

# First Presbyterian Church

November 20, 2022

## CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST

### WE ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP GOD

*\*Rise in body or in spirit...(as indicated below)*

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Anna Laura Page

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR (Psalm 118:24)

The Chimes

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHORAL INTROIT (Hymnal 257, v.4)

*The Risen Christ*

WOODLANDS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come. (Rev. 1:8)

**We come to worship the one who rules justly.** (2 Samuel 23:34)

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

**We come to him, who is the Bread of Heaven, God with us!**

(John 6:51, Matt. 1:23)

The one who is the Good Shepherd, the True Vine!

(John 10:11, John 15:1.)

**We come to him, who is the Eternal Word, the Great I AM.**

(John 1:1, John 8:58)

The one who is the Wonderful Counselor, the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

**We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To**

**him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.** (Rev. 19:16, 1:6.)

#### \*OPENING PRAYER WITH 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.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have been both slow and reluctant to bow before Jesus. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, failing to be governed by justice and love. We pay attention only to that which glitters, that which pleases us, and that which frightens us. In your mercy, forgive us. Inspire us to proclaim Christ as ruler of all, especially in our own lives. May we be loyal ambassadors of Christ's kingdom, answering the loving call to follow Jesus...come what may.**

*-A Moment for Silent Confession-*

#### \*KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

LAND OF REST

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

**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.**

### THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Kara Wheeler, Director of Family Ministries

*(Children thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church with Ms. Kara)*

#### ANTHEM

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWELL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>/arr. Pfohl

#### SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

#### THE SERMON

"Matthew 25 Eyes"

Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Declaration of Faith*)

**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.**

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE 273

*He Is King of Kings*

HE IS KING

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*Thanks Be to Thee*

G. F. Handel

#### \*RESPONSE: *The Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

#### \*CLOSING HYMN 852

*When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

I'LL FLY AWAY

#### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (Philippians 4:8)

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,

**Whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,**

If there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,

**Think about these things.**

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymnal 541, verse 1)

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

RANDOLPH

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,**

**with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Now Thank We All Our God*

S. Karg-Elert

*The flowers today are to the Glory of God and in thankfulness for all the blessings He continues to bestow on First Presbyterian Church and the joy we share through Christ the Lord. May our hearts be full of both thanks and giving.*

Guests...WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us and pray that you will discover anew God's love for you today. Your signing the Friendship Pad with your contact information when it is passed is encouraged. Church members and staff would be delighted to provide you more information about FPC.

**Worship Care Today:** Janelle Chubb  
**Extraordinary Children Today:** Kathy Blackwelder  
**Counters for Nov 27:** Bev Keely, Deneen Gresham  
**Acolyte(s) Today:** Libba Faircloth, Addie Nichols  
**Acolyte(s) Nov 27:** Elizabeth Roberson, McCain Nichols

**Nov 27:** Caroline Allen  
**Nov 27:** Sheri Pender

**Please remember the following in prayer:** Health Concerns: Worth Kendall, Mary Tice, Audrey Moore, Alvane Deal, Shirley Burton, Izzy Brooks, Ashley Kay, Beth Easley, Rev. Dr. Mark Verdery, George White, Will Read, Susan Read, Gene Black's niece, and Lena Hopkins.

**Thornwell Offering** will be collected during worship today. You may also donate through Realm or mail to the church, designating *Thornwell* on the memo line.

**Christmas Post Office:** The Christmas Post Office begins on **November 27<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>**. The youth will be happy to organize and post your cards for 25cents per card.

**Help for HOPE:** During November, please consider bringing **one or more boxes of macaroni and cheese to benefit the clients of Project HOPE**. All brands and sizes are acceptable. Leave your contributions in the narthex by tomorrow. Your contributions are appreciated by the Mission Committee and more importantly, the recipients who need it most.

**Our Extraordinary Children Need You!** We are excited our Extraordinary Children Classroom is open. We need a volunteer to assist York School District One Special Education teacher, Mary Gump, each Sunday. Contact Tara Park for details if interested in helping. Training will be provided.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in Hopkins Hall. Register to give blood at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Contact Kara to volunteer for a two hour shift as we help host.

**Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.** Your RSVP is kindly requested by Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Fill out a pew card to let us know your family will be attending. Bring a side and/or a dessert to share, Fellowship Committee will provide the rest.

**Poinsettias:** We are accepting orders for poinsettias in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones until December 4<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are available in the narthex and can be dropped in the offering plate or left in Joanne's box (#33). Please include payment.

**Basketball Registration:** Basketball sign-ups are closed for all ages except Biddy 7 and under. If you are a church member who still needs to sign up or has questions, please call, text, or email Eric Park, our FPC Basketball Coordinator.

**Office Closing:** The church office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday next week for Thanksgiving. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Kara Wheeler.

**Moving Ahead in Hope:** Many thanks to all who have returned their pledge cards. Members still considering their pledge may return their card in the offering plate or by mail.

Simplest Option: Go to the church website, click GIVE, and follow directions for a confidential communication directly to Robyn Brown, our Financial Secretary.

**The Youth** will gather for lunch to wrap up our Bible Study of Joseph's life, a mission experience, & ice skating if desired on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kara to RSVP.

**Advent Devotions:** Printed Advent devotions will be available on the narthex table next Sunday. If you would like to receive the daily devotion by email, let Kara know.

**Plastic Trays looking for a good home!** Leftover trays available in Hopkins Hall this morning. Look for one you like and take it home...or take it to a friend along with a Christmas goodie!

**November - Deacons of the Month**  
**Diane Bailey, Tom Hickman, Freeman Sturgis**

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR**

**Sunday, November 20**

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 9:30 am Officer Training  
 10:00 am Sunday School/Advent Workshop  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch  
 4:30 pm Cherub Choir  
 4:30 pm Handbell Choir  
 4:30 pm Youth Bible Study

**Tuesday, November 22**

9:00 am Walking Group  
 2:00 pm HOP  
 4:00 pm Seniors Exercise/Yoga Class  
 7:00 pm Rock of Ages Bible Study

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, November 23,24,25**

Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving

**Sunday, November 27**

9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 9:30 am Officer Training  
 10:00 am Christmas Post Office Begins  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:15 pm Ladies Out to Lunch

**Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Members of the Session**

**Class of 2022**

Barry Goodner  
 Cynthia Johnson  
 Joanne Lehman, Clerk  
 Robert Pender  
 Sheryl Smith

**Class of 2023**

Bob Ballard  
 Kathy Blackwelder  
 Jennifer Green  
 Jean Horton  
 Bob Norwood

**Class of 2024**

Matt Elston  
 Charles Gresham  
 Bev Keely  
 Michele Murdoch  
 Tara Park

**Elder Emeritus - Margaret Ann Tice**

**Members of the Diaconate**

**Class of 2022**

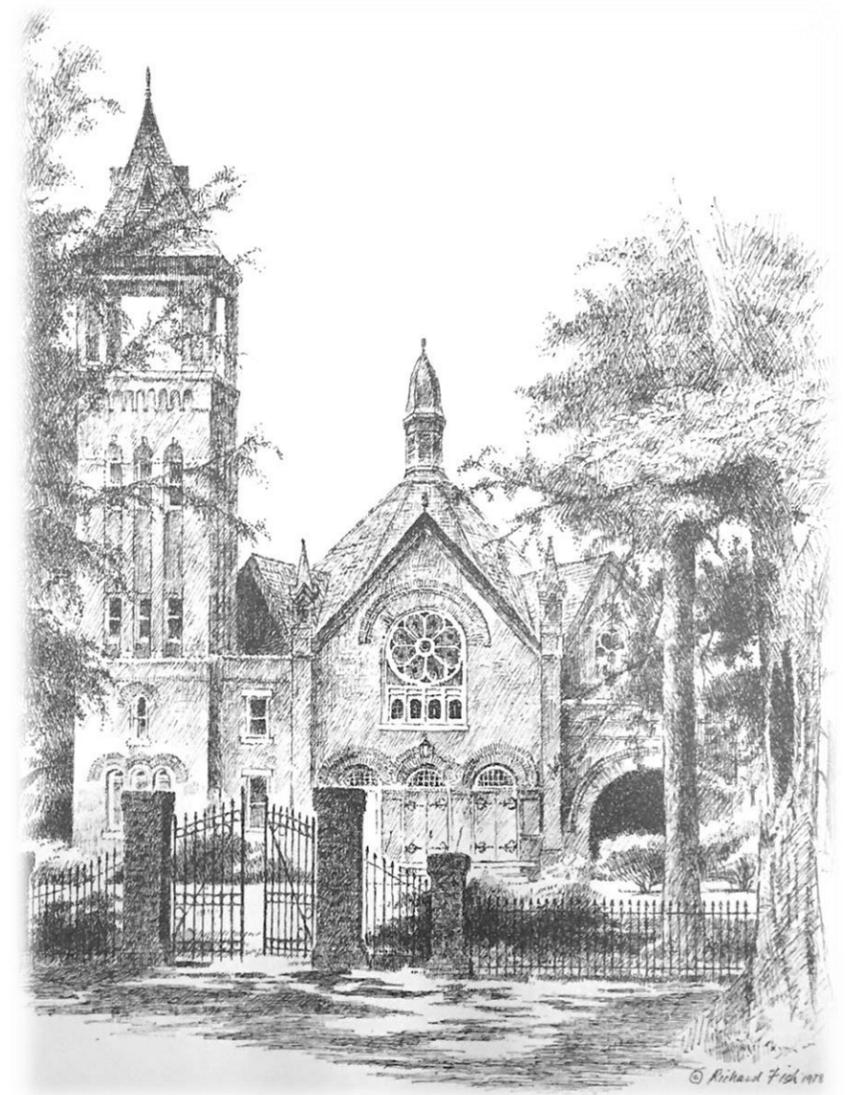
Lindsey Skinner  
 Ellie Dawson  
 Faye Ballard  
 Steve Mullinax  
 Diane Bailey

**Class of 2023**

Sam Curry  
 Tom Hickman, Moderator  
 Mickey Johnson  
 Rob Joiner  
 Christine White

**Class of 2024**

Gordon Barrett  
 Deneen Gresham  
 Freeman Sturgis  
 Wayne Terry  
 Linder Tucker



**First Presbyterian Church**

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 Organized 1869

We are a diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ, who seek to glorify God by celebrating and sharing God's renewing and transforming love as we:

- Worship* the living God with joy and thanksgiving
- Teach* the Word of God to deepen our faith and grow in our love of Christ
- Serve* others through sharing our unique gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Fellowship* with one another to energize our life together as a congregation
- Nurture and Embrace* all of God's children.

Rev. Dr. William C. Pender - Interim Pastor  
 Rev. Kara Wheeler - Director of Family Ministries  
 Dr. Donald M. Rogers - Director of Music  
 M. L. Marley - Organist  
 Angela Harris - Director of Cherub Choir  
 Ashley Platts - Director of Handbell Choir