



... *from*
JESUS
to him be
CHRIST..
GLORY *and* **DOMINION**
forever and ever. Amen.

REVELATION 1:5-6, NRSV

November 20, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church



Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for snacks and fellowship. Today's coffee hour is hosted by **Rose Ann Spencer**.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Today following 10:30 worship, join us in Stevenson Hall for a Thanksgiving feast, served by The Deacons.

Thanksgiving Message - Log on to our Facebook page www.fpcburgwv.org on Thanksgiving Day for Pastor Annie's video message, premiering at **10:30 a.m.**

Advent Book Study - Pastor Annie will lead an Advent book study, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*, **6:30 p.m.** each Wednesday in Advent, beginning **November 30**, in Room 123 (across from the kitchen).

Bible Study - Amy Rogers will conduct a 7-week Bible study, in Room 124 (across from the kitchen), beginning **Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.** The study will be based on the book *Seamless: Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story* by Angie Smith. It will include maps, general Bible stories and word studies covering the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Please see or call Amy Rogers (304-481-6340) to sign up.

Thank You! to all who helped with and donated to the **Men's J Dollar Breakfast**. We were able to raise \$1500, which will be used to purchase winter coats for some of the folks attending our annual Christmas Dinner.

Sneakers Collection - Students at Parkersburg South High School are in need of sneakers. If you'd like to donate some gently-used sneakers (mostly men's sizes) leave them in the bin in the foyer, or see Melanie Thompson.

Hygiene Drive - The Mission Committee will continue to collect hygiene items for distribution to attendees at our Christmas Day Dinner. Pick up a list of requested items at the display table in the hallway and deposit your donations there.

Volunteer Recognition - Beginning in January the Session will honor a special volunteer each quarter. Based upon nominations from the congregation, a committee will select a volunteer for recognition. To nominate a volunteer for the current quarter, pick up a form from the foyer and return to the offering plate or the church office before **January 8**.

Sympathy - We extend our sincere condolences and prayers to:

- Bev Lippman, upon the loss of her sister, Norma Jeanne Smith
- Amy Rogers, upon the loss of her great-grandmother, Leo Jones

STATS AT-A-GLANCE

	October	YTD
Income	\$15,130.99	\$185,297.58
Expenses	\$17,314.89	\$226,269.50
Diff. (+/-)	(\$ 2,183.90)	(\$ 40,971.92)
Avg. Attendance:		
	Oct.	YTD
8:30	14	13
10:30	49	47
Facebook	3	Families

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Come, praise and honor the Most High, the one who lives forever.

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

Amid the holiday rush, let's pause to reflect:

not yet on a stable, or star, or Advent candles,
or everything for which we're thankful.

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has sent us a mighty Savior.

Those days are surely coming, but others are as well:

*days of holiness and righteousness,
salvation and safety, deliverance and rescue.*

Such are the days of Christ's reign.

Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ, who reigns in glory forever.

We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.

We come to praise, honor, and worship the King of Heaven.

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God,

*through the Lordship of your Son, Jesus Christ,
the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose,
and creation finds its meaning.*

*As we pray for your coming reign,
remind us that the whole earth is already yours.*

*Even as we pray for things not yet seen,
help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign;
through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

***Hymn 263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

Children's Time

*Those who are able, please stand.

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Imagining your reign can be difficult, eternal God.
We try to remember that you are the Lord.
We try to remember that you are the one who reigns.
But we can't picture a world
governed by your justice and righteousness alone.
Instead we act as if the powers of this world
are the ones that reign forever.
Forgive us when nobler visions fail
and we settle for kingdoms of our own making.
Teach us to listen and to place our trust in your abiding power.
Remind us to turn to you and proclaim your eternal reign
through our words and actions;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember that
in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do,
you are accepted, you are welcomed, you are washed clean.
In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

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

*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory to God

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.

Special Music

GROWING

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

p. 143

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Scripture

Luke 23:33-43

p. 748

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that

nothing in life or in death can separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CARING

Offering

*The Doxology

Hymn 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The 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.*

GOING

*Hymn 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*Benediction and Sending Forth

The Postlude



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*

Liturgist - *Mikki Bosley*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Organist - *Jane Kincheloe*

...He is Lord of lords and King of kings...

Revelation 17:14



In the Bible, no one is called “Lord of lords” but God and Christ. Although a couple of Old Testament earthly kings (Artaxerxes and Nebuchadnezzar) are referred to as “king of kings,” only in reference to Christ is the term capitalized — “King of kings.”

Earthly rulers can claim supremacy, but we celebrate Christ the King Sunday as the culmination of the liturgical year to testify that our Lord Jesus is Ruler of all. In the words of the famous “Hallelujah” chorus from Handel’s *Messiah*: “King of kings and Lord of lords; and he shall reign for ever and ever!”

Next week, the First Sunday of Advent,
we begin an Advent Worship Series titled
“Heaven and Nature Sing! Over 300 Years of Joy to the World”

Theme for November 27: “Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy”
Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Ruth Ann Huddle	Bev Lippman & Family	Katy Stephens
Bernice Lemley	Amy Rogers & Family	Judy Stephens
Doug Anderson	Wayne & Carol Sanders	Mary Slater
Danny Clevenger	Melanie Thompson	Doris Dunn
Charlotte Johnson	Becky Holdren & family	Mysti Ruble
Megan Dougherty	Roy Clark & Family	Brook Hurt
Denise Fragale	Homebound Members	Matt Null
Michael Hocking	Troops – World Peace	Bill Niday

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, November 20 *Christ the King Sunday* *Cents-Ability Offering*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner - Stevenson Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Greening of the Church

Monday, November 21

- 6:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee - Room 204

Tuesday, November 22

- 12:30 p.m. PW Board meets - Harris Room

Thursday, November 24 *Thanksgiving Day* **Church office closed**

Saturday, November 19

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Room 123

Sunday, November 27 *First Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Bell Rehearsal - Bell Room
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
10:15 a.m. - Coffee with the Pastor
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

