

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 24, 2024



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PERRY, FL**

GATHERING

PREPARATORY PRAYER (prayed upon entering the sanctuary) Holy God, we praise you. Keep us watchful for Christ's coming, enliven our hope, and support us through the birth pangs of your new creation, that we may welcome you with songs of praise. Amen.

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" Schlesische Volkslieder Arr. By Carol Tornquist

INTROIT "Rejoice Medley" Arr. By Russell Mauldin

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS/SESSION SHARING

We stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth and love. May **this truth guide our thoughts. May this love guide our hearts.**



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

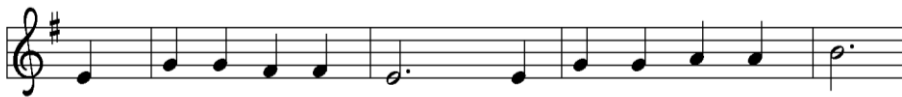
CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

(brief silence for reflection) 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

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P We pray: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L We pray: Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word, that the message of the Gospel may come to us in power. **Amen.**

We sit.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

L 9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. 13 As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. 14 To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 93 *(we say responsively by whole verse)*

L 1 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;

2 your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

³ The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴ More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

⁵ Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4b-8

L 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.

⁶ 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We rise.

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

P The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John the 18th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

33 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

“A Different Kind of King”

Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant

The first part of the sermon is a song composed by Sr. Dolores Dufner,

offered by Leah Metzger and Juanita Ratliff

We rise.

SERMON HYMN Lo! He comes with clouds descending GTG 348

1 Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand,
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near; all the
high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,

thou - sand saints at - tend - ing join to
saints this world re - ject - ed thrill the
take the power and glo - ry; claim the

sing the glad re - frain: Al - le -
trum - pet sound to hear: Al - le -
king - dom as thine own. Come, Lord

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord

lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

THE NICENE CREED

L Let us profess the faith, saying: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the (†) resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We sit or stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P We pray to God our Eternal Father through our Savior Jesus who is both Christ the King and the Son of Man and who understands our needs and the needs of this world.

L *(brief silence)* For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the clergy, the laity, and for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, particularly leaders in the United States, and all in authority, for peace and justice, and for an end to war. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For travelers, for the sick, the refugees, and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison and for their victims, for the dying, for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms and wildfires; for doctors, nurses, and hospital staff, and for all aid workers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the beloved who rest in your mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P O God, in Jesus Christ we celebrate your power at work. You raised him from the dead to rule with you forevermore. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may see the hope to which Christ calls us, that we may be the hope for the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, and the needy, and that we may enter your realm of eternal peace. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

EUCCHARIST

We sit.

OFFERTORY

L Freely you have received, freely give. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *“His Name Medley”* Arr. By Donny Monk

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
 here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

P We come to the Lord's supper together as children of our one God. Jesus makes the guest list, not us. Our family, chosen by God, is gathered from west and east, and includes everyone, even the lowest and the least. Jesus, when he was resurrected from the dead, revealed himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread around a table. May we see the face of God as we come to our Lord's Supper.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and monarchs rise and fall, but your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end.

In love you made us to love and serve you. When we turned from you and bent our knees to gods of our own making, you spoke through prophets to bring us back to your ways. You gave us a vision of your holy kingdom that we might hunger after righteousness and thirst for justice, and long for the day when peace will triumph over the pride and greed of nations. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the servants around heaven's throne and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly and cared for the least of your children. His power was revealed in weakness, his majesty in mercy. His captors knelt to mock him, giving him bruises instead of praise, and piercing thorns for a crown.

His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there his arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us (+) and upon these your gifts of bread and wine (+) that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, to conform this world to your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

(SUNG TO THE MALOTTE TUNE)

As Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

A/C# Asus/D G A/G Bm Em Asus A
 Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy
 D Bm F#m Bm F#sus F# Bm F#m/A G
 name. Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done in earth as it
 F#m Bm Em7 A7 D G D/F# Em7 D Bm Em7 A7
 is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
 D G C# Bm6/C# Bm6/C# C# Bm6/C#
 bread and for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors.
 Bm6/C# C# Dsus2 D Em(sus) Em E Asus A A/G A
 And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil for
 D D+ Em9/G Em/G B9/G# E/G# Gm7 F#+/C F#m Bm
 Thine is the king - dom and the pow - er and the glo - ry for - ev - er.
 G/A A7 G D/F# Em7 D G/B D/A G6 D
 A - - - - - men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
 e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMN: YOU, LORD ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD GTG 274



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

(Dm) (G) (C) (F) (Em) (Dm) (Am)
 Gm C F B^b Am Gm Dm



prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;

(B^b) (F) (E) (A/C#) (Dm)
 E^b B^b A D/F# Gm



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

(Am) (G) (Am) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Dm C Dm Gm Am Dm



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L We pray: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

P The blessing of the † holy, triune God be with you now and always.
Alleluia!

SENDING HYMN

Lift high the cross

GTG 826



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



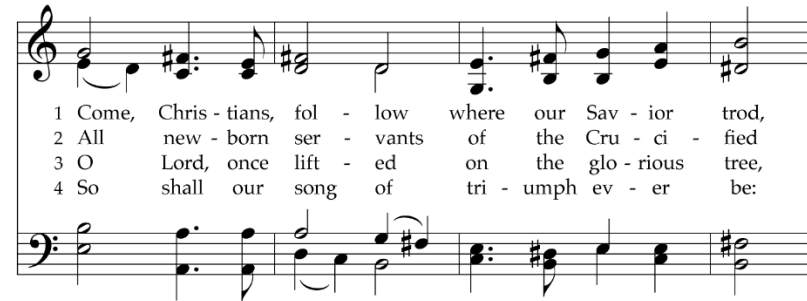
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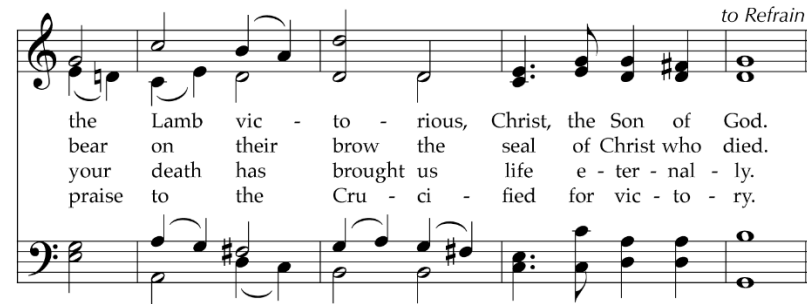
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



to Refrain
the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *“Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises with Crown Him King of Kings”*

James and Elizabeth Greenelsh Arr. By Carl Seal

Leading Worship: Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant, Minister; Chuck Eckel, Liturgist;
Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director

Notes & Announcements



The flowers today are given by Warren and Cheryl Gregory to the glory of God and in honor and celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary (Nov. 23, 1974).

- No **Fellowship Supper** November 27th
- **Office** closed November 28th and 29th
- **Ushers** for December 1st: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Zach Wiggins, Stan Whiddon
- **Liturgist** for December 1st: Zach Wiggins
- **FPC website** www.firstpresperry.org
- Send **prayer requests** to prayer@firstpresperry.org or contact Jeanne Hilgendorf

ADVENT NIGHT OF CELEBRATION



Join us today, November 24th at 5:00 pm for refreshments and decorating the sanctuary.

Session Committee leaders

Administration-Joey Ratliff, Michael McMillan, Chuck Eckel

Christian Education-Martha Davis

Clerk-Cindy Brown

Congregation Care-Nancy Bell

Finance-Chuck Eckel

Mission/Outreach-Cindy Brown

Worship/Music-Marilyn Culpepper, Zachary Wiggins

FPC PRAYER LIST

TOGETHER, WE PRAY FOR:

MARGIE RAWLS SIL, SHIRLEY
BLUE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

STAN AND SHONA

SHEILA BLUE

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

OUR SOUP MINISTRY

SUPPER TEAMS

PASTOR & HARRIET BRYANT

ALL GOING THRU HEALTH & EMOTIONAL ISSUES

ALL WHO LOST HOMES

TIRELESS VOLUNTEERS

TRAVELERS TO AND FROM FL

ALL HURRICANE VICTIMS

MARNE HELBERG'S SISTER

BETTY JEAN

FAMILY OF JIM CULBREATH

CHERYL RICKETSON, RECOVERY

FLETCHER'S FRIEND'S GRANDSON, CAMDEN MOSLEY

WOLFKILS DIL, MARGARET

HILGENDORFS, DR APPTS AND TESTS, WARREN, LILY

MIKE LOCKHART

RITA BENOIT

RON POPPELL

ALL AWAITING TEST RESULTS

AND, ALL UNNAMED NEEDS IN OUR HEARTS. LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER. AMEN