

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 11.24.24
Christ the King Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism **and be thankful.**

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God Arr: Mark Hayes

***Call to Worship**

Adapted from Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's! Everything in creation belongs to God.

Lift up your eyes! See and believe the mighty works of the Lord!

All who hope in the Lord will be called children of God.

Lift up your hearts! Receive the gracious gifts of the Lord!

This is the time for worship and thanksgiving.

Lift up your voice!

Let us lift our voices in praise!

***Hymn of Praise**

We Plow the Fields #560

1 We plow the fields and scatter

The good seed on the land,

But it is fed and watered

By God's almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter,

The warmth to swell the grain,

The breezes and the sunshine,

And soft refreshing rain.

2 You only are the Maker

Of all things near and far;

You paint the wayside flower,

You light the evening star;

The winds and waves obey You,

By You the birds are fed;

Much more to us, Your children,

You give our daily bread.

*3 We thank You, then, Creator,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer,
For all Your love imparts,
And what You most would welcome,
Our humble, thankful hearts.*

Call to Confession

It is too easy to see and receive the promises of God, but not trust in them with our whole hearts. Let us lay our burdens before Christ, remember those times we didn't trust God and raise our thanksgivings for the goodness of God.

Laying our Burdens Before Christ

Holy God, as we come into the presence of your divine holiness, we confess our many shortcomings. Our hands are not clean; our actions do not glorify you; Our hearts are not pure; our motivations do not glorify you; Our words are not true; our deceitfulness does not glorify you; By your mercy, O God, give us hands that are clean, hearts that are pure, and tongues that are true, that we may live whole lives of thanksgiving and praise to you. Amen.

Prayer Song *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful STF2283*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Friends, you are in the sanctuary of the Lord. Do not doubt, do not question, but believe the good news you have heard and share it with everyone you know. You are forgiven and made new by the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Jesus invites us here today. We are not alone. We are filled from his unending storehouse of grace and peace. It is that grace and peace we share with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

***The Gloria Patri**

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Scripture Luke 1:5-24

Message Blessed, After All Katy Anderson

***Hymn of Response** *Let All Things Now Living* #554

*1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.*

*2 By law God enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

Prayers of the Community & The Lord's Prayer

To respect others' privacy, we ask that you first ask permission from an individual for whom you would like to request the congregation to pray. Please share only their first name and avoid detailed descriptions of their situation in awareness that your words are recorded online.

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory

***Doxology** #592

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**

God, we give thanks for your presence in our lives. Bless these offerings, that they may be used to advance your kingdom and glorify your name. As we learn not to doubt you, may our faith continue to grow stronger each day, bringing us closer to you. Amen.

***Benediction**

Postlude *Bring Back the Glory*

Arr: Mark Hayes

You are the Glory
Make us like you once more
You are the music the trust the wonder
That's just like a child
You are the Glory
That brings us together again

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: (*Lord, hear our praise*): The joy of family and friends gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Ministry of the Church in the Community: Koinonia House
Healing and Encouragement (*Lord, hear our prayer*):

Homebound: Ernie, Carlene and Wayne, Sheri and Jim, Connie S, Shirley

For those seeking healing and comfort: Friends and family of Ray and Ellen's sister as they mourn their loss, Bri & Eli, John, Theresa and Al, Greg, Ebel family, Tracey, Denny, Marsha, Eric, Shelby, Rita, Jimmy, Pattie, John, Linda, Michael, Steve, and Susan, John, Matthew, Dan, Jan P, Fred, Preston, Ron, Betty, friends fighting cancer, Fox, Grandma Ida, Brenda's friend Cade, Rita, Kimberly & Chris, Gene, Dorothy, Shannon, Ross, George, Corban, Nicholas F. & family, Cindy & Steve.

For Our World: Those suffering from Hunger and Homelessness.

Psalm of Encouragement:

*If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees
that I shall teach them, their sons also,
forevermore shall sit on your throne.
Psalm 132:12*

Coming up!

The **Acts Study** will not be meeting this week, but will start back up Dec 3.

Dec 1 marks the First Sunday of Advent! We could use some help after worship to bring items up from the basement to get ready for Hanging of the Greens on Dec 4.

On-line donations are now being accepted. If you wish to support the church ministry by donating with your credit or debit card, click on the "Give Now" link on the church webpage, www.fpclagrande.org, or use the QR code.

