

Order of Worship
November 22, 2026
Christ the King Sunday

Prelude *Prayer of Thanks,* Mansfield

Call to Worship (Responsive) adapted from *Psalm 100*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

One: Know this! The Lord is God!

All: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

All: God's faithfulness is for all generations! Come, let us worship God!

Hymn No. 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power are yours, yet you give us freedom to choose and act. We thank you for this freedom, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do things we know will have harmful effects on others and on your creation. We deny our own agency and claim to have no influence over suffering and injustice in this world. Forgive us, Merciful God. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ, the advocate for the least among us, that we would be empowered to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly before you. Through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581

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.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

Word to Grow By

Anthem *Celtic Laud* (11:00)

Second Reading *Matthew 25:31-46*

Sermon *The Jesus Who Judges,* Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (11:00)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another... that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted... that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal p. 35

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth*, Mansfield (11:00)

Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion (9:00)

Hymn No. 295 *Go to the World!*

Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare on "Lobe den Herren"*, Penfield

Liturgist: Noah Dimick

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our online Friendship Register or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors