



# First Presbyterian

## CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

November 20, 2022

**Christ the King Sunday**

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Joyful Procession

Kevin Ko  
The Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Will you come before the King of Kings?

**We come with thanks and praise!**

Won't you come before the Creator of all that was, is, and will be?

**We come with thanks and praise!**

Come worship our almighty God, whose love is unending!

**We come with thanks and praise!**

How do we worship this King?

**With grateful hearts and voices raised in thanksgiving!**

Let our worship be full of songs of praise to Christ the King. Let our prayers abound with our commitment to be Christ followers – sharing goodness and grace as our response of thanksgiving!

\*HYMN 554 (V.1-2)

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living  
A song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us,  
Protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished,  
All fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces.  
The stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains,  
The rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing  
Our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:  
Till all things now living  
Unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you love us, but we've not loved you. You bless us, but we've not thanked you. You call, but we've not listened. We condone evil, prejudice, gossip, warfare, untruth, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. Let your forgiveness fill us now with renewed energy to embrace your kingdom here on earth as in heaven where your goodness reigns.**

*Silent prayer*

**Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of the Most High: you are forgiven and welcomed into the kingdom. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**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.**

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 100

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

**Serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine presence with a song.**

Know this: the Lord is God; the one that made us and to whom we belong.

**We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these courts with praise!

**Give thanks to God. Call upon the name of the Lord.**

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:11-20

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

ANTHEM

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Hymn 154

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,  
First begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender,  
Now lift up Your people's head.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread!  
Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for faith's discernment pray we,  
Lest we fail to know You now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are here, we ask not how.  
You are here, we ask not how.

Paschal Lamb, Your offering, finished  
Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Cleansing us from every stain.  
Cleansing us from every stain.

Life imparting heavenly manna,  
Smitten rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship You, the Lamb who died.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!  
Risen, ascended, glorified!

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gifted with the grace of God, let us offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, thank you for the wonderful things you have made.  
Thank you for the universe full of stars and planets.  
Thank you for our world, full of life.  
Thank you for making each one of us.  
Thank you for loving each one of us.  
Take these gifts we now offer back to you.  
May they be used to the glory of your name.  
We offer you ourselves and all the gifts you have blessed us with.  
Take us and use us to share your love with the world.  
Amen.

\*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## 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.**

### WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN 555 (V.1-3)

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,  
Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son  
And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God,  
Whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is,  
And shall be evermore.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Remember to give thanks to our God who is so good, whose love endures forever. And may the love of the Redeemer, the joy of the Creator, the fellowship of the Counsellor be with you now and always.

**Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**

We Gather Together (Hymn 559)

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Worship Leaders

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Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

The Chancel Choir

Mercy Barrow, Liturgist

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**Colossians 1:11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - 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 the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from 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 to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.