

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
November 20, 2022 – 10: 15 AM  
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Day**

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**GATHERING SONG:**       “Take, O Take Me As I Am” GTG698

**TIME OF CENTERING:**

(We share a communal time of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship. Worship Leader will end the silence with an Amen.)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Luke 1

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for you have looked favorably upon your people.

**All: You have raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of your servant David.**

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

**All: To give light to those who sit in darkness and guide our feet into the way of peace.**

One: Let us worship God!

**HYMN:**

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

**No. 151**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

One: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor. (Ps. 34:18).

**All: Merciful god, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful spirit.**

One: Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news.

**SONG RESPONSE**

**“Gloria Patri”**

**No. 579**

**PASSING THE PEACE:**

One: Peace be with you

All: **And also with you**

( There will be no individual expressions of Passing the Peace .)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:      “Rejoice, the Lord is King”      No. 155**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING    Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**GOSPEL:      Luke 1:68-79**

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**SERMON:                      “Hidden King”                      Rev. Sandee Kosmo**

**CLOSING HYMN:              “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”              No. 142**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**