

# First Presbyterian Church

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10:30 A.M

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

--- Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

**For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.**

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.

**Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty-- he is the King of glory.**

#### \*INVOCATION (*Opening Prayer*)

O Lord, soon we will celebrate your willingness to become human so that we can become like you. But all too often we only see a baby lying in a manger. We forget that the baby whose birth we celebrate is the one who created and sustains this world, who is the King of Kings and Lord of lords and that you never abdicated your rule and reign. So come Lord Jesus. Rule and reign in our hearts today for in you we trust.

**Amen**

#### \*HYMN

#### “Jesus Shall Reign”

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1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown His head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

4 Let every creature rise and bring his grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

**While we were sinners, Christ died for us.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

**So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,

**Let us confess our sin before God and one another.<sup>1</sup>**

*(Time of silent personal confession)*

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all.

**We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.

**We forget that each Sunday reminds us Jesus' resurrection**

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We live lives that frequently fail to reflect that you are our king.

**Forgive us and raise us from sin,**

That we may be your faithful people,

**Obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Who rules the world including us

**And is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

Hear the good news of God's amazing grace. In Christ we are loved and made new.

**Therefore, rejoice because we are forgiven through God's grace!**

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

#### **HYMN "Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken" INSERT**

Listen to the word that God has spoken; Listen to the One who is close at hand;

Listen to the voice that began creation; Listen even if you don't understand.

#### **MESSAGE "The King Shall Come"**

#### **\*HYMN "The King Shall Come" INSERT**

1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;

When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,

But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

3 The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;

O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last.

4 Then let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,

When right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.

Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray, come quickly, King of kings!

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Nicene Creed" PAGE 15 BLUE**

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.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

##### **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.***

**\*HYMN “In Christ Alone”**

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In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease! My comforter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— this is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home— here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

**CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

**BENEDICTION**

As we leave this place and time of worship,  
**Called to follow our Lord Jesus in all things.**  
May we continue to walk in his light and love  
**So that we might live in the hope of his peace,**  
Sharing God’s grace with all we meet  
**So that they will experience Jesus’ love through us.**  
Come, let us walk in the light of Lord

**Until that day when we will all gather before the throne of God.**

Rejoicing in God’s perfect peace as we rest in Him.

**Even so come, Lord Jesus to rule and reign forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE –**

*Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.  
Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is  
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He was David's root and the Lamb  
who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory, Is He worthy of this? He is  
Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does.  
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does. Is anyone worthy?  
Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's root and the Lamb who  
died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, Every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory - Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!*

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**Deacon of the Month:**

November: Pam Gallagher

**Upcoming Events:**

Christmas Church Decoration and Lunch	Nov. 24	after worship
Advent Study (Sunday before worship)	Dec. 1	9:30 AM
Blue Christmas	Dec. 1	2:00 PM
Community Prayer Group	Dec. 11	6:00 PM (Nazarene Ch.)
Christmas Eve Service	Dec. 24	6:30 PM

**Worship Leaders:** Hannah Mergen, Jay Stoneman and Pastor Tim Dyck.

### **Isaiah 11:1-9**

A shoot will grow out of Jesse's root stock, a bud will sprout from his roots. The LORD's spirit will rest on him— a spirit that gives extraordinary wisdom, a spirit that provides the ability to execute plans, a spirit that produces absolute loyalty to the LORD.

He will take delight in obeying the LORD. He will not judge by mere appearances, or make decisions on the basis of hearsay. He will treat the poor fairly, and make right decisions for the downtrodden of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and order the wicked to be executed. Justice will be like a belt around his waist, integrity will be like a belt around his hips.

A wolf will reside with a lamb, and a leopard will lie down with a young goat; an ox and a young lion will graze together, as a small child leads them along. A cow and a bear will graze together, their young will lie down together. A lion, like an ox, will eat straw. A baby will play over the hole of a snake; over the nest of a serpent an infant will put his hand. They will no longer injure or destroy on my entire royal mountain. For there will be universal submission to the LORD's sovereignty, just as the waters completely cover the sea.

### **Galatians 3:17-29**

Now before faith came we were held in custody under the law, being kept as prisoners until the coming faith would be revealed. Thus the law had become our guardian until Christ, so that we could be declared righteous by faith.

But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female— for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

### **Philippians 2:1-11**

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort provided by love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any affection or mercy, complete my joy and be of the same mind, by having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one purpose. Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself.

Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well. You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross!

As a result God exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— in heaven and on earth and under the earth— and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.