

Sunday Worship - First Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4 NRSV)

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

L: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!**

L: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

C: **for great in our midst is the Holy One, Blessed be He!**

Prayer of Invocation (L): Eternal God - Our Heavenly Father, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: **AMEN!**

Hymn: 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Call to Confession (L): The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (All): **God of all Righteousness, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have 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 his justice and love.**

In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal servants, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (L): The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: **Thanks be to God; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Joyful Response

Gloria Patri

Hymnal 579

Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 29

Special Music

Lesson from the Gospels: Matthew 13:54-58; John 18:33-38

Sermon

Upon Whom Shall The Reign Fall?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith: 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, died, 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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE /LORD'S PRAYER

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

CLOSING HYMN 155 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Signing Off