



# First Presbyterian Church Sunday, November 24, 2024



*Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit – Serving God's People*

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



## Order of Worship for Reign of Christ Sunday

### Prayer in Preparation

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

### Prelude

*Give Thanks*

arr. Fred Bock

### Gathering for Worship

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

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship the Lord our God!**

\*Hymn #268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### \*Call to Confession:

Leader: With sincere and repentant hearts,  
let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

### \*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

**All: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## \*Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

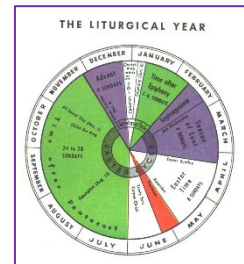
**All: And also with you!**

## \*Response #582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

## Children's Sermon

Color Me This



## Prayer for Illumination

Reader: Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened, and we may know the hope to which we have been called. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

## Old Testament Lesson

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (OT p. 828)

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As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

## Special Music

*Bringing in the Sheaves*

arr. Jay Althouse

## New Testament Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8 (NT p. 245)

...Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Proclamation of the Word

The Waiting is the Hardest Part

## \*Hymn #643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Invitation

Minister: "Friends, this is the joyful feast... ..to share the feast he has prepared."

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

...we lift our hearts with joyful praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son Jesus... ..and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.

### **Words of Institution**

Minister: We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

*(The bread is distributed.)*

Minister: In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

*(The cup is distributed.)*

### **Conclusion of the Prayer**

Minister: Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicate to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... ..forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Covenant Box**

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

Leader: In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

#### **Offertory**

*Little Nocturne*

Jakub Metelka

#### **\*#606 Doxology**

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Holy God, use us, and these gifts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer**

#### **Joys and Concerns**

Minister: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Minister: For all these people and all who are in need...

**All: Please hold your people near, O God!**

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Minister: Let us pray... *Silent Prayer*

Minister: Let us pray together...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

\*Hymn #275

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

## Announcements

### Blessing

Minister: May you have walls for the wind and a roof for the rain, and drinks bedside the fire. Laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all that your heart may desire. Amen.

### Postlude

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Heather Sorenson

### A Moment for Reflection:



### Worship Assistants

Merit Sullivan- Greeter  
Beth Forsberg- Worship Assistant  
Jiyeon Lee- Accompanist  
Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Jim Calloway- Head Usher  
Brenda Myers- Scripture Reader  
Diane Cash- Zoom Greeter  
Special Music- Carlyn Zimmermann

### NOVEMBER 24, 2024

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.  
Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall (Hosts: Nick and Jessica Barker)

### NOVEMBER 26, 2024

6:30 pm Bible Study with Judy Beyler

### NOVEMBER 28, 2024 – OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

### NOVEMBER 30, 2024

9:30am Decorating for Advent and Christmas

### DECEMBER 1, 2024

10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.  
Christmas Around the World and Fellowship Potluck

### Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:

Monday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm  
Wednesday 9:00am-11:00am

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit— please let Pastor Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church School** meets downstairs in rooms 041 and 043. Parents can pick up their children after the service by using the stairway near Fellowship Hall. Enter the double wooden doors by the water fountains, go down the stairs and turn right to go through another set of doors. The classrooms will be on your right.

**Decorating for Advent and Christmas:** Saturday, November 30, 2024, we welcome volunteers to join us at the church at 9:30 am to help put up the trees and other decorations for the season. There will be coffee and a snack to fortify everyone for the work (which usually takes about two hours). Please contact Wendi Zea for more information.

**A congregational meeting** will be held immediately following the worship service Sunday, December 1, 2024. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee to establish a Pastor Nominating Committee.  
Rev. Kerry Bean Moderator  
Rob Jensen, Clerk of Session

**December 1, 2024, is the First Sunday in Advent.** Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a special time of fellowship following worship. You will be treated to **Christmas Around the World** featuring Bethlehem (of course), Mexico, Sweden and Poland. We will also enjoy a **potluck dinner**. (The church will provide ham and everyone else is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.)

December 15 is the annual **Deacons' Cookie Sunday**. Church members and friends are encouraged to bring cookies (including sugar-free options) to church that morning to enjoy during Fellowship. Cookie plates will be prepared to deliver to church members and friends who are unable to attend worship regularly. Contact Pam Holt for more details.

**Reminder from Green Guardians:** Please take your flexible plastics to the drop-off at Schnucks west door or to Kohl's (instead of leaving them at the GG table). These are the plastics that are recycled into Trex building materials. Thank you for helping in small ways.

*Please, as you are able, continue to contribute financially to the life and ministry of the church through Sunday offerings, direct deposit, by sending checks in the mail, online at <http://www.firstpresdale.org> or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.*



## Joys and Concerns

### Remember to Pray for:

- Those affected by natural disasters, threats of terrorism, mass shootings, and hate crimes
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Areas of the world at war, peace in the Middle East
- Our Democracy in the face of social unrest and political polarization
- Transgender community and others under attack legislatively
- Those who are homeless, hungry, marginalized, underrepresented and in harm's way
- Military Service Members

Each week we pray for one of the Carbondale Interfaith Council faith communities.

This week, please pray for: **Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Stewardship Facilities and Finance**

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God of all creation, I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise.

Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today, and keep me faithful to your ways, for I want to live for you. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day. Where I failed to do your will, forgive me. Grant me peace throughout this night, and if I should die, welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light; in Jesus' name. Amen.

#268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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#582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (sing twice)

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

#643                    *Now Thank We All Our God*  
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1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

#606                    *Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*  
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.

#275                  *A Might Fortress Is Our God*  
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1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.