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Order of Worship **November 24, 2024** **Christ the King Sunday**

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Darin

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

INTROIT

He is Exalted

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Revelation 1:4-5; Isaiah 6:3

Pastor Darin

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,
And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Darin

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

No. 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stephanie Merrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Stephanie Merrell

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for individual confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Stephanie Merrell

In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Live as a people set free.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

No. 267

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>My Tribute</i>	Chancel Choir
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Stephanie Merrell
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Stephanie Merrell

¹The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: ²The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. ³The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. ⁵Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? ⁶But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; ⁷to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor Darin
GOSPEL LESSON	John 18:33-37	Pastor Darin

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate 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?” ³⁶Jesus 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.” ³⁷Pilate 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.”

SERMON	“Christ Reigns”	Pastor Darin
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Declaration of Faith, 1985, adapted for use Pastor Darin
 Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself.
He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners.

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.

When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

*HYMN	<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!</i>	No. 260
WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS		
Invitation to Give		Stephanie Merrell
Prayer of Dedication		Stephanie Merrell
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Darin
*HYMN	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!</i>	No. 263
*BLESSING		Pastor Darin
*POSTLUDE		

*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

Join us after the service to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas!

Kids are welcome during worship. We have Faithful Friends—an area just off the sanctuary for younger children who want to remain with their families but find it difficult to sit for the service. Kids' bags are also provided for help with children sitting in the pews. A nursery is provided for children under four.

Hearing devices are available from the sound desk.

We collect an **offering** each week. The offering, collected before and after worship, can be dropped in an offering plate located at the front and back of our sanctuary. You may also give online at fpcstcloud.org

Sermon outlines are provided at the back of our sanctuary.

The worship service is **livestreamed** on YouTube. You can join us again online or in person.

Name tags are provided in the pew rack in front of you.

Mon., November 25

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Calendar

Thur., November 28

Church will be Closed

Tues., November 26

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study

5:00 pm - Crusade Rehearsal Narrators meet/read

6:00 pm - Crusade Rehearsal Instruments Only

Fri., November 29

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

Sun., December 1

10:00 am - Worship

11:00 am—Congregational Meeting

Wed., November 27

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (Nov. 24)

Rev. Darin Seaman (Pastor), Stephanie Merrell (Worship Leader), Linda Bettison, Jeanne Duininck (Ushers), Betty Payne (Greeter), Lori Smith, Ariel Yu (Nursery), Chancel Choir, Jullian Euteneuer (Musicians), Jay Espelien, John Scott, Karen Ondracek (Audio), Ryne Pentz (Equal Exchange).

Deacon Committee “Thank you”

The Deacons thank the congregation for their generous donations of food/cash to our October Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard. You provided individuals and families in need with 367 pounds of food and \$170 in cash donations. The donations were distributed to the Place of Hope and the Salvation Army. Thank you.

GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) “Thank you”

Thank you for joining us for GIFT Sunday! Together, we will soon begin the joyful anticipation of Christmas, guided by the Advent calendars we created, each reflecting hope, peace, joy, and love.

Christmas Poinsettias (Dec. 1)

Please let us know if you would to purchase a poinsettia as a honor/memorial of a loved one. All orders have to be placed before **Dec 1** to arrive in-time. They will be place in the sanctuary on December 22. Order forms will be on the table in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Gift Tree (Dec. 1)

‘Tis the Season! Are you ready to put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas? The Christmas Gift/Angel Tree will be up in the west entrance by Dec. 1st, with gift tags for you to choose. Each tag lists the child’s age, gender and some gift suggestions. You do not need to purchase every item on the tag as we want to give you options. Buy a gift(s), spending about \$30, wrap it, attach the tag and return it to church no later than **December 15th**. The gifts will be picked up on the 18th or delivered to those who are not able to get to the church. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Arnold (290-4629) or any member of the Mission Committee. Thank you!

Christmas Tea (Dec. 7)

The Annual Christmas Tea at the church will be on Dec. 7th, starting at **noon**. . Limited in-person seating is available for \$20 a seat or Christmas To-Go packs can be purchased for \$15 by contacting the church or Brenda Espelien at (320) 291-5084.

Congregational Meeting (Dec. 1)

Join us for a congregational meeting next Sunday, after worship, for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Help us Stock the Shoppe!

A Pop-Up Shop will be setup to browse through and to choose tags representing items that are desired by Place of Hope, like an Angel Tree. You can shop for the items listed on the tags and drop them off in the designated bins. The Pop-Up Shop is a mock-up of the actual setup at Place Of Hope, where the kids will actually be selecting gifts for their loved ones. Financial donations are also greatly appreciated. This is just one small way to support the less fortunate and the share the joy of the holidays!