

**GOOD MORNING!** We welcome each of you to this service of worship and we are glad you are here. We invite you to fill out the Welcome card found in the pew rack and place the card in the offering plate, so we can welcome you further and start to get to know you better.

<b>THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Today</b> (11/24)	9:30a 10:30a	<i>Stewardship Dedication Sunday</i> Sunday School Worship Service
<b>Mon</b> (11/25)	9:00a 9:00a	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due
<b>Wed</b> (11/27)	9:00a 9:30a 7:00p	WW Meeting (Weight Watchers) <b>No</b> Bible Study <b>No</b> Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thu</b> (11/28)		<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Church Offices Closed
<b>Fri</b> (11/29)		Church Offices Closed
<b>Sun</b> (12/01)	9:30a 10:30a	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Sunday School Worship Service

*Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.*

**Hanging of the Greens & Light Meal:** Immediately following worship service today, we will hang the greens (decorate the church) in preparation for the Christmas season. After the decorations are complete, the Fellowship Committee will provide a light meal. Please join us in this joyous event and fellowship opportunity.

**Congregational Meeting:** On December 8, immediately following worship service, we will hold a congregational meeting to elect two new elders for the class of 2027. The candidates are: Ellen Watts (3-yr term) and Linda Volcek (second 3-yr term).

**Christmas Gathering:** On December 11, at 6:00 p.m., we will gather to enjoy our annual Christmas meal. The Fellowship Committee will provide Prime Rib and Ham. Please register on the sign-up sheet for your favorite vegetables, sides and desserts. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board and the deadline for registering is December 8, 2024.

**Christmas Cookies:** We will again ask our congregation to bake cookies for our home-bound members. The cookies need to be delivered to the church on Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile activity, please register on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

**Pennies for Hunger:** Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

**Dollars-For-Missions:** All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.

**Blessing Box:** Please continue to support the Blessing Box. It is being visited quite frequently and because of this we are in need of the following:

- ◆ Canned Vegetables
  - Green Beans
- ◆ Canned Pasta
- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Canned Meat
  - Tuna, Chicken, Beef Stew, etc.
- ◆ Boxed Pasta
  - Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, etc.
- ◆ Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Ramen Noodles
- ◆ Instant Potatoes, Pasta and Rice Mixes
- ◆ Other Non-perishable Foods



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November 24, 2024—Christ the King Sunday

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice in the light of morning! Give thanks for the sun's energy, even through clouds!

**All: God has spoken to us and meets us here. We live in covenant with the Eternal One.**

One: Gather in the spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear! Thank God for the truth that lives in spite of death!

**All: We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ. We seek to share the good news that Christ reigns.**

One: The Spirit encounters us here that we might learn. The Spirit inspires us that we might serve.

**All: God anoints us for ministry, giving us tasks to do. God's word is on our tongues, that the world may believe. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know the truth about us, O God, better than we know ourselves. We have gathered the bounty of your earth to fill our bank accounts, struggling to get ahead, blinded by greed. We have not stopped to gaze with wonder at the birds of the air or the flowers of the field. We have not paused to listen to one another or to walk with Christ among outcasts and sinners. We turn away from the prompting of the Holy Spirit, choosing to worry rather than to praise. Turn us around, we pray, that we might receive forgiveness and enter into a time of true thanksgiving. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

### RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God does not put us to shame but deals wondrously with us, restoring our fortunes and blessing us with peace. God desires our salvation, our healing, and our embracing of the truth. Therefore, we are not to worry. The gifts of God are known to all who first seek God's reign. Friends, believe the good news...

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

### \*RESPONSE

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.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## ANTHEM

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Daniel 7:9-14

Ephesians 1:15-23

### SERMON

*"Thanks for Everything"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

**\*HYMN NO. 367**

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*"The 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 AND 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

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN NO. 336**

*"We Gather Together"*

KEMSER

**\*BENEDICTION**

### POSTLUDE

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**Serving Today (Nov 24)**

Greeters/Ushers: Lynda Self, Nancy Bolen

**Serving Next Sunday (Dec 01—First Sunday of Advent)**

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