

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**November 24, 2024, at 10:00am**

**CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST  
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”  
“Now Thank We All Our God”  
“At the Name of Jesus”  
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”  
“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”  
“We Gather Together”  
“Lead On, O King Eternal!”  
“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”*

**WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS**

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit.

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Thanks Be to Thee”* (Handel)

**MOMENT FOR MISSIONS**

Paula Grieves/Dietta Hitchcock

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Daniel 7:14

God established the world from of old.  
**God’s reign shall never end.**  
God delivered us in freedom and truth.  
**God’s love is everlasting.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #268**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* (Elvey)

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

(In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.)

## **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Sisters and brothers, God loves us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins; therefore, be at peace.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **\*HYMN #582**                    *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (Vasile)

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.

Chorus: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end,  
without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (Chorus)

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another offering signs of welcome and acceptance of love.

## **MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Tuesday Lingle

### **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to receive a word of truth, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ’s love. **Amen.**

## **READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

### **FIRST READING**

Revelation 1:4b-8

### **SECOND READING**

John 18:33-37

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Reverend Dr. Kelly Pigott

### Thanksgiving Hymns

\*HYMN #367      “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (Elvey) (Verses 1 & 2)  
#336                      “We Gather Together” (Kremser) (Verses 1 & 3)

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said, everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. Heeding his word with grateful hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*“This is My Father’s World”* (Harris)

### \*DOXOLOGY #606

Genevan Psalter

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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.**

### SENDING

**\*CLOSING HYMN #37**      *“Let All Things Now Living”* (Welsh Folk Melody)  
(November Hymn of the Month)

### **\*BENEDICTION**

God has made us to be a kingdom of priests to love God and serve the world.  
Go in peace to love and serve. May the blessing of God, the One who creates,  
redeems, and restores, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE #265**      *“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”*

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