



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**
COVINGTON, GA

Christ
the
King Sunday

NOVEMBER 20, 2022



Gathering As God's Beloved People

Gathering Music *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Carl G. Glazer
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION
All Glory, Laud, and Honor Melchior Teschner

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMB

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Call to Worship

God has looked favorably on all of God's people
and has redeemed all of creation.

God has given us a mighty Savior, the Lord whose reign we celebrate.

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

Let us worship God!

✠ **Hymn of Praise 643** *Now Thank We All Our God* NAN DANKET ALLE GOTT

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Community Confession

Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power. Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a source of light on the way to peace.

✠ Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Church, we are forgiven!

We are free to try again.

✠ Response to God's Grace 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

✠ Passing of the Peace



Proclaiming the Word

Wondering with God's Children

Prayer for God's Wisdom and Understanding

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

NRSV pew page 200

John 18:33-37

NRSV pew page 113

Message

Christ the King

Rev. Erin Morgan



Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn of Response 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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✠ Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Carillon Bell Choir

Welsh Folk Melody

Arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

✠ Response 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost . Amen.***



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Anthem

Living Bread

Text by Elizabeth H. Shank

Chancel Choir

Music by Gilbert M. Martin

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Church, you are invited to partake with bread and cup upon hearing the words "The gifts of God for the people of God." We recognize Christ is present with us as the Body of Christ in our sanctuary and in our homes this day. May the Holy Spirit dwell with you as we participate in the sacrament of communion together. One bread, one body!

Prayer After Communion



Being the Church in the World

✦ **Sending Hymn 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

✦ **Charge and Benediction**

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Postlude

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet



Worship Notes

Musical offerings are an act of worship. If you wish to express thanks to God at the conclusion of a musical offering, feel free to offer a hearty "Amen," a Biblical way of saying "so be it!" and affirming spiritual gifts. Music printed in our bulletin and streamed online is covered by One License #A-728738 authorizing their use.

Contact Cards

There are Contact Cards in each pew. Visitors are invited to sign in and place the Contact Card in the offering plate. If you are a visitor or interested in church membership, signing in gives us a way to connect. Members may also choose to fill out a contact card if their contact information has changed.

Children in Worship

Nursery care is available for children newborn through first grade. Our nursery is located on the lower level. Children are invited to wiggle and giggle in the pews during worship! Included in worship is a time of "Wondering with God's Children" where children are invited to come forward for a message. Afterward, they are invited to remain in worship or go downstairs with the nursery workers for the remainder of the service. Worship Bags are available for children on the rack outside the Sanctuary in the Narthex.

Serving Today

Tech Team | Dan Walden, Jonny Atkins, Brad Hawley
Usher Chair | John McCarthy Acolyte | Alexander Whisnant



Sermon Notes

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled.

From the Companion to the Book of Common Worship
(Geneva Press, 2003, 151)



Worship Music

Now Thank We All Our God

This hymn was written by Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran pastor in the little village of Ellenberg, Saxony. He grew up as the son of a poor coppersmith, felt called to the ministry, and after his theological training began his pastor work just as the Thirty Years' War was raging through Germany.

Floods of refugees streamed into the walled city of Ellenbert. The Swedish army encompassed the city gates, and inside the walls there was nothing but plague, famine, and fear. There was a tremendous strain on the pastors, who expended all their strength in preaching the gospel, caring for the sick and dying, and burying the dead. One after another, the pastors took ill themselves and perished until at last only Martin Rinkart was left. Some days he conducted as many as 50 funerals.

Finally, the Swedes demanded a huge ransom. It was Martin Rinkart who left the safety of the city walls to negotiate with the enemy, and he did it with such courage and faith that there was soon a conclusion of hostilities and the period of suffering ended. Rinkart, knowing there was no healing without thanksgiving, composed this hymn for the survivors of Ellenbert. It has been sung around the world ever since.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The city of Edinburgh, Scotland, with its Royal Mile and rugged hilltop castle, has produced some of Christianity's greatest hymnists. And who but the sturdy Scotch Presbyterians could produce such a powerful hymn on the sovereign, eternal power of God as "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"?

The author, Walter Chalmers Smith, was ordained as a minister in the Free Church of Scotland in 1850. In 1874, he became pastor of the Free High Church (Presbyterian) of Edinburg, a charge he kept until his retirement in 1894. Two years into his pastorate, he published a collection of hymns titled *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life*. It was here that "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" was introduced to the world.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

The original form of this hymn was written by Matthew Bridges and consisted of six 8-line stanzas. He thought of his hymn as a sermon in song, based on Revelation 19:12 ... "and on His head were many crowns." He called his hymn "The Song of the Seraphs." Matthew, who once wrote a book condemning Roman Catholics, ended up converting to Catholicism and left the Church of England.

In 1874, Godfrey Thring, a staunch Anglican clergyman, feared that some of Bridges' verses smacked too much of Catholic doctrine. Verse two, for example, "Crown Him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born ..." It seems odd to us now that such a verse would cause controversy, but in the end, Godfrey wrote six new verses for the same song. "Crown Him with Many Crowns" therefore became a 6-verse hymn that was written twice! Over the years, the 12 original verses have become intermingled in hymnbooks, with editors mixing and matching the verses.



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Want to Get Involved?

Reach out to become a more involved member of the church! We always have something happening that we would love for you to be a part of. You could be an integrated member of our church by volunteering with witness team, becoming an usher, joining a book club, singing in the choir or many other activities. Reach out to the office and we'll point you in the right direction!
Email: catherine@fpccov.org or call: 770-786-7321

Deacons

Day Kennon (2022)
Eleanor Scarborough (2023)
Darcel Tabb (2024)
Alice Walker (2022)

Session

<i>Class of 2022</i>	
John McCarthy	<i>Clerk of Session</i>
Aubrey Evans	<i>Christian Education</i>
Stephanie Scarborough	<i>Worship</i>
Trista Hooten Wilson	<i>Welcome</i>
<i>Class of 2023</i>	
Stan Hall	<i>Facilities</i>
Louly Hay Kapp	<i>Marketing</i>
Ed Perkerson	<i>Strategic Planning</i>
Bob Tabb	<i>Finance</i>
<i>Class of 2024</i>	
Billy Fortson	<i>Personnel</i>
Pat Harper	<i>Worship</i>
Curtis Watson	<i>Witness</i>

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Neeley Rentz Lane	<i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>Nursery Staff</i>
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Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/ Ambassador Choir</i>	Samantha Boozer
Catherine Laseter	<i>Dir. of Communications & Operations</i>	Laina Lalane
Peni Kehoe	<i>Finance Administrator</i>	Kennedy Lynn
		Amanda Sotolongo
		Kyla White

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Illness

- ✦ Patricia Edwards, grandmother of Kayla Dobbs
- ✦ Sandy Morehouse - recovering from pulmonary embolism
- ✦ Joe Burns, brother of Cathy Dobbs
- ✦ Stephanie Fortson - broken hip
- ✦ Patrick Carmichael
- ✦ Donald Vining, brother of Danny Vining - vision loss
- ✦ Beverly Beasley, friend of Jean Elder - caring for husband who has leukemia
- ✦ Larry Cox, brother-in-law of Randy Layton - cancer
- ✦ Bob Darby, friend of Jeff MacKenzie - leg amputated, kidney problems
- ✦ Bruce Hamilton, brother-in-law of Theodosia Wade - cancer
- ✦ Lonnie Lamb - chemotherapy

- ✦ Gary Lott, brother of Tricia Hinton - recovering at home following two brain surgeries
- ✦ Linea Lott, niece of Tricia Hinton - leukemia treatment
- ✦ Karen Lein Kaasa, sister-in-law of Julie MacKenzie - home health care
- ✦ Richard, friend of Miriam and Jack Wheeler - cell mutation
- ✦ Tony Taylor, brother of Alicia Taylor - gradually gaining strength with physical therapy
- ✦ Blair Weaver - health issues
- ✦ Joyce Williams, sister of Danny Vining - Alzheimer's

Condolences

- ✦ Our prayers are with Angela Gilmer as she mourns the death of her fiancé, Fred Calalay, who passed away on November 14, 2022. There are no plans for a service at this time.

Independent and Assisted Living

- ✦ Penny Blakeney - Oaks Assisted Living
- ✦ Julia Brubaker - Benton House
- ✦ Jean Elder - Florida with her daughter
- ✦ Dot Fincher - Merryvale
- ✦ Travis Moss - Westbury, Conyers
- ✦ Louise White - Merryvale

Military Service

- ✦ Billy Scarborough - Marines
- ✦ Koen Ardis - Navy

Prayer Requests

All prayer requests should be sent to: catherine@fpccov.org
Requests may be removed after three weeks if not updated.



Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 14th at 5:00pm
Meet at the FPC to carol in
The Cottage Links at Corrydale

This year's theme for Advent is From Generation to Generation... There is room for every story!

All are invited to **bring framed photos of loved ones** - ancestors, present day family photos, children and grandchildren, as well as family Bibles or other tokens of your tapestry of faith.

Bring these to Alicia by **November 26** to be a part of sharing your ancestral story for the start of Advent!



You are invited to **"Text to Give"** your offering. Text FPCCOV followed by your donation amount to: 73256
Or point your camera at the QR code and follow the link to give online.





Advent Workshop

November 27th at 4:00pm

RSVP by November 22nd to Erin so we can have enough supplies!

Explore the meaning of advent through hands-on activities, crafts and fellowship for families of children and youth!

- Sunday, November 20**
Christ the King Sunday
11:00am Worship
- Monday, November 21**
1:00pm A Novel Bunch Book Club
- Tuesday, November 22**
Advent Workshop RSVP
12:00pm Lectio Divina
2:15pm Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, November 23**
10:00am Blood Drive
- Thursday, November 24**
Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 25**
Office Closed
- Saturday, November 26**
9:30am Meals on Wheels Delivery
10:30am Church Decoration
- Sunday, November 27**
First Sunday of Advent
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
4:00pm Advent Workshop



Children's Christmas Pageant!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
DURING 11:00AM WORSHIP

Christmas Pageant Practices:

Dec. 4 at 9:45am
Dec. 11 at 9:45 am
Dec. 14 at 4:00pm

See Erin for more details and to sign up

A Novel Bunch

Book Club A Novel Bunch Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 22nd at 1:00pm on Zoom to discuss "The Weight of Mercy" by Deb Richardson-Moore. Discussion will be led by Judy Davis and author Deb Richardson-Moore!

Deck the Halls for Advent! Saturday, November 26 at 10:30am!
Church invited! | Let Catherine know you're coming by Nov. 22!



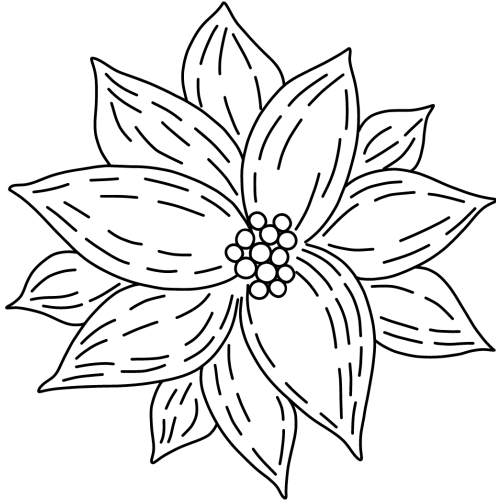

Blood Drive

Donating blood is as easy as pie!

November 23rd | 10:00am-3:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Get ready to roll up your sleeve, lay back and take it easy for about 30 minutes and then get cookies for your effort. Yes indeed, First Presbyterian is hosting a American Red Cross Blood Drive and everyone is welcome!

Donors can sign up at redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code **firstprescov**
Walk-ins are welcome!



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like help decorate the Sanctuary during Advent and Christmas, make a donation to honor or memorialize a loved one. To do so, fill out this form and attach a check made out to FPC and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Please put "poinsettias" in the memo space on your check or envelope.

Donations can also be made via Text to Give, by texting FPCCOV to: 73256

Please email Catherine@fpccov.org with your "in memory" and "in honor" details if you use Text to Give.

The order deadline is Tuesday, December 6th and a minimum donation of \$12 is suggested.

This year whatever donations we collect over the cost of the flowers will be given to Thornwell Home for Children.

Thank you!

Given by _____

Please use the first and last names for any person being remembered.

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

please circle one cash check