

## GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD: Our Gifts and Offerings

The people of God sing the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation; in whom all things in heaven and on earth were created. Let us affirm God's sovereignty over all creation, continuing our worship through the offering of our gifts to the Lord. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you leave, donate through our website, or send your offering through the mail.

OFFERTORY "Let All Things Now Living" Welsh

### \*\*DOXOLOGY #592

**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 DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*\*HYMN of SENDING #150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

### \*\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

\*\*RESPONSE "We Take the Love of God" Diemer

\*\*POSTLUDE "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Steurlein  
*(Please remain seated and the ushers will dismiss you.)*

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PASTORS: Rev. Bob Thomson and Rev. Diana Hartman

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Jack Rudisell

ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane

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### Church Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:  
~ Glorifying and worshiping God  
~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples  
~ Loving and serving all people

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*Serving Christ Since 1869*

# First Presbyterian Church



*Vibrant Worship,  
Vibrant Discipleship,  
Vibrant Service*

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## Christ the King

November 21, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Service Theme: "God is Glorified"**

*White: Symbolizes the Purity of Christ*

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\*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Elvey

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

### *GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD*

INTROIT "With Joy, Praise, Love and Peace!" Diemer

CALL to WORSHIP *Pete Kendrick*

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,

**People: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

**People: The whole earth is full of God's glory.**

Leader: Let us pray...

### PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your hand to heal, to comfort, and to save. All thanks and praise be to you, O God; your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

\*\*HYMN of PRAISE #485

"To God Be the Glory"

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**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, together let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**\*\*PRAYER of CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)**

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idol of wealth and we have not loved our neighbors, nor have we sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore we pray:

Leader: Break our rebellious will.

**People: Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.**

Leader: Expose our insincere thoughts.

**People: Give us integrity in our quest for truth.**

Leader: Release us from the fear of death.

**People: Grant us courage in the face of evil.**

Leader: Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

**People: Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.**

Leader: For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ.

(Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

**\*\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting—it cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI #579**

**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.**

***LISTENING for the WORD of GOD***

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison)

*Pete Kendrick*

**Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to receive a word of truth, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17 (pg. 999)

The Word of the Lord

*Pete Kendrick*

**Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. Wilberg

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Micah 4:1-7 (pg. 755)

TIME for CHILDREN

Ashley Braisted

*(Children may go to the Chapel for Sunday School)*

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“God is Glorified”

*Rev. Diana Hartman*

***RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD***

**\*\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #145**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

ANNUAL PLEDGE DEDICATION

**\*\*PRAYER of DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Almighty and generous God, through the Lordship of your Son Jesus Christ your church obtains its purpose and finds its meaning. You have filled our lives with generous blessings and called us to love one another as you have loved us. We pledge our whole lives to you as your disciples. We bring before you today our pledges of financial support for this church's ministry and building. As we offer our treasures to you, we dedicate them and ourselves to your glory and to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.**

**\*\*CONFESSION of FAITH (Col. 1:15-20)**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

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.**

RESPONSE

“The Lord Has Heard Our Prayer”

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