

11.22.20 Order of Worship First Presbyterian Church: Christ the King

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Praise Ye the Lord* arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.
Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.
We are children of the living God.

Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who came into this world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

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 commandments of Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel (Please Stand)**

The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying:

"I will write my law on your hearts;

I will forgive your wrongdoing

and remember your sins no more."

Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us bow to our neighbors as a sign of the peace of Christ.

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Sermon **Knowing by Heart**

Hymn of Response Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration!*

*2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

Prayers of the Community

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *Holy Holy* arr. Fred Bock

***Doxology (Stand)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Accept the offering of our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

***Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude *Christ the King* by Dom Paul Benoit

Prayer Requests: Gracious God, we ask your healing and encouragement...

- *Traveling mercies and a safe, healthy Thanksgiving*
- *Sondra's continued recovery from a car accident*
- *For Jim and Joann at the loss of their son*
- *For Connie S. as she undergoes cancer treatment*
- *For Amy, Laurie's daughter, going through a life transition*
- *Becca and Spenser's recent marriage*
- *For Barbara, Teresa's mother*
- *For Judy's grand-nephew, Preston, and his ongoing health issues*
- *For Gary and his unexpected health issues*
- *For Adam (son of Dennis and Ruth) for kidney health and a full recovery*
- *For Kim in recovering from surgery*
- *For everyone dealing with the traumas of fires or hurricanes*
- *Annette's friend Patty's husband*
- *Carlene as she recovers from shoulder surgery*
- *Teresa's continued healing*
- *For Sheri and the lung infection she is fighting*
- *Strength and encouragement for Steve and Cindy*
- *Family members suffering from mental illness or addiction*
- *For all who are living with health or economic ramifications of the Covid pandemic.*
- *For racial justice and reconciliation in our nation*
- *Our schools and university as they move forward, dealing with Covid*
- *All the churches in Union County as they seek to glorify God during this time*