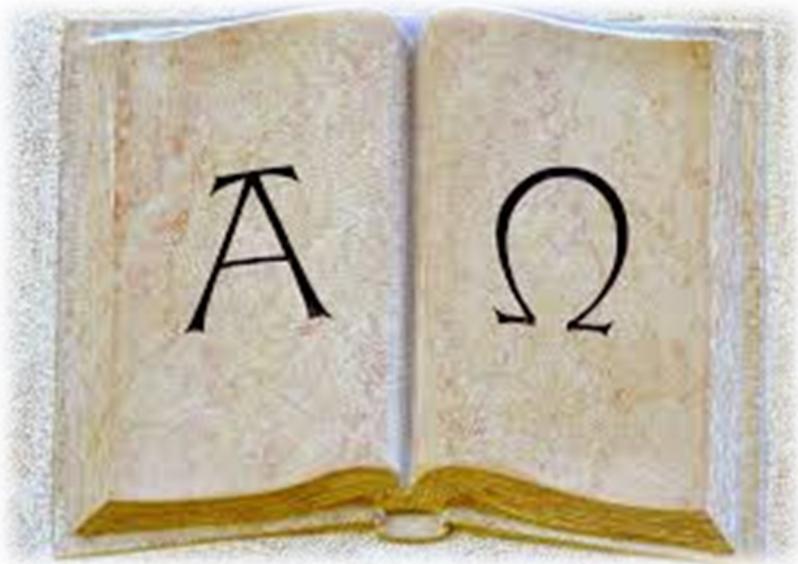


Sunday, November 21st, 2021
Reign of Christ Sunday
10:30 AM



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"Thy Kingdom Come"

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Liturgy for Sunday, November 21st, 2021

Reign of Christ Sunday

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: "The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne." ~ Psalm 11: 4

Ringling of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

Elder Jan Owens

The Lord is God; we are God's people.

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

To God be the glory forever and ever.

In Christ all things hold together.

He is head of the church and Lord of all.

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. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Proverbs 3: 5-10"

* Hymn: "All Glory Laud and Honor" # 173

* Passing the Peace

Current Prayer Concerns: Karlah Fitzgerald, Nancy Kaiser, June Todd, Shami Maxwell, Esther Smith, Melissa Fields, Russ Shallcross, Denise, Shirley Warren, Jim Phillips, Carol Nelson, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Carolyn Walston, Jack Hood, Maggie Mazcho, Lynda, Martha Sekely, Terry Campanella, Bob Lebo, Tanya Ehlers, Andy Hales, and Lydia Frasca.

Those homebound or undergoing treatment: John Snyder, Debra Latture

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Hearing Assistance

Headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary for hearing assistance.

Directory Updates: *No updates this week.*

Communion: When we are celebrating communion, we will serve non-alcoholic grape juice instead of wine.

Food Pantry

We are seeing an uptick in folks coming to our door seeking help with food. If you are able, please consider dropping off food items during office hours or on Sunday. We primarily need non-perishables that are easy to consume without added ingredients for preparation.



Perishable items we can use include bread, eggs, and frozen dinners.

Thank you for your generosity of spirit, time, and resources. We continue to be neighbors helping neighbors.

The following is the schedule of "hostesses" for fellowship following Sunday worship for the remainder of November:

Nov 21st	Church Family Thanksgiving
Nov 28th	Jan Owens and Peggy Webster

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Nov 21	Church Thanksgiving Dinner	After Worship
Sun, Nov 21	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Sun, Nov 21	Community Thanksgiving Service	7:00 PM
Tues, Nov 23	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
Tues, Nov 23	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Wed, Nov 24	Girl Scouts # 812	6:00 PM
Fri, Nov 26	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Fri, Nov 26	Jackson / Skarda Rehearsal	3:30 PM
Sat, Nov 27	Jackson / Skarda Wedding	3:00 PM

Birthdays: Pete Hanes and Pat Mitchell (11/21), Sharon Sauer and Emily Hak (11/28)

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vase are given:
~ By Pete and Olive Hanes in thankfulness to God for all His blessings and in celebration of Olive's birthday on the 15th, Pete's birthday today, and our 60th wedding anniversary on the 18th.

~ A basket of flowers is placed by Rich and Nancy Wright in loving memory of Rich's mother, Rose and the celebration of her November birthday with Jesus.

Christmas Poinsettias

Marty Cropper has let us know that our Christmas Poinsettias will remain at \$9.00 each. Dedication forms are on the glass table at the back of the sanctuary. Please return them by December 5th.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting for the First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City will be held on **Sunday, December 5, 2021**, immediately following our Lord's Day Worship Service. Nomination Forms for the positions of Elder and Deacon, are still available on the glass table at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting—
it cannot be contained but must be poured out.

We believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

We live as a people set free. Thanks be to God.

* Gloria Patri (unison)

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Sisters and brothers,
we worship the One who stands
at the beginning and at the end of history—
the God for whom all time is now.
Every day we have a chance to participate
in the work God is doing in the world.
By bringing our gifts each week,
by offering our lives each day,
we affirm our trust in a power beyond violence,
beyond greed.
Let us gladly offer who we are—
and what we hold—
in service to God.

* Doxology (unison)

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

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God,
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.
Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more—
for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor's daily bread,
and we pray by the power of his name. Amen.

Choral Anthem: "A Celtic Song of Thanks"

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit
govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of
justice and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 [NRSV]

Elder Lisa Bayles

7:9 As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

7:10 A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

7:13 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

The Majesty of God's Rule

*The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.*

*He has established the world;
it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.*

*The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the Lord!*

*Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forevermore.*

Psalm 93

Presbyterian Giving - A Garden Well \$1500

In addition to Operation Christmas Child, this season we will broaden our mission work through Presbyterian Giving. Our Deacons have put in place a matching challenge to purchase a Garden Well for a community in need. For the total cost of \$1500, First Presbyterian can gift a well and hand pump to provide a reliable and convenient source of clean water for drinking, bathing, washing, and irrigation. Access to clean water, close to home, can transform a life — improving health, hygiene and daily living.

For every \$1 you donate, the Deacons' will match dollar for dollar, up to \$750.00.

Donations to this effort can be made by check (*note Garden Well in the memo section*) or through our Online Giving process. Please submit prior to **December 12th**.



7:14 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.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 18: 33-37

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18:33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 18:34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 18:35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 18:37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "Thy Kingdom Come"

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* Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" # 234

* Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things
and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the first born of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, you have exalted Jesus over all creation
to lead us into truth.

Receive the prayers we offer in his name
and for the world you so dearly love.

Give wisdom to all leaders and people
to resist the earthly powers that destroy our common life;
guide us in the way of peace.

Bring unity of mission to your church
and fill us with a joy for your gospel
as we invite others into your reign.

Enfold all who suffer in body, mind, or soul
into the comfort of your healing,
and enable us to extend our arms in kindness as
witness to your love. And we pray for ...

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
we remember those who are dying and have died;
may they know the joy of your never-ending realm of peace.
Sovereign God, you sent Jesus to inaugurate a world of justice
and peace through the power of your Spirit.

May the words we pray be more than words this day, may our
words be those taught to us by your Son, our Lord and Savior,
and we pray, **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.**

*Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" # 4

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Go Now in Peace"

Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.*

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen ... Amen ... Amen