

WE GATHER
TOGETHER TO ASK
THE LORD'S BLESSING



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November 21, 2021

Christ the King

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

2 Samuel 23:1-7 (pg 299 [371 LP] OT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, *Let go of the ways of the world and follow me.*

People: And we follow, this day and every day as we seek to live out Christ's unique call.

Leader: Jesus said, *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.*

People: We turn and listen and sift his words through all our living as we keep our walk of faith.

ALL: As followers, as disciples, together let us worship Jesus Christ – Lord and Savior of our lives!

HYMN #476

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, Everlasting Redeemer of our lives, we bow our heads and open our hearts before you, acknowledging our need to confess that we cannot live apart from your Grace towards us; your Grace mending the brokenness that lays in the wake of what we have done or have failed to do; your Grace stirring us to seek forgiveness; your Grace guiding us to extend forgiveness to one another. Bless us, Lord, with your healing Grace and the gift of life made new. Hear us as we come in prayer with you...

PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the goods news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 132 (pg 574 [706 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Rev. 1:4b-8 (pg 245 [297 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37 (pg 113 [138 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Marilyn Hale

To Respond in Faith

HYMN #151

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

(pg. 16 in *The PH*)

DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

Mark Hendrix

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING (*Insert*)

To Serve in Love and Hope

HYMN #555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Together in our hearts, we dedicate our offering to God today.

Offering plates are located at the rear of the sanctuary...

(by the 2 doors.) Thank you!

A TREE OF THANKS-GIVING

L: A Tree of Thanks-Giving, planted here by the *streams of our faith*, rooted and grounded in God's love,

P: Its branches lifted in praise and gratitude to you, Gracious Lord of our lives for your love, for your mercy and forgiveness, for your patience,

L: And for your presence with us, your hope in us; your hope for the world; ever your grace that reaches out an everlasting hand of welcome.

P: Thank you for making all of us, for life itself, for Moms and for Dads, for sunny days and playing outside;

L: Thank you for family, for friends, for church and community and opportunities to serve; thank you for the blessing of a church family;

P: Thank you for everyone in the world—the whole world, for making us family, for home and food and water, and for church!

L: Thank you for the love of children, for the delight of grandchildren, for the life we cherish with our parents, for the life we cherish with our spouses;

P: Thank you for our pets, for cats and for Henry dogs, and for carpets to sit on and stickers to stick on!

L: Thank you for health, and for vaccines and for taking care of us; thank you for sending the light to take away the darkness.

P: Thank you for the small moments, for babies to love, for blessings great and small; for the view from a window that changes with the seasons.

L: Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us, for hearts open, for the wonder of your creation. Thank you for loving us, and guiding us as we grow in our love for you and one another.

P: Thank you, Dear God, for the gift of thanksgiving, that *stirring within us*, planted by you. Thank you for each day's gift of trusting you.

All: Bless us to be your thankful people, ever kind, and giving ourselves to the needs of others. *Amen!*

[“Giving Thanks to God for.....” written by this congregation on 11/14/2021.]



Give
THANKS

A decorative graphic featuring the word "Give" in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below it, the word "THANKS" is written in a bold, uppercase, serif font. To the left of the text is a stylized black silhouette of a leafy branch with several leaves and a small cluster of berries or grapes. The entire graphic is set against a light yellow background.

For the week beginning November 21, 2021

GREETERS:	Kari Kloss
PRAYER FAMILY:	Ray Roulo
ELDER for the Month:	Mark Hendrix

Tue		PCS NHS Food Donation Delivery
Thurs		<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
Next		
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Advent Program
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service; 1 st Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex. Please ask the greeters for assistance.

This year's **ADVENT PROGRAM** will be held at **9 a.m.** in the dining room for all ages on **November 28th, December 5th, 12th and 19th.** Diana Dunbar will lead us in lessons and crafts. Coffee, juice, donuts and fruit will be provided. To protect our children, we recommend participants wear a mask entering the building and while moving around. Masks may be removed once seated at a table. *To help us plan, please sign up in the Narthex.*

Our congregation has partnered with the **"Presents for Panthers"** program again this year. We will be collecting gifts until December 12th. Gift ideas include puzzles, books, toys, board games, coloring books, dolls and trucks, hair accessories and fun socks. We want you to have fun choosing a gift that will bring a smile to someone on Christmas morning! Please do not wrap your gift. Our collection point is in the Quilt Room. Just look for the red tote and the "Presents for Panthers" sign. Thank You!

It's that beautiful time of year again when we will be filling our church with gorgeous poinsettias in time for Christmas. **Order forms are due back, along with your payment, by Sunday, December 5th.** You may give your order to Julie McLarney-Pagett. Thank You!

Poinsettia Order
Form



Please complete the form below and return it, along with payment, to Julie McLarney-Pagett by December 5th, 2021.

Checks should be made payable to the First Presbyterian Church. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service.

4-1/2" pot \$7 x _____ = \$ _____

6-1/2" pot \$17 x _____ = \$ _____

Please indicate your color preference:

Red ____ White ____ Pink ____ Marble ____ Novelty ____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____