



Through him
God was pleased

to reconcile to
himself all things ...
by making peace
through the blood
of his cross.

COLOSSIANS 1:20, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Christ the King

November 20, 2022

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Ps. 100:3, Rev. 1:6-7

The Lord is God; we are God's people.

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

To God be glory forever and ever!

* Hymn 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* 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 commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace
- * Gloria Patri (Hymnal 581)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
 First Lesson: Luke 23:33-43 (NT, p. 89)
 Psalter: Psalm 46 (Hymnal 329)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20 (NT, p. 200)
 Sermon: "In the Center"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 826 "Lift High the Cross"

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (Hymnal, p. 20)
 Profession of Faith
 The Apostles' Creed
 Prayer and the Laying On of Hands
 Welcome

Offering and Dedication of Pledges
All are invited forward to dedicate themselves and their offerings

Offertory

- * Doxology (Hymnal 606)
- * Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Postlude

*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 in loving memory of Anna Marsh by her family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Liturgists	Members of the Confirmation Class
Ushers	Erika Adams, Diane Pope-Albright

Members of our Confirmation Class of 2022 are

William Farrell	Gavin Kareha
Austin Lyons	Diann Lyons
Rebekah Naehar	Sarah O'Brien

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Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

This morning, you are invited downstairs following worship for a reception in honor of our 2022 Confirmation Class.

Large-print bulletins can be found at the rear of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

Tell us your prayer concerns: Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn. Please pray for: Barbara, Hall, Barry, Shirley, Karen, Mike, Caleb, Jim, Sandy, Nancy, Ellen, Susannah, Janice, Kate, the Hares family, the Fritz family, Leonard, Janet.

Plastic (grocery store) bags are needed: MBK is making plastic mats from plastic grocery bags. It takes 600-700 clean plastic bags to make a single 3' x 6' mat, so we need LOTS of them. Please bring your extra bags to Church; there is a tub in the Narthex for them. Thank you!!

Care packages for college students: We want to send care packages to our college and graduate students. Know of anybody who would enjoy receiving one? Contact Grace Farrell (glee1124@yahoo.com or 570-586-7174) who is coordinating the project for the Deacons. Be sure to include the student's address!

Urgent Help Needed: Afghan Refugee Status update

As mentioned recently, our new neighbors from Afghanistan are running out of time. If they came in that mess we saw on TV last year, they have parole status, which means they have one year to file to apply for a different status which would allow them to remain here longer. That year has expired. Our local immigration resettlement office, which used to accommodate this process, was shut down. It is a difficult process. People here are finding themselves in a very desperate situation. If they are to be flown back, the Taliban will be waiting for them on the runway.

There are 2 ways private citizens can help:

1. Reach out to our representatives and ask them to hurry and pass the Afghan Adjustment Act. It was introduced on August 15, is being negotiated and has not yet been brought to a vote.
2. Anyone who is willing and able to help with some pro bono legal work, that would be an enormous help. Please contact Ginny O'Brien at ginny8149@gmail.com.

Can you help?

We are seeking volunteers to replenish our committees and assist with brief but important tasks around the church.

- Can you assist with serving meals at one of our funeral luncheons? Let our Deacons know.
- Interested in volunteering in the office on a regular weekday morning? Notify Nancy Owens.
- Can you serve on the Christian Education and Growth committee?
Let Jana know.
- Could you serve on the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, or on the Arts planning team? Tell Jan Thyren or Robin Pinches of your interest.

Thanks for considering this invitation. A church like ours depends on volunteers!

Are you interested in joining this church? If yes, please let the church office know (570-586-6306 or office@fpccs.org).

Last call for Poinsettias orders. The forms are on the table in the narthex. **Today** is the deadline for ordering. Plants are \$9.50 with checks payable the First Presbyterian Church.

Today at 4 pm musicians in our church family offer an afternoon of music for choirs, bells, vocalists, and instrumental soloists. It's always a stirring celebration of talent, given as a gift to the community. The concert will be held in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit. The concert is open to the public free of charge, with a free-will offering taken to help defray the costs of the event. For more information, please call the church at 570-586-6306.

The PJ Tree is here! We will be collecting pajamas for children in local Head-Start programs. Please select a name from the list, purchase the requested sized PJs, wrap or gift bag it, label it, and return to the church. Please, nothing extra; all the children are to receive the same thing: pajamas.

This Week at a Glance

Today **"Christ the King" Sunday**

- Worship in the Sanctuary and on line
- Confirmation class is being confirmed
- Stewardship Dedication Day
- **11:15 a.m.**, Celebration with the Confirmation Class of 2022 in Fellowship Hall
- **4 p.m.**, All Church Recital, Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 22

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209

Thursday, November 24, HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24-25.

Saturday, November 26

Sunday, November 27

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online

Looking Ahead to

Advent and Christmas

- **Advent bags** for our households will be available from the Christian Education committee by November 20.
- An Advent **devotional booklet** (in print and on the website as a PDF) will feature the “best of” the reflections from the past five years. Available November 20.
- Our **Give a Gift to a Stranger mission program** begins on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27.
- On **Wednesday evenings**, our 6:00 p.m. Adult Study will be called “Advent in Narnia,” based on the C.S. Lewis book, “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.” It will begin on November 30.
- An **intergenerational Advent program** will take place on Sunday, December 4, following worship.
- The C.E. committee will hold a **Parent’s Night Out**, Friday, December 9, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Register on our website by December 2.
- **Brass Concert** by the Ringgold Band on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Blue Christmas Service** will be held in person and broadcast online on Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 pm.
- **On Christmas Eve**, there will be a simple Christmas pageant at 4:00 p.m., a choral Lessons and Carols at 8:00 p.m., and a Jazz Communion at 11:00 p.m. All will be in person and broadcast online.
- Worship will be held on **Christmas Day** and **New Year’s Day** at 10:00 a.m. Both are Sundays.
- An **intergenerational lunch/event on the theme of Baptism** will be held after worship on Sunday, January 8.