

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God:
we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*



Christ the King Statue, Świebodzin, Poland
Architect: Mirosław Kazimierz Patecki

November 21, 2021
Christ the King/Reign of Christ
LITURGY

*Let us quiet our hearts, minds, and voices for the beginning of worship.
At this time, please silence all cell phones.*

The Prelude

Ave Maria
Osei Allen, cello

FRANZ SCHUBERT

THE TIME OF GATHERING

Welcome and Life Together

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ,

People: Who reigns in glory forever.

All: Let us worship God!

A TIME FOR PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Hymn of Praise #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*
- 2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*
- 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*
- 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

Call to Confession

REV. REX CHILDS

Siblings in Christ, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

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, in whose name we pray.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

** Please stand if able*

*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!

Children's Time

NANCY VAN FLEET

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers
JANEEN McCLURE, DAVID WITMAN

SARALENE OLDHAM

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

AUDREY GORDON

Let us pray: Gracious God, we ask now that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you would open our ears to hear, our eyes to see, and our hearts to receive your word for us this day. May we crown you Lord of our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

First Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

PEW BIBLE PAGE 949

Our first reading this morning comes from Ephesians chapter 1. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Response

O Lord, You Are My God and King

JERUSALEM

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name; I will extol you every day, and evermore your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought; all generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought. Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your mighty acts will show, till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, power, glory know. Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure; while generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.

Second Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

PEW BIBLE PAGE 807

"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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And 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.' ⁴¹Then 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; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I 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.' ⁴⁴Then 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?' ⁴⁵Then 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.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The King of Hearts

REV. CRAIG GOODRICH

*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith—PCUSA 1983*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving 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 Offertory

My Eternal King

JANE MARSHALL

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace; why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the hope of winning heaven or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord! Even so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing; solely because thou art my God, and my Eternal King!

*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***

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH

Hymn of Commitment #363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

1. *Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*
2. *Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*
3. *His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*
4. *Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

NICOLAS JACQUES LEMMENS

Offering

Offering boxes and baskets are located near the exit doors.

You may also submit your offering by mail or online at www.fpcnaples.org/give.

Flower Dedication

The Chancel flowers are given by the Gomori family
in loving memory of Chuck Gomori.

On the Cover

Christ the King statue is located in Świebodzin, in western Poland and was completed November 6, 2010. The figure stands 108 feet tall and with the crown at 9.8 feet tall, the statue reaches 172 feet overall. Construction took five years to complete and cost \$1.5 million. It is the second tallest statue of Jesus in the world. The project was conceived and led by Sylwester Zawadzki, a retired Polish priest.

Prayer List

In an effort to keep the prayer list current, names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks, unless we are notified otherwise. If you wish for a name to be included, please contact the church office.

*Linda Arsenault	Schools and teachers	Central Presbyterian Reformed
*Bill Crawford	The U.S. Military	Church (Matanzas, Cuba)
Joe Egan	Stephen Ministers and	Judith Abreu
Ruth England	care receivers	Carlitos Camps
Susie Fish family		Rev. Beidy Casas Aragon
Matthew Mosbaugh Family	* church member	Joseito Martinez
Scott McCullough		Rolando Morales
*Jane Nordlund		Idania and Nidia Patria
Cynthia Scott		Yadir Puron
*Dan Stellema	Missionary (Honduras)	Bello Puron
Vanessa Uzupes-Owens	Dorie Hjalmarson	Dr. Javier Vidal

Session Update

Recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that the level of transmissibility risk of Covid-19 in Collier County has decreased to the “moderate” level. Based on this and other factors, the Session, at its meeting on October 26, has taken the following action:

* For worship and meetings, masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated.

This new policy is effective immediately. Let’s continue to pray that this pandemic will abate and continue to respect and care for one another.

With gratitude and on behalf of the Session,
Craig Goodrich, Pastor and Moderator of Session

Stephen Ministry

Are you in need of prayer? Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry we offer at FPCN. Our lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, have been trained to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are going through a difficult time. To learn more or to pray with a Stephen Minister, visit the Stephen Ministry table in Spencer Hall or contact the church office.

Name Tags

As we head in to a busier season, we would like to remind you to wear your name tags to worship. If you are in need of a name tag, please visit the Welcome Table to sign up for a new one. Please indicate whether you would like a clip or magnet.

Hospital Ministry

Will you be hospitalized or know of someone in the congregation who is? Please contact Sharman Pfaus so she can notify the pastor of your hospital stay. Also, please remember to let the hospital know that you are a member of First Presbyterian Church of Naples.

Giving Opportunities

The Palms Society—Legacy Giving

The Palms Society is a way to honor those who include the church in their long-range gift and estate plans. To learn more about the Palms Society please contact Linda Gadkowski, linda.gadkowski@gmail.com.

Year-end giving directly from an IRA

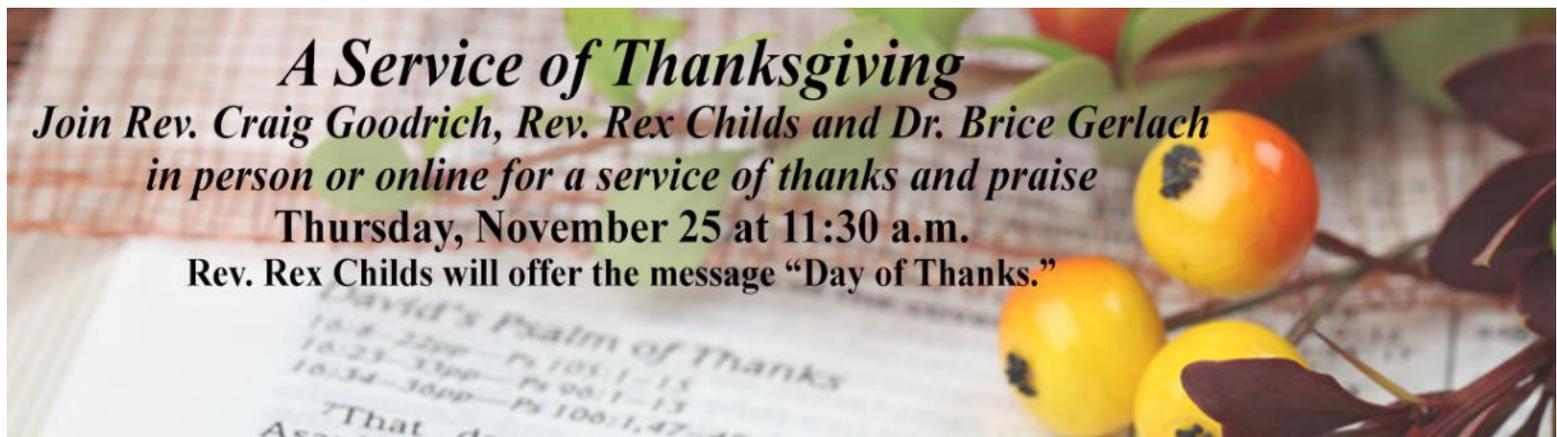
A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals who are 70½ years old or older to make tax-free charitable distributions from IRAs. One key benefit of the direct charitable contribution from your IRA is that the distribution counts towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You can contribute more than your RMD to charity as long as you do not exceed \$100,000 in a calendar year. The gift can satisfy a pledge that you have made. To complete a QCD from your IRA, please make sure the check is payable directly to the First Presbyterian Church of Naples by your financial institution or IRA custodian. When giving, please be sure to consult with your tax advisor or lawyer to fully understand the current tax law. If you are interested in general information, feel free to contact Sharman Pfaus, sharmanp@fpcnaples.org.

A Service of Thanksgiving

*Join Rev. Craig Goodrich, Rev. Rex Childs and Dr. Brice Gerlach
in person or online for a service of thanks and praise*

Thursday, November 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Rex Childs will offer the message “Day of Thanks.”



Membership at First Presbyterian Church

Do you want to know more about our faith, this congregation and how to become a member of our dynamic church? We want to encourage you in your journey of faith. A Seekers and Joiners Class will be held this morning following the worship service in the Parlor. Information packets are located at the exits and at the class.

A Season of Music

Please join us for our next concert this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary when we feature Solomon Eichner on the piano. Solomon's playing is poetic, beautiful and moving with deep feeling. The program will include works by Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Debussy and Liszt. There is no charge for the concert, however, a free will offering will be taken to help support *A Season of Music Concert Series*.

Blood Drive

Give the Gift of Life on Monday, November 22 from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. Sign up tables are located at the west entrance and in the Narthex or contact Jean Kasten at mawrtermom@yahoo.com or 215.740.5365.

Lunch Bunch

Don't go home or out to eat alone! Join other FPC single men and women for lunch every Sunday after worship for a fun-filled Dutch-treat lunch at one of Naples' selected restaurants. You will get to know some nice people and have a wonderful meal. Best of all, you are not eating alone. Sign up in Spencer Hall after the service.

Christmas Joy Bags

This year we are happy to be supporting the families of Mision Peniel. You may fill a small gift bag (available at the exits) with treats and candy and/or give gift cards (\$10 increments) to either Dollar General or Family Dollar Stores. You may also make a donation to Mision Peniel by check and they will gladly purchase the family gift cards. Checks should be made payable to Mision Peniel. Please return your filled bags, gift cards, or check by Sunday, December 12 to the Mission Table in Spencer Hall.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers

It's that time of year again! We continue our annual Christmas bell ringing with our long-standing mission partner, The Salvation Army. We will be ringing the week of November 29 through December 3. Sign up in Spencer Hall at the Mission table or contact Sherry Hoffman at 239.649.4402.

Hanging of the Greens

Would you like to help us decorate our church for Advent? There are several ways you can participate... fluff garland, place bows on trees, hang garland indoors and outdoors, decorate the Narthex with lights and trees...and more! Join the team on Monday, November 29 at 9 a.m. We'll meet in Spencer Hall for coffee. Sign up on the sheet in Spencer Hall or contact Sandy Poore, Director of Facilities.

Holiday Invitation

Presbyterian Women are inviting all of you to get in the holiday spirit by joining them on Wednesday, December 1 at noon in Spencer Hall for a spirit-filled Christmas Carol-a-Long led by Brice Gerlach and Michele Byrd-Gerlach!!! Make a date with a friend to enjoy some singing and a box lunch supplied by Jason's Deli. Price of the lunch is \$10 payable when your reservation is made. Reservations can be made in Spencer Hall on Sunday, November 21 and November 28 or by calling the church 239. 262.1311. Hope to see you there!

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.

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Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
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