

First Presbyterian Church
Service for the Lord's Day
Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

November 25, 2018 10:00 a.m.
In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music (Hymn 643)
Concerns of the Church

Prelude Fantasy on "We Gather Together" Gerald Kemner

Call to Worship Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

***Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.***

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

***For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.***

* Hymn 367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession
***Gracious Creator, you have given us so much,
yet we take those gifts for granted,
or as something to which we are entitled.
You call us to live in community with others,
but we place our wants and needs before everybody else.
You call us to share your gifts with those around us,
But we are worried there might not be enough,
and our fear gets in the way of our sharing.
Have mercy on us, generous God.
Forgive us in the name of Jesus, in whose name we pray.***

* Silent Confession
* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace
* Response 598 "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God!"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: Matthew 6:25-33 (NT, p.6)
Psalter: Psalm 126 (Hymnal 74)

A Time with Children

Anthem "All Good Gifts" Stephen Schwartz

Second Lesson: Joel 2:21-27 (OT, p. 848)
Sermon: "Let the Earth Rejoice!" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 37 "Let All Things Now Living"
* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering
Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" G. F. Kaufmann
* Doxology (607)
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen!***

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 826 "Lift High the Cross"

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude “*Marche troimphale: Now Thank We All Our God*” S. Karg-Elert

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Diane and Jack Scheuer to the glory of God by and in loving memory of Diane’s brother, Barry Carnahan.

ARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Guest Organist	Peter V. Picerno
Liturgist	Laura Moore
Ushers	Marsha Parrish and Steuart Bailey
Greeter	Betty Keen



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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You will have plenty to eat,
until you are full, and you
will praise the name of
the LORD your God.

Joel 2:26

