

Order of Worship

November 23, 2025

Christ the King



Prelude

Fantasia on "Nun Danket," Livingston

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: We gather to worship God, who looks favorably on all creation.

All: We sing blessings to God, who stands with us for justice and salvation.

One: We gather to worship God, who inspires prophets in every time and place.

**All: We sing blessings to God, who makes faithful promises,
to us and our ancestors and guides our feet on paths of peace.**

Hymn No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

based on Jeremiah 23:1-4

O God of justice and mercy, you call us to be shepherds who gather and protect those more vulnerable than ourselves. We speak of your justice, but our actions continue to leave others scattered on the edges of society. In the name of our own safety, we shield ourselves from others, push them away with closed doors, hostile looks, and insensitive questions. Even as we protest the actions of the rich and powerful, we have still absorbed their desire for king-like power. We remain tempted by the dream of the Good Life, where goodness for some comes at the expense of many. Raise us up, O God, from our willful ignorance; bring us back into the fold; help us shepherd in the genuine change that reflects your desire for all to flourish.

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Word to Grow By

Special Music

Celtic Laud, Estelle Carter, soloist

Second Reading

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon

The King We Want and the King We Need, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 240

Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord (11:00)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

adapted from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe

- that God is revealed as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

To the one and only God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

Redeeming Grace. Wetherill (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. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction

Postlude

Festival Postlude, Broughton

Liturgist: Julie Price

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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