

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21, 2021

The earliest Christians identified Jesus with the predicted Messiah of the Jews.

The Jewish word "messiah," and the Greek word "Christ," both mean "anointed one," and came to refer to the expected ruler who would deliver Israel from the hands of the Romans.

Christians believe that Jesus is this expected Messiah.

Unlike the Messiah most Jews expected, Jesus came to free all people, Jew and Gentile, but did free them from the Roman rule, but from sin and death.

Thus, the ruler of the Jews, and of the cosmos, does not rule over any realm of this world.

Our service of worship begins as we GATHER.
We sing our praises to God,
we are called to worship God,
we confess to God together,
we are reminded of God's pardon of what we confess, and
we share signs of peace as we greet one another.

Our worship of God involves us all so there are many times when we speak together or when we respond to the leading of another. These times when we speak (and sing) together are noted by **bold text**.

If you are comfortable, you are invited to stand whenever you see the standing icon. 

OH, WORSHIP THE KING / setting Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord says to my lord:

"Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool."

Yahweh God, send forth from Zion your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your foes!

Your people will offer themselves freely

on the day you lead your host upon the holy mountains.

From the womb of the morning like dew, your youth will come to you.

Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN / COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING / Glory to God, Hymn 267

 CALL TO CONFESSION

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, Ruler of creation, you came to be the servant of all, especially to the sick, the weak and us sinners. Your love is so deep as to make you lay down your life for all. Bring us your healing forgiveness and invite us to share in your holiness by helping us grow in your truth, your love and your spirit of service.
Lead us into everlasting life.

A Moment of Silent Confession

 ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

 PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We continue our worship as the Word is PROCLAIMED.

We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us receive the Word spoken,
we hear Scripture(s) in song and word,
we listen to a reflection on the Scripture(s), and
we begin our own reflection during a period of quiet.

SPECIAL MUSIC / WALK IN LIGHT / Karen Marrolli

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / John 18:33-38a

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We RESPOND to the Word as:
we affirm our faith in song,
we offer our prayers to God, and
we commit through offering to God's work in the world.

CONVERSATION STARTER / Joining Jesus: Triumphant and whole

MUSICAL MEDITATION / WE PRAISE YOU, OH GOD / setting Michael Burkhardt

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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

As the service of worship of God comes to a close, we acknowledge that
God SENDS us out into the world to be bearers of the good news of God.

We sing a song affirming the calls God has placed on our hearts,
we receive a charge reminding us of God's call, and
we are bid into the work of God with a blessing.



CLOSING HYMN / CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS / Glory to God, Hymn 268

CHARGE AND BLESSING

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN / setting Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of November 21, 2021

We welcome all of our visitors who are worshiping with us this day.

Hearing assistance devices are available, as are large print Bibles and hymnals. Please contact the ushers for assistance. If you need weekly large print bulletins, please contact the office.

Serving us:	Worship Leader:	Rev. Glen Reichelderfer
	Organist:	Karen Minson
	Choir Director:	Brianne Sura
	Nursery Director:	Linda Volmar

Next Saturday: 10:00 AM Hanging of the Greenery

Next Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday Worship

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Andrew Byshenk, Paul Vrakas, Duane Jacobson and Zaine Radcliff

• **Deacons visit:** If you know someone who is hospitalized and who would appreciate a visit from one of the Deacons, please contact Therese in the office and she will let them know.

• **Hanging of the Greenery:** we be decorating the church for the season of Advent on **Saturday, November 27 at 10:00 AM.** Come join us for a fun couple of hours to help ready the church. There will be a lunch fellowship to follow.

• **The Christmas Joy Offering** has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering, running from **November 28th - December 19th**, distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. Envelopes will be on the entry table.

• **Women's Breakfast:** Come join us for fellowship and good food as the women of First Presbyterian Church join for breakfast. **We will meet at 9:00 at the Coop in Waukesha, 350 Delafield St., on the third Tuesday of each month.**

• **Men's Breakfast:** Come join us for breakfast as the men of First Presbyterian Church resume their fellowship meetings. **Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM at Dady-Oh's, 250 West Broadway, Waukesha.** We meet the third Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there!

• **Mitten Tree:** Our annual collection of gifts for children in Milwaukee is up in the Sanctuary! The mitten tree is ready and waiting for your generous donations. Please bring books, stuffed animals, toys, crafts, coloring books and crayons, board games, hats, mittens, scarves, coats and boots that would be appropriate for children ages 1-12. We will be taking donations **through Sunday, November 28.** Together we will help make Christmas joyful and warm for dozens of God's children, proving that with God's help, a lot of little churches can make a big impact.

• **Pastoral Care:** If you require pastoral care, please contact Rev. Glen on his cell at **(608) 576-1408** or in the office at **(262) 542-4243.** He will look forward to meeting you.

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