



Christ the King Sunday • November 20, 2022
Glorify God, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ, and Meet Human Needs

GATHERING

God of the new day, at the dawning of the first day you spoke creation into being and declared it good. Guard our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies that we, too, might sing the goodness of creation and remember your call to be good stewards of it all. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Praise the Lord

F. Price

Praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise the Lord all ye people. Praise the Lord for His merciful kindness is great toward us. And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Grace to you and peace,

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you,

because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

* **HYMN 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* **ACT OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 (NRSV)

OT pg. 489

ANTHEM (11 A.M.)

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Alleluia Choir, Bob Tucker, accompanist

I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back. Will you decide to follow Jesus? No turning back.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11 A.M.)

Vicki Sumner

(Children may come forward or remain seated with their families for the Time for Young Disciples.)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

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Thanks be to God.

Philemon (NRSV)

NT pg. 215

SERMON

New Partners in Ministry

Rev. Mark Hults

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Sue Makin

RESPONDING

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Simple Thanksgiving

J. Martin

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be and when we find ourselves in the place just right, we'll be in the valley of love and light. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, 'til but turning, turning we come 'round right. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all nature sings and 'round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world. He shines in all that's fair. In rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere. In rustling grass I hear Him pass. In simple things I hear Him sing. He sings to me ev'rywhere.

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

*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 THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Gluten-Free Bread)

PRAYER

SENDING

* HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

Dorian Dance

M. Joy

Jubilate Ringers

TODAY IN WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS: Mark Hults, Scott Stuart, Vicki Sumner

ELDER ON DUTY: Missy Lentz

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Mitch Rorick

CHANCEL CHOIR ACCOMPANIST: Tiffany Fung

CHAPEL ORGANIST AND SANCTUARY ORGAN ACCOMPANIST: Dr. Mark Coffey

CHAPEL USHERS: Howard & Margaret Lingg; **SANCTUARY USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Pam Bailey, Paul Bennett, Carol Turner, Cyndie Williams

VIDEO TEAM: Norah Barat, Marin Best, John Rayl

SOUND: Frank Counts

REMEMBER NOVEMBER: This Sunday we celebrate those who began attending our church during the pandemic. As you enter worship, you may take a carnation if you are new to the congregation.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP in memory of and thanksgiving for Robert from Ginny Craig.

THE FLOWERS IN WORSHIP in loving memory of her husband, Art, by Susan Kluge.

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT: We extend our sympathy and offer the prayers of our congregation to her son, Kent McBride, and her brother, Bill Wickles, upon the passing of Cher McBride, who joined the Church Triumphant on November 13, 2022.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst and that His presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

NEW MEMBERS

Gladys Abbeyquaye
Nick & Katrina Alford
Emerson Barat
Claudia Bates
Andrew Bennett
Marin Best
Kaylee Bleeker
Katharine Bowlus
Buzz & Ann Boyd
Honest Chiputula

Jim Conner
Breezy Dowling
Oliver Dowling
Fleetwood & Maddy
Fleming
Roger Foote
Kevin & Andra Golden
Jonathon Haney
Josephine Henderson
Emerson Hults

Hayden Hults
Lynn Hults
Dawson Jackson
Orvin & Recie Jenkins
Elizabeth Jenkins
Jim & Donna Johnson
Janet Karlix
Susan Kluge
Frank Lukoski
Kate Lundy

Barbara Martin
Phillip Peddie
Aimee Peoples
Lacy Pirkle
TJ & Courtney Pyche
Stacy Stephan
Matt Sumner
Jesse & Linda Williams
Karen Yetter
Rick Young

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Pastor's Assistant

Laura Montgomery - assistant@1stpc.org

Communications Assistant

Jenny Chamberlain - communications@1stpc.org

FPC Weekly Figures

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| In-Person Attendance | 168 |
| Weekly Budget Requirement | \$27,463 |
| Received Week of 11/13/2022 | \$32,461 |
| Weekly Offering | \$18,155 |
| Designated Offerings | \$4,858 |
| Other Revenue | -- |
| Preschool | \$9,447 |
| YTD Budget Requirements | \$549,250 |
| YTD Received | \$523,888 |
| YTD Expenses | \$582,629 |

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 1 (NRSV)

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

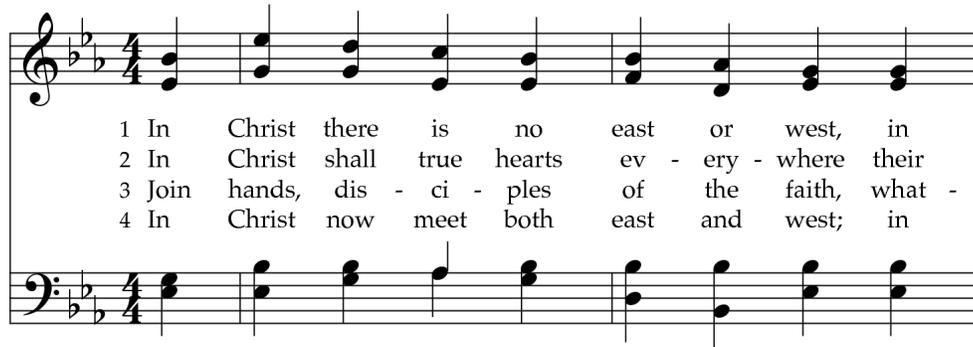
Philemon (NRSV)

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²²One thing more – prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. ²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. ²⁵The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

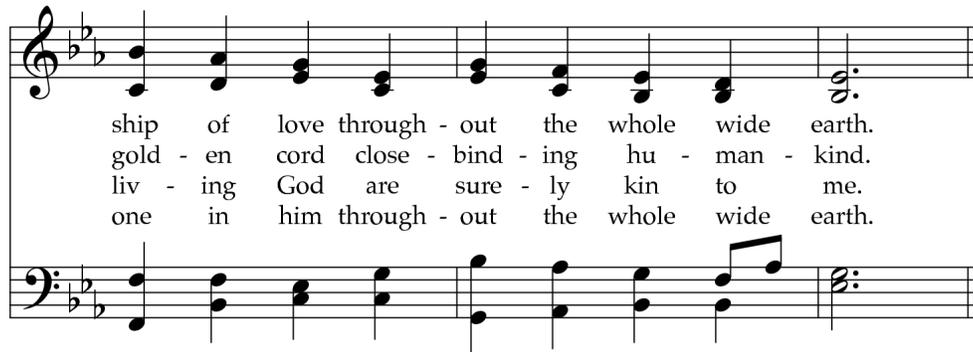
In Christ There Is No East or West 318



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in



him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

ST. PETER
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 (alternate tune: MC KEE, 317)

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GLORIFY GOD

Thank you to all who attended the Veterans Day Concert. The offering of \$1593 will benefit St. Francis House. If you were unable to attend but would like to contribute, you may place a check in the offering plate payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo "St. Francis." Also thank you to the Congregational Care committee for sponsoring the reception.

The Promised One: We are recommending this Advent devotional from Christianity Today for individuals and families (activities for families included). Contact the church office to buy one of our limited copies for \$5.

Decorating the Sanctuary: Advent is just around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to beautify our church and worship space. Everyone is welcome! Gather tomorrow, Monday, November 21 at 9 a.m. Please call Marilyn Foote at 352-318-5975 to be added to the volunteer list.

The church office is closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25. Happy Thanksgiving.

MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Children's Worship Bags are located in the narthex, Gordon Hall, and the chapel. Pick one up before the service to help your child participate in worship. After the service, please return all bags to the baskets. We encourage your family to discuss worship together—even if you don't use the guide.

Time for Young Disciples: We invite children to the front steps for a time for young disciples. Children may also remain in their pew. It will be a special time for all of God's children, regardless of where they're seated.

LOGOS is on Thanksgiving break and will return Wednesday, November 30, at 3:45 p.m. Contact Vicki Sumner with questions or to RSVP for a to-go dinner.

Youth Connection meets today for lunch and sweetie pie deliveries from 12:15 to 3:15 p.m.

College Café: All college students are invited to join us in the serving room through Gordon Hall for a home-cooked lunch immediately following 11 a.m. worship. Thank you to Jennifer Clark for providing today's meal. If you are interested in serving a meal to the students, please contact Scott Stuart.

Join us for the Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Gordon Hall. Everyone is invited to start off the season with us! Enjoy pancakes and a great selection of crafts ranging from some of our old favorites to brand new projects. RSVP to Vicki Sumner by Wednesday, November 23 to guarantee all activities for your family. Tear off this slip and place it in the offering plate.

I, _____, plan to attend the Advent Workshop on November 27 and would like to reserve _____ gingerbread churches & breakfasts.

Gordon Hoover Sunday School: Meet in the Church Library at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Enter through the Mary Gate or the sanctuary. All are welcome! Email Perry Foote at palbertfoote@gmail.com with questions.

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| November 20 | Romans 6 | Perry Foote |
| November 27 | Romans 7 | Don McGarity |

The Montreat Worship and Music Conference in NC this June includes Bible study, bells, choir, fellowship, and more. Early Registration ends soon! Please contact Mitch Rorick to learn more or to register.

MEET HUMAN NEEDS

Let Us Remember in Prayer and Correspondence: Marilyn Ast, Melda Bassett, Cecilia Caton, Jayne Fox, Kay Koons, Elizabeth Miller, and Theral Moore. Our men and women in the services: Ashley Dace, Matt Gowdy, Brian Hill, and Dan Williams; and first responders: Nick Gonzalez and Paul Samala. Essential worker: Bill Clark.

Online contributions can be made through a variety of options. Questions? Contact Trudy Bonerba.

Our Nursery is Open: (6 weeks old through pre-kindergarten) Sundays from 10:45 a.m. through the end of the 11 a.m. worship service. Volunteers are desperately needed. Please email Jenna Mueller at jdmueller2009@gmail.com. Families, please find the sign-in cart in the Christian Education building by room 204 to get your young ones settled in.

Sweetie Pie pick up is Today in Gordon Hall following worship. A limited number of extra pies are available as well. Contact Carol Israel at ceisrael@cox.net to schedule any final pick-ups on Monday or Tuesday.

Veterans Drive: In honor of veterans in our community, Congregational Care is sponsoring a drive to collect new and gently used single sheet sets for VETSPACE, a non-profit that is dedicated to helping homeless veterans and their families.

Downtown Art Festival Parking: Please plan to park in the church lot for the festival after worship today. Thank you for supporting our Montreat Youth. Cost is \$5 or use PushPay to pay online for \$5.50.

Christmas Poinsettias: During the Christmas season our worship spaces will be decorated with poinsettias. The flowers are \$15 each and may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. Fill out the form below and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by Sunday, December 4. The poinsettias will be available to take home after the Christmas Eve service.

Poinsettias Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____