday

November 28

Church Office Closed

Friday

November 29

Church Office Closed

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

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3:00-4:30pm

December 1

Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections-Sermon Discussions

Carol W. facilitator, Carol S. host.

Sunday School in the Gathering Room

Cantata Rehearsal