

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

Ritual of Friendship

PRELUDE

All Good Gifts (from Godspell)
Maddie Brigman and Sam Henry

Stephen Schwartz

INTROIT

Was Gott Tut

German Chorale

*We thank You, Lord, for You are good; Your mercy lives forever.
Your kindness from of old has stood; Your love will keep us ever.
O God of gods, O sovereign Lord, We bless you now with one accord:
Your love is everlasting.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Revelation 1:4b-8)

John Weicher

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the One who is, and who was, and who is to come.

People: **And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: To the One who loves us and has freed us to serve;

People: **To the Alpha and Omega, who is and was and is to come;
To that one be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing)

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Almighty God, we confess that we have not governed your people or your creation with
compassionate care. We have set ourselves apart from the needs of those whom we serve,
and have not worked for justice and righteousness, or for the well-being and common good
of all. Nor have we led your people with patience or with the fear of the Lord, which is the
beginning of all wisdom. Forgive and restore us to right rule in the way of Jesus, which is
like the light of a cloudless morning after rain.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 108, verses 5, 6)

Divinum Mysterium

O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing.

Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.

Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,

Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.

Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

* Those who are able, please stand.

***COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Amy Wilson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his realm of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ, who reigns forever. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 23:1-7

(Pew Bible OT Page 289)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37

(Pew Bible, NT Page 113)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Allegiance"

Marilyn Hedgpeth

(Silent reflection)

***HYMN**

Good King Wenceslas

Tempus Adest Floridum

*Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.*

*Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither
Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear him thither.
Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament, and the bitter weather.*

*In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod, which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christians all, be sure wealth or rank possessing
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Declaration of Faith (Chapters 9 and 10)

Sam Miglarese

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

***THE PEACE**

John Weicher

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Children through 1st grade enter worship during "The Peace.")

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Marilyn Hedgpeth

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:

People: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come.**

Leader: Let us pray.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Mindy Douglas

Offertory Anthem

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alan Smith

(The text for this anthem can be found in the Hymnal, No. 260.)

*(Following the anthem, please come forward with your **Hunger for Change Offering.**)*

Doxology (Hymn No. 608)

Praise God (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

All: **Lamb of God, we celebrate your sovereignty over all creation, and we recall that your exaltation as Lord was revealed in your willing sacrifice on the cross. Rule over our hearts, our minds, and our lives. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

***BENEDICTION**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

***POSTLUDE**

Praise and Thanksgiving on the tune "Bunessan"

Dale Wood

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, November 18, we welcomed 38 visitors to our worship service.

Special thanks to *Maddie Brigman* and *Sam Henry* for sharing their musical gifts in worship today.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by the women of the church in honor of all present and past **Presbyterian Women** members with a special remembrance for *Clara Matthis* and *Louise Keir*.

Nursery care for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Worship bags and activity bulletins are available in the foyer for children and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

Portions of today's worship texts were reprinted from *Call to Worship* and *A Wee Worship Book*.

The *bulletin cover* is a picture of a tapestry at Christ the King Parish in Scottsville, Kentucky. (Retrieved November 20, 2018 from <https://owensborodiocese.org/listing/christ-the-king-parish-scottsville/>)

~ Our Concerns ~

Added this week: *Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

Duke Hospital: *Joseph Ngumi*

Home: *Alice Raney, Franzi Rokoske, Carolyn Wolfe*

Care Communities:

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: *Julian Boswell*

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Bette Conroy, Lee Courtland, Bob Rankin*

Durham Regent: *John Kerr, Ann Prospero*

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: *Helen Garrison*

The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:

Catherine Gitia, friend of Mary Gitata

Heath Huberg, friend of Kathy Parkins

Ben Johnston-Krase, pastor of Durham's Farm Church

Paul Martin, brother of Beth Neece

Standing in the GAP for Eastern NC and Paradise, CA

Eastern NC was hit hard by Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. Many of these families have exhausted their FEMA and insurance resources, yet their homes are still unlivable. Winter is coming! The Presbytery of New Hope is asking for gift cards from Lowes, Home Depot, Ace, or 84 Lumber. Cards to purchase desperately needed building supplies. Gift card should be mailed to Presbytery. Please note the value of the card on its face with a sharpie and let Presbytery know if you would like a receipt.

Presbytery of New Hope

2022 McDonald Lane

Raleigh NC 27608

Attn: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team.

If you desire to help those displaced by the wildfires in Paradise, CA, you may send donations by mail directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the address below. Info about this disaster is in the foyer and narthex.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

P. O. Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Memo: DR000165 California Wildfires

You can also give online via this link: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000165/>

Attention FPC Parade and Pageant Participants . . .

The Durham Holiday Parade takes place on **Saturday, December 8**, and FPCers will line up at 9:00 a.m. to march down Main Street to Duke's East Campus (stay tuned for meet-up details). Our theme this year is "Light to the World," and we have neon glow necklaces for everyone to wear as we march. In addition, you may wear as many lights around your hat, your waist, or your coat, as you want. We want to sparkle, blink, and bring Jesus' light to the world as we march. **The Children's Christmas Pageant** will be the next day, **Sunday, December 9** during the 11:00 a.m. worship. The pageant involves a simple story that requires a narrator, an angel, two shepherds, and a star. Other children and youth can join in as shepherds, angels, and animals. Come one, come all! We will be using handbells for the sound effects. It would be great if parents could help with face painting on that Sunday morning, and with costuming. On **next Sunday, December 2, after worship**, pageant participants and Children's Choir are asked to go down to the basement to pick up costumes, and then the Children's Choir should remain in the basement for rehearsal.

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;



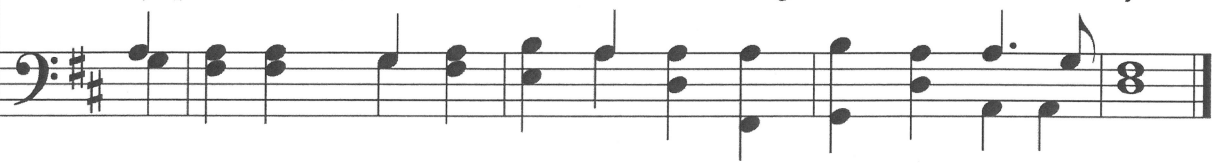
hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



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.



Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

~ Serving Today ~


Liturgist: *Amy Wilson*

Narthex Greeter: *Chris Williams*

After Worship Greeters: *George Bernhardt* (side/font); *Barbara Buckley* (rear/narthex)

Ushers: *Stephen Berry* (head), *Julie Whiddon* (counting), *Mickey Velkey*, *Ginny Widmark*, *Amy Sanchez*

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today No Evening Youth Groups</p>	<p align="center">Monday, November 26</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate</p> <p align="center">6:30 PM Supper for Officers</p> <p>7:00 PM Session</p>	<p align="center">Tuesday, November 27</p> <p align="center">11:30 AM Daytimers' Luncheon at Bennett Pointe Grill</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM FPC Staff</p> <p>Newsletter today!</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday, November 28</p> <p align="center">5:00 PM Bell Choir</p> <p align="center">7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p align="center">Thursday, November 29</p> <p>9:00 AM – 2:00 PM FPC Staff Planning Retreat</p>	<p align="center">Friday, November 30</p> <p>7:00 – 9:00 AM FPC serving breakfast at Urban Ministries</p> <p align="center">8:00 AM FPC Men of Faith Breakfast / Conversations at Nosh's Cafe</p>	<p align="center">Saturday, December 1</p> <p align="center">Set up for Advent Festival</p>	<p align="center">Sunday, December 2 <small>First Sunday of Advent</small></p>  <p align="center">9:45 AM Sunday School (adults, No Faith & Community) Advent Festival (for children and youth)</p> <p align="center">11:00 AM Worship & Communion</p> <p align="center">After Worship: Alternative Giving Fair, craft-making & refreshments Children's Choir / Pageant Costume Pickup</p> <p align="center">4:30 – 6:30 PM Middle School Youth</p> <p align="center">6:00 – 8:00 PM High School Youth</p>

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