

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
November 22, 2020 – 10: 15 AM
Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday**

***Regulars and visitors alike, thank you for being here and bringing your worship to share with us. To enhance everyone's worship experience, please silence your cell phones. Thanks for helping.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God. You have made us and we are yours; we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

One: Go through the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise. Give thanks and bless God's name,

All: You are good; your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations.

One: Let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

Great shepherd of the sheep, you have given us Christ who shepherds the church. He is the host when the table is spread. We praise your name for all the goodness you give us, the mercy that, like oil, anoints all of our lives. As we dwell secure in the sanctuary of your salvation, open to us the truth of your word. Lead us to serve you more faithfully as in Christ you have called us to do your will.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: Even as we have done it unto one of the least of these, your children, we have done it unto you. When they hunger and thirst, we are not quick to offer them the bread of life and the cup of salvation. When they are outcast or imprisoned, we seldom go out of our way to visit them. When they are sick or alone, we are not quick to keep vigil at their side. We know you are in our midst and await our response. Forgive us when we do not go out of our way to be there for you.

One: Past reminds us that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places and has put all things under his feet. With Christ thus seated, there to intercede on our behalf, we can dwell with the assurance that in him we are forgiven.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

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.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 25: 31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you gave me clothing; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Then he will say to those at his left hand,

“You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SERMON: “Whenever Did We See You In Need?”

Rev. Rich Estrem-Fuller

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: