



November 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FREEHOLD

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*Please stand if you are able

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Rigaudon, L. Danquin* *Kirk Ringers*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

*Hymn #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Call to Confession *(Spoken by worship leader)*

In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it. Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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.*

***Passing of the Peace**

A Time for Children *(Children are invited to the front pew for a message from the pastor)*

Anthem *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

O God Most High! Everlasting Lord, mighty and lifted up! Grant to us your Holy Spirit, that in these words of Holy Scripture our hearts might be lifted up and our minds set on heavenly realities, that contemplating the reign of our ascended Lord we might long to be with him and enter into the joy of his eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8 *(New Testament pg. 245)*

Scripture Reading: John 18:33-37 *(New Testament pg. 113)*

Sermon *True Power* Pastor Alan Olson

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #264 At the Name of Jesus**

The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Offering Give Thanks

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

We give our thanks through our talents, our time, and our treasure. Thanks be to God; whose love creates us!
Thanks be to God; whose mercy redeems us! Thanks be to God; whose grace leads us into the future! Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #268 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Benediction

Postlude Variations on St. George's Windsor



*Flowers are given by Marie Schlechtweg
in honor of
Margaret Callaert's 98th birthday.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held this afternoon at the Jerseyville United Methodist Church at 3:00 PM. The church is located just off Rt. 33, on Howell Road, in Freehold. All are welcome!



The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving.

A "Blue Christmas" Service will be held Sunday, December 1st at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.

This special service is an informal service of prayer and worship that acknowledges the grief and pain that some of us feel during the holiday season. Whether you've lost a close loved one in recent years, or you're just having difficulty finding the joy in this season, the Blue Christmas service is a reminder that you are not alone, even in challenging times.

FPC Financial Giving Report: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025

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| October 2024 Giving | \$24,524 |
| Year to Date Giving | \$61,657 |
| Projected Annual Giving | \$147,506 |



Please join us today following worship as we decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We appreciate all the help we can get and look forward to seeing you there!

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| LITURGIST | Robin Fox |
| USHERS | Charlie Lloyd & Tom Morrice |
| Next Week | Mike Mancuso & Bob DiSogra |
| OPENER | Pat Kirk |
| Next Week | Pat Kirk |
| CLOSER | Charlie Lloyd |
| Next Week | Samantha Daesener |
| COUNTERS | Barbara Lloyd & Tom Morrice |
| Next Week | Beth Nadolny & Samantha Daesener |

