

First Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith and action.

November 21, 2021

Christ the King Sunday



*Agnus Dei, Latin for the Lamb of God, the age old symbol of Jesus Christ.
The Lamb with Flag can be found on the pulpit.*



We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"This is My Father's World"
Handbell Choir

Cathy Moglebust

Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in!

Who is the King of Glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, majestic in the heavens, the Lord of hosts is the King of Glory!

*Hymn

["I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"](#)

No. 310

Prayer of Confession

Judy Pidcock

Jesus is a surprising King, O God, for we have come to expect kings to be regal and enamored with their own power and status. We do not expect a king to be humble, and self-sacrificial, and merciful, even at great cost. We have not always known what to do with Jesus, and we have not always been inclined to serve him with pure devotion. But we yearn to receive all that he has for us, and so we stand ready to receive his grace. And trusting in your steadfast love, we offer our personal confessions in silence....

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

**With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love
God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

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

We Celebrate our Life Together

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Adah James Smith

Response to Baptism

**"Jesus, Friend, so kind and gentle, little ones we bring to Thee; Grant to them Thy dearest blessing,
Let Thine arms around them be. Now enfold them in Thy goodness, from all danger keep them free."**

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Laurie Taylor Weicher

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and 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.**

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen to God's Word

A Moment for Children (11:00)

Katy Schafer

Children ages 4 - 5th grade can leave for a LEGO lesson for the remainder of the service. Pick up in Memorial Hall.

Scripture Readings

John 18:33-38; Revelation 19:5-8

Sermon

"A Surprising King"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["Fairest Lord Jesus"](#)

No. 630

*Affirmation 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 at 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.

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"Festive Celebration"

Arnold Sherman

Handbell Choir; Andy Eaton, Director of Music; Ann Poisson, Flute

*Doxology | Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above; ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

["Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"](#)

No. 645

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response | Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.

*Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

J. S. Bach/Wilbur Held

* All those who are able may stand.

Tate and Lucy Weicher are the Acolytes today.

The Chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Steve's father, Donald L. Elderkin, on the occasion of his birthday by Cindy and Steve Elderkin.

Upcoming Events

www.fpcraleigh.org/upcoming-events

All Church Advent Wreath Making Today 10:30-2:30

Join us in the FPC parking lot for our annual Advent Wreath Making event. All ages welcome! Fresh greenery, candles, and candle holders provided. A \$5 donation is suggested to offset the cost of materials. Tables are set up outside of the Edge Lobby. Stop by at your convenience to make your family Advent wreath and pick up a Children's Advent Calendar and Family Devotional. Blessings on your Advent!

Young Adult Friendsgiving, This Afternoon

Join us in the church parking lot for a Friendsgiving hang out 4:30-6:00 pm! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you can, but if the week gets away from you, just come! Bring a lawn chair. Friends and children are welcome! Questions: reach out to Laurie Taylor Weicher.

Rise Against Hunger, Tuesday, November 23

In the continued spirit of gratitude for our abundance of many blessings, we invite you to take part in a different type of Thanksgiving Worship this year. In lieu of our traditional Thanksgiving service in the sanctuary and congregational meal, we will be combining elements of worship with a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event in Memorial Hall. We will be spread out and socially distanced. There will be something for everyone - ages 5 to 105! We will have perimeter seating for observers. Bring your favorite FPC Shares item to support our local food pantries! Registration information was emailed to First Press subscribers last Tuesday. If you would like to register, please visit www.fpcraleigh.org/thanksgiving.

Hanging of the Greens Saturday, November 27

Volunteers middle school age and older are welcome to come help us deck the halls from 9:30 am-12:00 pm. We have a large facility and many lovely items to display, hang and trim to enhance our Church Family's enjoyment of the Christmas season. We need your help with all the trimmings: wreaths, bows, trees, and a special touch. Feel free to simply show up! However, this event is not suitable for small children. Questions: reach out to Kathy Roebuck.

Reminders

FPC Shares Donation for November

The items for the month of November are canned vegetables. We ask that you drop off your donations at one of the receptacles located in the Edge Lobby or in the Lisa Ham Gathering Space right outside of the sanctuary. We have small cards with the monthly items listed that you can take home and put on your fridge as a reminder at home. Thank you for your continued support to strengthen this mission of the church.

Connect with us every week to let us know you worshiped with us or send us your prayer requests.

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