

**November 24, 2024**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
*Christ the King Sunday & Thornwell Sunday*

**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**

Sam Baker

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

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

**Invitation to Confession** (the congregation is seated) (*Nehemiah 9:17*)

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the blood of the cross. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives.**

**Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** (*Psalm 34:22*)

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ loves us and has set us free from our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the certainty of God's decree, Know that we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to 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.**

**Choral Anthem** *Now Thank We All our God*

Burroughs

**Children's Message**

**We Receive God's Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** 2 Samuel 23:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** John 18:33-37

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message** "Runnin' Down a Dream"

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

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

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.**

**\*Hymn** 336 *We Gather Together*

KREMSER

**Moment for Mission**

Thornwell, Joseph Murray

**Announcements**

**Pastoral Prayers & 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** *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*

Brahms

*Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness*

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH  
*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**

**Holy One, the psalmist declares that in your realm, all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts, that we might be agents of your covenant love. We pray that you take these gifts of our labor, our wealth, our time, and our lives and use them to express your everlasting kingdom of love in this world. Amen.**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn** 647 *Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

Monsell

**\*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

Acolytes for today: Sam Phillips and Lainey Baker

The flowers are placed in the church today to the Glory of God by Bron and John Long.

We welcome Joseph Murray, President of Thornwell Home for Children to our worship service this morning.

**The Church This Week (11/24/2024)**

Today	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Pageant Costume Fitting
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	CBS
Thurs.		Happy Thanksgiving
Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

**Prayer List as of November 24, 2024**

Gerry Rogers  
 Ina Coggeshall  
 Gray & Bea Sloop  
 Bennie and Benny Lou Moore  
 Bobbie Jones  
 For those suffering from chronic mental and emotional illnesses  
 Ruth Jackson  
 B.J. Moore  
 Marion Murphy  
 Edward Tinsley  
 Louise Carpenter  
 Friends and families affected by Hurricane Helene

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.

If you would like to place flowers or a plant in the sanctuary for worship service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can also call or email Cathy Chapman and she can sign you up for a date.

Christmas Shoe Boxes are due today no later than noon.

In the 1800s William Jacobs Plumer, a Presbyterian Minister had a dream. His dream was the start of an orphanage in Clinton, SC, where he was pastoring First Presbyterian Church. On October 1, 1875, Thornwell opened its doors to ten orphaned children. It was not a simple task. There were many challenges to overcome. The needs of children over the past century and a half have changed and Thornwell has changed to meet the varied needs of children and families they are called to serve. We hope that you will open your hearts and your wallets and give generously to the special offering used to partner with Thornwell in meeting the needs of young people.

**Nursery for November -December**

**If you are unable to help on the day assigned, please switch with someone. Thank you for your help in this.**

November 24	Laura Folger	Cathy Chapman
December 1	Mary Jane Evans	Steve Cook
December 8	Charlene Tillman	Marietta Melton
December 15	Maggie Lloyd	Edward Tinsley
December 22	Brittany Tillman	Heather Tucker
December 29	Alison Chapman	Michael Chapman

Ms. Louise Carpenter is currently in room 1134 in Tower 3 at McLeod in Florence if anybody would like to send cards or visit. Please keep Mrs. Louise and her family in your prayers for her recovery.



*Our Vision*

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

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

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