



November 23, 2025 ~ 8:30am Chapel ~ 10:30am Sanctuary
Seeking to See the Face of Christ...Striving to be the Hands of Christ

Leading Worship Today

Amy Smith and Rev. Russ Pearson

K-4th Sunday School is upstairs in the Children's Library 10:15am-11:30am

Childcare is available for younger children upstairs in our nursery

Adult Sunday School classes meet between services

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering in God's Presence

BELLS AND CENTERING MUSIC

8:30

10:30

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

"O Worship the King"

arr. Mark Hayes

arr. Ed Dunbar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ *from Psalm 34:3*

O praise the Lord with me. **Let us exalt God's name together!**

CHRIST THE KING MUSICAL LITANY

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun! (No. 265, Glory to God) Verses 1, 3, and 5

(After each verse we will pause for readings and prayers)

*HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Jesus Christ*

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Listening for God's Voice

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING ~ Luke 23:33-38: *The King of the Jews*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Exalted and Humble"

Rev. Russ Pearson

Responding to God's Call

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

(No. 606, Glory to God)

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:30am)

"Heaven Crowned Him Christ the King"

Pepper Choplin

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ *The Brief Statement of Faith, 1983 PCUSA*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ *Share prayer needs by placing a pew card in the offering plate*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35, Glory to God*)

God Sends Us Out

*HYMN OF SENDING #134

"Joy to the World" (*Verses 1, 2, and 4*)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. Ed Dunbar

Luke 23:33-38: *When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."*

Luke includes details on purpose. What details stand out to you in this text?

What qualities of Jesus make him a "king"?

Opportunities for Connection

Interested in baptism, becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, or have a pastoral concern?
Please let us know. Talk to our Associate Pastor or call the church.

Prayer List

The congregation extends its Christian sympathy to the family of Bill Graves Geurin (father of Debra Smith).

Offering Invitation

Tithes and Offerings can be given online, placed in the offering plate as you leave, or mailed to the church.

Note from Financial Office

Many thanks to those of you who have turned in your pledge cards for 2026. We are off to a good start, but we do have a good number of people we haven't heard from. We need to hear from everyone as we work on next year's budget. You can drop your cards in the offering plate, bring them by the office or mail them. Thank you.

The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

and in gratitude for our church family and staff by Allen and Becca Wright.

Flower Delivery: Gary Tucker

Ushers: Mary Glenn and Charlie Lively ~ Sanctuary

Sound: Olin Babb

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

November 23: Wendy Smith

November 24: Kathy Stoots, Vivian Crymble, Oliver Raines

November 25: Andy Dietrich

November 26: Sheila Taylor

November 27: Nancy Knisley, Jeanne Cox

November 28: Tom Haynes

November 29: Barbara McCary, Wes Mink

November 30: Anna Claire Pierce

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Mark your offering as "5 cents a meal". The Family Promise of Greater Kingsport will receive 50% of today's Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

Community Thanksgiving Service ~ Today at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Poinsettias for Christmas

The deadline to order poinsettias for Christmas is **Monday, November 24**. Forms are located in the foyer.

Decorating for Advent

Monday, November 24, and Tuesday, November 25, at 9 a.m., we will be decorating for Advent! November 30 is the first Sunday of Advent! Many hands make light work and we need them all! Come make our church even more beautiful, for the Advent Season!

Wednesday, November 26 ~ No Church Night Supper or Vespers

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

The Clothes Closet will be closed **Tuesday, November 25**. The church office will be closed **Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Fourth Advent Coffee

Let us gather together on the first Sunday of Advent, **November 30**, in the Fellowship Center from 9:15-10:15 a.m. This replaces Sunday School. The church will provide coffee, punch and water. Please bring a savory or sweet breakfast food such as fruit, deviled eggs, biscuits, sausage, cheese straws, pastries, quiche, muffins, etc. Any Christmas food is also welcomed. Hope to see you there!

Please be aware the 10:30 a.m. service is live streamed and recorded on Facebook and YouTube

WIFI Network: FPCK-GUEST ~ Password: Genesis 1:3-4