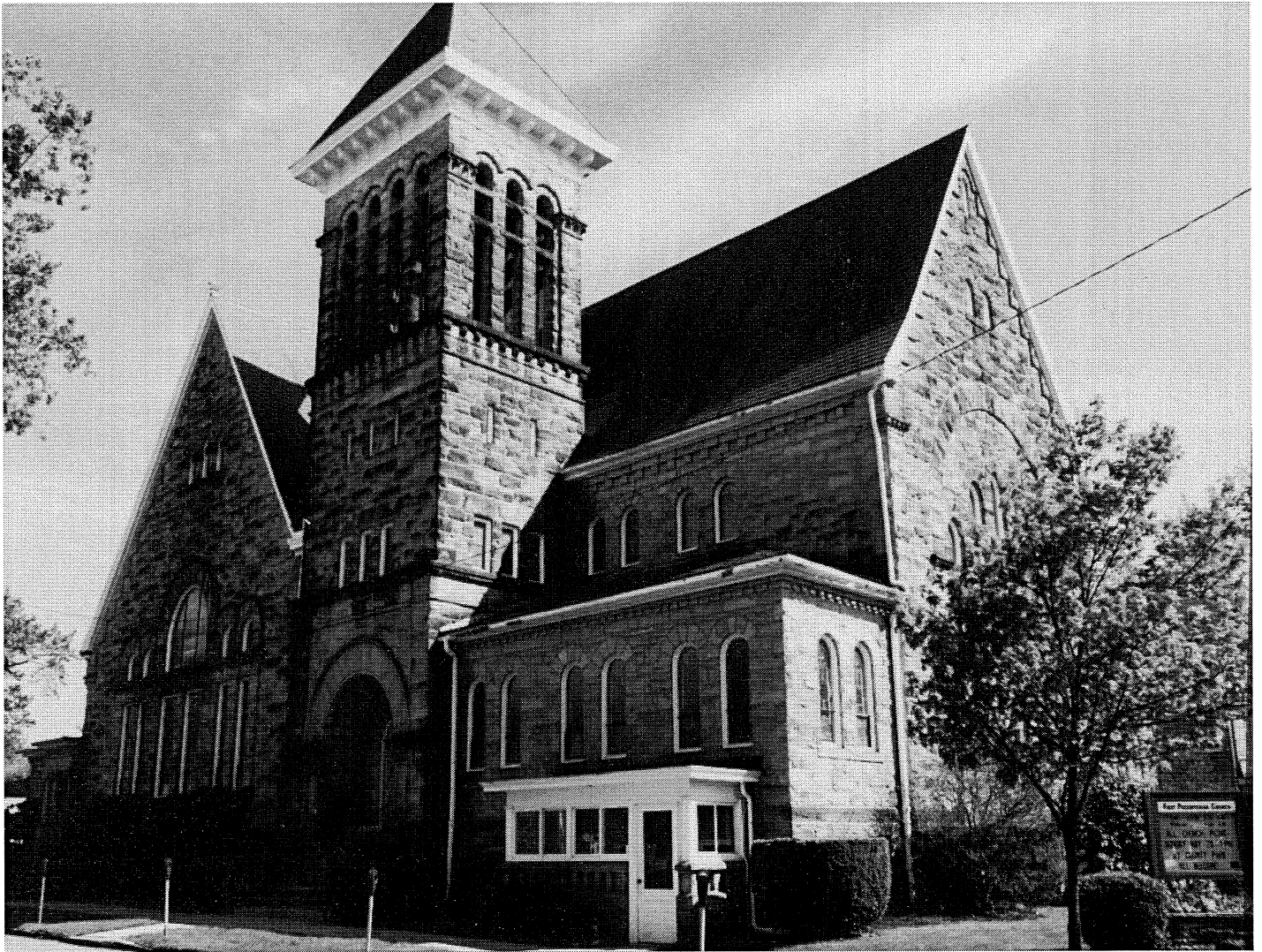


First Presbyterian Church



Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2024



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We come together to worship, grow, and serve as disciples of Christ.

We Gather in God's Name

(Tune your car radio to 88.7 FM)

Christ the King Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Lector, Norma Kooman

We silently shift our focus to God and prepare to worship.

Prelude

Come, You Thankful People, Come George J. Elvey, arr. James Pethel

Chiming of the Trinity

Introit

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Call to Worship

Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

May this love guide our hearts.

Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

✦ Hymn No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

✦ Call to Confession

God has called us to follow him faithfully. God's path is filled with life, joy, peace, and love. But we falter from our allegiance. So, let us seek to renew our intentions of following the Lord of life and love, grace and peace.

✦ Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI
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, Amen

✦ Gloria Patri

We Share God's Word

Time with the Children

Debra Owens

Prayer of Illumination

Norma Kooman

First Scripture

2 Samuel 23:1-7

(p. 299)

Second Scripture

Revelation 1:4b-8

(p. 245)

The words of scripture, inspired by God.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Interlude

✦Hymn No. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

We Give Thanks to God

✦Affirmation of Faith

9.54 The Confession of 1967

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

Call for the Offering

Offering and Offertory

Who Was and Is and Is to Come

Timothy Michael Powell

✦Doxology

✦Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

DOXOLOGY
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.

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.

We Go Forth to Serve

✦Hymn No. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

✦Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on “St. George’s Windsor”

George J. Elvey,
arr. Jason D. Payne

POSTLUDE
Please remember at the close of the service, the Postlude is a time to silently reflect on God and the mission to which we are called. We ask that you please remain silent and seated until the music has ended.

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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to provide hybrid and virtual worship services for this Sunday. Services are currently livestreamed on our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion) in real time, then archived to our website and YouTube channel.

At First Presbyterian Church our mission is to worship, grow, and serve as followers of Jesus. From our youngest to our oldest, we seek to worship God in our actions, grow in God's love, and serve God's people in our community and around the world. We hope that you will come join us so we may personally extend a warm welcome. If you have any questions or particular prayer needs, please feel free to contact the church office at 226-8145 between 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For more information visit our website at www.clarionfirstpresby.org.

Find us on Facebook! (First Presbyterian Church of Clarion)

Video recordings of past sermons may be viewed by clicking the "Worship" link on our home page at www.clarionfirstpresby.org or a phone app is available at sermon.net (look for First Presbyterian Church—Clarion.) You can also choose to listen to an audio version. Simply pick the option that works best for you. Videos of Sunday worship are also posted on our Facebook page (see above).

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CHURCH STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Treasurer: Ann Brooks
Secretary: Debra Owens
Sexton: Mike Hetrick
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz
Video Engineer: Dan Willy

Ruling Elders:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Kathy Larimer	Jeff Deitz	Norma Kooman
Elaine Matticks	Jeff Kapp	Dave Larimer
Pam Reid	Kurt Nesbitt	Cindy Stants

Deacons:

<u>Class of 2024:</u>	<u>Class of 2025:</u>	<u>Class of 2026:</u>
Bonnie Champion	Kim Lewis	Robin Cable
Marianne Reynolds	Lee Seitz	Tamalyn Goble
Mary Swanger	Lori Smith	Joey Kunselman

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Mihm
Lector: Norma Kooman
Time with Children: Debra Owens
Director of Music: Bonnie Champion
Organist: Jean Mitrosky
Sound Engineer: Josh Deitz/Jeff Kapp
Video Engineer: Dan Willy/Kurt Nesbitt
Acolytes: Clara Stants, Jeremy Willy, Andrew Scovel, Nathan Scovel, Sawyer Kunselman
Ushers in Charge: Tamalyn Goble, Tammy Huey, Beth and Madison Gore

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Ellen Lawrence, by Suellen Gourley.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School, Children and Adults
11:45 a.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens

WEEKLY DEPOSIT SUMMARY

11/18/2024

Weekly Contributions

Envelope Contributions	\$1,780.00
Total Contributions	\$1,780.00

Weekly Donations

Food Bags	\$300.00
Men's Fellowship	\$60.00
Blessing Box	\$300.00
Caring Callers	\$50.00
Xmas Flowers	\$27.00
PDA Buckets	\$100.00
Total	\$837.00
Total	\$2,617.00

NOTES:

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Monday, November 25

7:00 p.m. Evening Circle, Cindy Stant's home

Tuesday, November 26

6:00 p.m. NA Meeting, Step Down Room

Wednesday, November 27

12:00 p.m. Advent Study, CE Opening Room

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Step Down Room

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

Church Building and Office Closed

Friday, November 29

Church Building and Office Closed

Next Sunday, December 1

10:00 a.m. Worship—Rev. Gary Lyon
—Communion

11:00 a.m. Sunday School, Adults
No Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

11:45 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to buy Christmas Flowers for the Sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Order forms are in the newsletter and the Ramp Room. Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and enclose payment with your order.

We will Prepare for Christmas (Hanging of the Greens) today at 5:00 p.m. Come join the Worship Team in making our sanctuary ready for this special season. We will have pizza, drinks, and cookies at the conclusion of our decorating.

Advent Study: Come join us for an Advent Study on Wednesdays (11/27 to 12/8). We will meet at noon in the CE Building. We will be focusing on Roth Boling's book, Seasons Greetings: Christmas Letters from Those Who Were There.

Disaster Clean-Up Buckets: The Mission Team is putting together clean-up buckets and hygiene kits to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. We are coordinating with Church World Service. The need is great and any help is much appreciated. If you choose to donate, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with "clean-up buckets" on the memo line.

Red Kettle Ringers Needed: First Presbyterian's day for the local Salvation Army bell ringing is Friday, Dec. 6th at the Walmart in Clarion. The sign-up sheet is available in the Ramp Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Coat Rack Ministry: As the weather gets colder, please check your closet to see if there are any coats or boots that you are willing to donate. The need is great as witnessed by the turnover each week.

PRAYER LIST

Randy Cable
Margy Port
Shirley McKinley
Pauline Henry
Ruth Ann Minich
All our homebound members

Lori Beth
Ryan Cornicki
Jerry Deitz
Greg Rhoads
Don Neiderriter
Michael Kurtas, Jr.
Tom Minich

Mary Biser
Charlotte Hartman
Ben McKinley
Laurie Dickey
Anthony Louder
Pat Hargest
Alice Davis
Alexandra Sharrar
Dr. Shannon Penland
Mary Kay Arth
Mason Martin and family
Angelo Gehenio
Joe Amato

Bereaved

Please remember the friends
and family of:
Don McCord
Kenneth Daugherty, Jr.
Peggy Seigworth

Around the World

Everyone serving in the US
Military

Rob Summerville
Evie Renwick
Cori

Gitwe Congregation in
Rwanda, our faith partners

Chuck Reninger
Sara Bennefield
Grace Carroll
Mike Hiles

Homebound Member of the Week

Beverly Wentling
157 S. 5th Avenue, Apt. 301
Clarion, PA 16214

Kay Caller
Dan Clark
Amy Benhoff
Archer Kunselman

NOVEMBER 24, 2024
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY

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Jesus Christ's reign is here now.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the king of truth
Monday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	The time of judgment
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4b-8	Jesus reigns
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6:11-16	The good fight of faith
Thursday	Hebrews 1:1-4	God has spoken by his Son
Friday	Colossians 2:6-15	Fullness of life in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 93	The majesty of God's reign
Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	Coming of the Son of Man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Ever-living God, may all people know of your love, power, and glory that brings healing and new life through Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who have established the world and all that is in it, we thank you for giving us this meal, a sign of your love for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of heaven and earth bless you to know Christ's reign.



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NOVEMBER 24, 2024
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Canticle of the Turning

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WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you had unlimited power, how would you use it to change the world?
- How is Jesus, as "ruler of the kings of the earth" (Revelation 1:5), different from other rulers?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Revelation 1:4b-8.

This scripture writing celebrates what glory and power really look like. The Book of Revelation delights in the God who always is, always was, and always will be. God is not some rumored supreme power who intimidates and destroys. Unlike earthly powers that come and go, it is the reign of Jesus Christ that bestows life, love, and joy. It is not the power meant for a few at the expense of many. It is a reign filled with a whole kingdom of priests, meaning all of us, who serve God with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving without end. It is a reign that lifts all God's people to share in this power and give glory to God. This Jesus, the one who died as the faithful witness (also translated as "martyr") is coming and is here now to love us and free us from the bondage of all other rulers of the earth. This Jesus, the slain lamb, has already arrived in worship, in Holy Communion, and in a whole series of "Amens" that we shout because in Christ we are turning to see God's glory.

Discuss: Where and how do you see the reign of Christ in the world today?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, give us hearts and voices that give you praise as the only one who has the power to be with us always with love and hope through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help others experience the power of God in the world?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The season of Advent begins next Sunday. Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. Think or talk about the traditions you have established in your home over the years. Many different types of Advent calendars can now be found in stores and online. Advent wreaths are another tradition. If you have not had a tradition in the past, consider using a calendar or wreath this year as part of your faith journey in your home and gifting them to family and friends as well.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org