

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

November 20, 2022

10:00am

**CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST
GATHERING**

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”
“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”
“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”
“For the Beauty of the Earth”
“We Gather Together”
“Thank You, Lord”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

CHIMES

(The pouring of water invites us to remember and to celebrate our baptism into the body of Christ.)

PRELUDE

“Thanks Be to Thee” (Handel)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your immediate neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:68

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God’s people and redeemed them.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has called us God’s own beloved and called each of us by name.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has blessed God’s creation and called us to worship.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
(Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have called your people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be to the Father” (Greatorex)

CALL TO CONFESSION

We do not confess our sins in the hope of forgiveness; we confess our sins with the certainty of forgiveness. For the apostle Paul assures us that we have been rescued from the power of darkness, and transferred into the kingdom of God’s beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. And so, with that promise, that assurance, that redemption, we confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Hear the Good News of the Gospel:

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, through the generations you have spoken to us. You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness. You have sent the words of an overjoyed new father and an expectant mother. You have sent the assurance of a condemned man on a cross. Quiet in us any voice but your own that, by the power of your Spirit, we might hear the words you speak to us today. **Amen.**

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 46

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 23:1–6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Colossians 1:11–20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

DUET “Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet”
 (Traditional Spiritual/Arr. Moses) (Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop)

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 23:33–43

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #268** *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* (Elvey)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From the Confession of St. Patrick, 5th Century)

There is no other God, and there never was another, nor will there be any after him except God the Father, without beginning. From him is all beginning. He upholds all things. And his Son Jesus Christ whom together with the Father we testify to have always existed. Before the beginning of the world, he was spiritually present with the Father. Begotten in an indescribable manner before all beginning. By him all things visible and invisible were made. He was made human and, having overcome death was received into heaven to the Father. And the Father has bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and God. In him we believe, and we await his coming who before long shall judge the living and dead. He will render to everyone according to his deeds, and has poured out abundantly on us the gift of the Holy Spirit, even the pledge of immortality, who makes those that believe and obey to be the sons of God the Father and joint-heirs with Christ. Him we confess and adore—one God in the Trinity of the sacred name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The blessed apostle Paul sings the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation; in whom all things in heaven and on earth were created. Let us affirm God's sovereignty over all creation, continuing our worship through the offering of our gifts to the Lord.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (Harris)

*DOXOLOGY #606

Genevan Psalter

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

*OUR 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 and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #648** *"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"* (Nelson)
(sing twice) (November Hymn of the Month)

*MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

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