

November 21, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell
Lay Leader: Ron Berry
Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

Please silence all phones and devices.

Please fill out the Friendship pad in your pew.

Gathering

Prelude

We Praise You, O God

Flor Peeters

Prayer for Preparation

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. Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Introit

Lord of All

CORONATION

Call to Worship

God established the world from of old. **God's reign shall never end.**

God delivered us in freedom and truth. **God's love is everlasting.**

§ Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

§ Prayer of Confession (silently, then said together)

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.

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ The 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism for Annabelle Ellis

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.**

Proclaiming

Psalm 93

Responsive Reading

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

Women: **your throne is established from of old;**

Men: **you are from everlasting.**

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

Women: **the floods have lifted up their voice;**

Men: **the floods lift up their roaring.**

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

Women: **more majestic than the waves of the sea,**

Men: **majestic on high is the Lord!**

Your decrees are very sure;

holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Children's Time

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the Fellowship Hall.

New Testament Reading

John 15:9–11

New Testament page 109

Anthem

Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All

Bob Burroughs

*Jesus, my Lord, my Life, my All, hear me, blest Savior, when I call;
Hear me, and from Thy dwelling-place pour down the riches of Thy grace:*

*Jesus, too late I Thee have sought; how can I love Thee as I ought?
And how extol thy matchless fame, the glorious beauty of Thy Name?*

*Jesus, of Thee shall be my song; to Thee my heart and soul belong:
All that I have or own is Thine; and Thou, blest Savior, Thou art mine.*

Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore; O make me love Thee more and more.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14–30 (NKJV)

The Sermon

Enter In... to the Joy of Your Lord

Rev. Campbell

Enter In Commitment Response

Responding

\$ Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Pastoral Prayer 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.**

The Offering of our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Tae-Sook Kang

§ The 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.**

Sending

§ Charge and Benediction

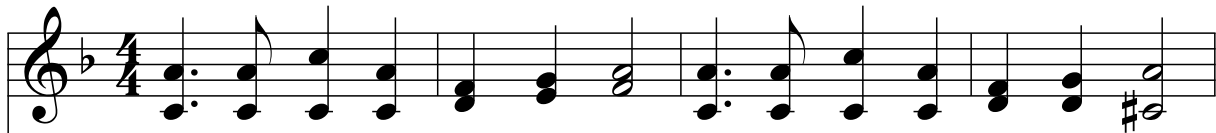
Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

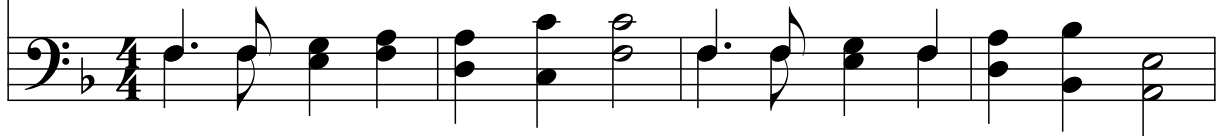
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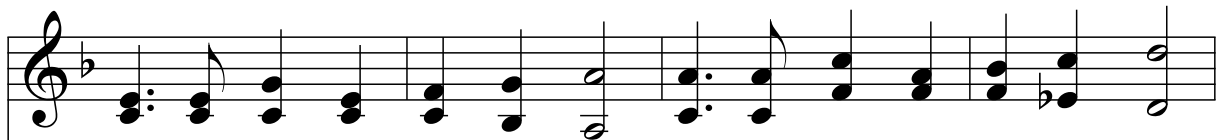
367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



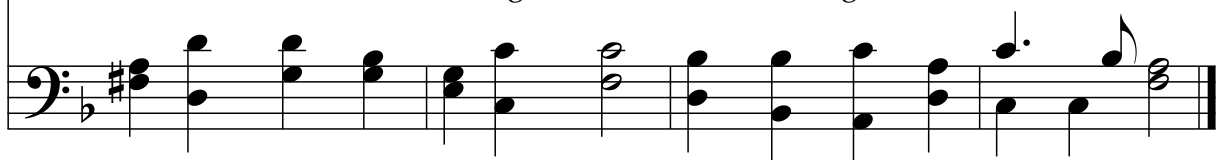
All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Sermon Notes

Enter In... to the Joy of Your Lord

John 15:9–11; Matthew 25:14–30 (NKJV)

Enter In...to Your Opportunity

Enter In...Now

Enter In...to Courage

Enter In...to the Joy of Your Lord

What does it mean to live into the gifts God has provided? This was as critical for Jesus' followers as it is now. In Matthew, the people are facing the approaching reality that Jesus will leave them. The parable helps them see how they have been equipped for the time when "the master is away." Today, the lesson is just as germane; God has provided God's people with talents and gifts that will enable them not simply to endure, but to thrive and to flourish... It should stand as a powerful reminder that God, as revealed through the master in the parable, is the one who gives great gifts. The question facing God's people is, how should one receive the gift, with faith or with fear? - Robert McClellan

These gifts are themselves signs of God's care and love for us. They are gifts that signify our having been recognized by God. God does not recognize us because of our gifts and talents. Our gifts and talents come after God has recognized us, not before.

This week @ FPCA

Sunday 11/21

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

Wednesday 11/24

Closed for Thanksgiving

Thursday 11/25

Closed for Thanksgiving

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Apana Agha, Sandra Boice, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carol Browning, Vannah Caylor, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, the Ellis Family, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Yvette Fielder, the Formusoh Family, the Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, the Gottmann Family, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Barbara Mooers, Mike Petrie, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan Reynolds, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, John and Donna Vickers, and Nancy Welborne.

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Esther Albright, Suzette Armstrong, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Cary Moore, Carrie Pacot, Ann Pitstick, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright.

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

Information for the November 28 bulletin should be turned in to Kim at the church office by this Monday.

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Chris Campbell at 817-274-8286.

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An Advent Festival

a service of worship in song
celebrating the coming of the
Savior with choir, organ, and brass

Sunday, December 12, 2021
11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

featuring *Gloria* by John Rutter and
Glory to God by Russell Farnell

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Advent Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Advent on Wednesday, November 24 at 12:00 noon. Please meet at the church office.

Congregational Meeting with Election of Officers

The Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, December 5 at 12:05 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of Election of Officers.

Children's Ministry Upcoming Activities

Kids Night Out is a great time for kids to have fun playing, eating pizza, connecting with one another and having a short Bible lesson. It is also a chance for parents to have a couple of hours without the kids to connect, relax, and have fun. Kids Night Out is on Friday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. about twice a month during the school year for children in 6th grade or younger. Kids can be dropped off, signed-in, and picked-up by the Fellowship Hall. Below are the September to December dates for Kids Night Out:

December 3

Comfort and Joy
Tuesday, December 7, 2021
7:00 p.m. Zoom

The FPCA Women's Ministry Team invites you to a special Christmas event. Russell Farnell, our Minister of Music, will show us how the meaning of cherished Christmas carols can help us anticipate the birth of our Savior. Join us online as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas and embrace the comfort and joy of the season.

Please feel free to continue giving as you have during this time whether that is mailing checks or giving online. We are most thankful for your generous support!

To register:

- * Visit the FPCA website (www.firstprestexas.org)
- * Select the "Get Connected" Menu
- * Choose "Adult"
- * Scroll down to the "Women's Ministry" section and fill out the registration form

Friendship Pads

Please take the time to fill out the Friendship Pad in your pew. Whether you're a guest or a member, we would love to have your contact information so we can keep in touch with you.

FPCA's Two Special Offerings in December

Our church supports two special offerings during the month of December. One is the Christmas Joy Offering which goes directly to Presbytery. The other goes to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS). Special offering envelopes can be found outside the sanctuary or chapel or you can designate on a blank envelope or your check which offering you are supporting.



A Presbyterian tradition for seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering is designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to provide congregations a direct way of supporting specific causes that help those in need. The receipts from the Joy Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to the National Ministries of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education. To read a brief account of how one family benefited from the Christmas Joy Offering, visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/story/arms-church-around-us/>.



Our church continually supports PCHAS but especially at Christmas. During FPCA's Christmas Eve services, the undesignated offerings will benefit PCHAS. You could also speak to Marge and Bob Dawson, PCHAS Ambassadors and volunteers, about this very worthy organization which supports many children and families in a variety of ways throughout Texas. To find out more about PCHAS, visit: <https://www.pchas.org/who-we-are/pchas-way>.

McNutt Elementary teacher notes appreciated

The teachers and staff at McNutt Elementary were very thankful for the recently-delivered kind notes of appreciation from our FPCA church family, as well as some leftover Fall Festival candy. McNutt Elementary has limited parental support, so receiving these expressions of kindness from the community was especially meaningful to them. Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to write notes to show love and encouragement and to support the school and its staff during this challenging time.

Gifts of Hope

FPCA will once again be offering Gifts of Hope for the 2021 Advent Season. Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift market that offers a creative and caring way to honor friends, family members, colleagues, etc. through donations to a wide range of outreach organizations. "Shoppers" choose an organization, donate the amount specified, and then receive a card to give as a gift to friends or family. This program not only supports outreach organizations, but also seeks to offer a less materialistic option for gift giving.

Gifts of Hope will be available for sale on Sundays before and after the 11AM worship service starting Sunday, December 5th and ending Sunday, December 19th. They are also available for sale in the church office during the week. If you have any questions or are available to help with the program (by selling Gifts of Hope before/after worship services, etc.), please email Suzie McCoy at smccoybelize@gmail.com, Laura Farnell at laura.farnell@gmail.com, or contact the church office.

Offering

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings in person today, please use the envelope provided in the pews. You can drop the envelope during the offering time or in the offering basket in the Narthex while departing the sanctuary when the service is completed.

Please feel free to continue giving as you have during this time whether that is mailing checks or giving online. We are most thankful for your generous support!

FPCA Newsletter

The Newsletter is available in the Narthex and outside the Chapel. The News continues to be in the church-wide email each month. The Newsletter is also on our church website at firstprestexas.org.

By using this digital method to send the Newsletter, the church is saving with both printing and mailing costs. If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, please give the church office a call and let them know.

