

November 26, 2023
First Presbyterian Church
Christ the King

We Gather in God's Name

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* Held

Welcome Rev. Maxwell Michaels

We Worship Together

***Call to Worship** Elder John Long

The Lord God is our shepherd.

We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

***Processional Hymn** 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Invitation to Confession (the congregation is seated)

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my people." Trusting that God is indeed seeking us, let us confess our sin together:

Prayer of Confession

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."

The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

***Holy Interruption** *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

***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.

Message to the Children

We Receive God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading Matthew 25:31-46

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Someday We'll Know" Rev. Maxwell Michaels

***Affirmation of Faith** *(adapted from the Theological Declaration of Barmen)*

As Jesus is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,

so in the same way and with the same seriousness

is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.

Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance

from the godless fetters of this world

for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine,

As though there were areas of our life

in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,

but to other lords —

areas in which we would not need justification

and sanctification through him.

***Hymn** 336 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *Now Thank We All Our God* Burroughs
Chancel Choir

***Doxology Hymn** *(Praise to God)*

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**

Generous God, we bless your name because you have called us and

claimed us and sent us into the world to do your will. Receive now this

offering, both of our money and our lives. Through these gifts, may the

hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger

welcomed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve

***Hymn** 647 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *We Give Thee But Thine Own* SCHUMANN
Chancel Choir

***Postlude** *Nun Danket alle Gott* Kaufmann

Please wait until the end of the benediction response by the choir before exiting.

*Those who are able, please stand as directed at the items marked with an asterisk

The Church This Week (11/26/2023)

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Session
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:15 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Decorating of Church
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Prayer List as of November 26, 2023

Gerry & Bobby Rogers
 Ina Coggeshall
 Gray & Bea Sloop
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore
 Beth O'Neal
 Bobbie Jones
 Keller Smith
 Gene Brymer

PW will be decorating the church for Advent and Christmas this Thursday, November 30th at 10:00 a.m.



The sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. For individuals with hearing aids, please activate your T-coil to utilize this feature. Spare headsets are also available.

White Christmas Covered Dish Supper is Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30pm. Bring your favorite covered dish and join in the fun!

Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2023

Gina Goddard
 John Joyce
 Christie McLeod
 Calvin Phillips
 Charlene Tillman

Class of 2024

Marietta Melton Burch
 Cathy Chapman
 David Nagel
 Dan Tillman, III
 Jennifer Tillman

Class of 2025

Kelli Beck
 Avery Dickson
 Mary Jane Evans
 Jean Page Watson

The Church Staff

Rev. Maxwell Michaels, Pastor
 Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton
 Mrs. Arnetha Kendall, Housekeeper
 Mrs. Mary Gullede, Miss Eve Nobles, Nursery

Mrs. Mary Louise Baker, Music Director, DCE

Mrs. Kim Brabham, Director MMO
 Mrs. Paige Coates, MMO
 Mrs. Sally Powell, MMO

Mission Partners

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent, Costa Rica
 Mrs. Ellen Smith, (mission co-worker) Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Poland



Our Vision

***Rooted by God's Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love***

Sunday, November 26, 2023

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