

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**20 November 2022**

**Christ the King Sunday**

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## **Prayer of Preparation**

*You who are, who were, who are to come,  
before whose judgement all fades away that is not love:  
save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts  
so we might hear a different voice and belong to you in truth,  
through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. Amen.*

## **Welcome**

## **The Chiming of the Trinity**

## **Introit**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Alford/Elvey

## **Call to Worship**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
**when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal  
wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.**

Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

**And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."**

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

## Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols and not loved our neighbors as you taught.

*(we pause for a time of silent confession)*

Therefore we pray:

Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.

Give us integrity in our quest for truth.

Grant us courage in the face of evil.

Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

### Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-39

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Luke 23:33-43

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

*Abundance*

## Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him, all things were made. For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*O Let My Mouth Be Filled with Thy Praise*

Zingarelli

**The Lord's Supper**

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**Benediction**

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Organist: Vance Harper Jones

Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and  
Sanctuary Choirs

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

Bookmark the church calendar! [www.firstpresnb.org/calendar](http://www.firstpresnb.org/calendar)

<b>Sunday, Nov. 20</b>	12:00 pm	Adult Education Meeting
	4:00 pm	Sanctuary Bells (Handbell Choir) – canceled – resumes Dec. 4
	4:00 pm	Calvin and Hops (Men’s Beer & Theology)
	5:30-7:30 pm	SALT and Youth Group (Grades 3-12)
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 pm	Divine Sleep Yoga Class
	2:00 pm	Knit 4 Others
	3:45-5:00 pm	Covenant Choir (grades K-5)
	5:30 pm	Property Committee
	7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study (via Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:45 am	Preschool Choir – canceled – resumes Nov. 30
	12:00 pm	Life of Prayer – canceled – resumes Nov. 30
	5:00 pm	Contemplative Worship – canceled – resumes Nov. 30
<b>Thursday</b>	All day	Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed
	2:30 pm	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center) - canceled
	5:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal – canceled – resumes Dec. 1
<b>Friday</b>	All day	Church Office Closed
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Pickleball (J. Murphy Smith Center)
<b>Sunday, Nov. 27</b>	8:30 am	Worship
	9:40-10:40 am	Advent Craft Fair (J. Murphy Smith Center)
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	Sanctuary Bells (Handbell Choir) – canceled – resumes Dec. 4

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Advent Craft Fair - November 27 - 9:40-10:40 am**

All ages are invited for fellowship and to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. Supplies will be provided to create an Advent Wreath for your family and you can pick up your 2022 Advent Devotionals. All Sunday School classes and the Fellowship Cafe will be moved over to the J. Murphy Smith Center. There will be stations to make Christmas ornaments, gifts, and even cocoa spoons!

### **Special Offering – through November 27**

In response to the devastation wrought by recent hurricanes Ian and Fiona, the Session has approved a special offering designated for Hurricane Relief. To contribute, simply write “Hurricane” on an envelope or in the memo line of a check or choose “Hurricane Relief” as your fund in the online giving portal.

### **New Member’s Classes**

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian? We will offer New Member’s classes on Sunday, **December 4**, and Sunday, **December 11** with a worshipful welcome either at the 11:00 worship service on December 11 or the 8:30 service on December 18. If you’d like to know more, please contact Anna Pinckney Straight. ([anna@firstpresnb.org](mailto:anna@firstpresnb.org)).

## **Congregational Meeting – December 4**

The Session has called a congregational meeting to be held during the 11:00 worship service (approximately 10:45) to hear the report of the Nominating Committee for the election of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee as well as fill the one vacant spot on the Session in the class of 2025. More information about the slate of candidates will be available and a zoom link will be emailed in the Sunday Morning email for those who cannot be present in person at the 11:00 worship service. If you need to be added to that email list please contact [cathy@firstpresnb.org](mailto:cathy@firstpresnb.org).

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY**

### **❖ 9:40 am-10:40 am: Sunday School: Follow Me: Make Peace (not meeting on Nov. 27, resuming on Dec. 4)**

Children (Grades K-5) in Ministry Center Room 1.24

Youth (Grades 6-12) in Ministry Center Rooms 2.23-24

*If you are interested in a detailed calendar of upcoming Children, Youth, and Family Ministry opportunities, or volunteering, please reach out to Catherine Campbell, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry: [catherine@firstpresnb.org](mailto:catherine@firstpresnb.org)*

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

*Sunday Mornings, 9:40 am-10:40 am*

### **The Present Word/George Evans – Session House Parlor (not meeting on Nov. 27, resuming on Dec. 4)**

The class will be studying “God’s Exceptional Choice” for the fall. Contact George Evans with questions.

### **Early Christianity to the Reformation – November 20**

Taught by Chip Chagnon. The class meets in the Owl Room and will be covering the history of Christianity from Jesus’ ministry to the onset of the Reformation.

### **C.S. Lewis’s Narnia – December 4, 11, 18 – Session House Main Room**

Taught by Jessica Skinner. Advent in Narnia. Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love are themes throughout the Advent Season. Take some time to join us in discovering and reflecting on these themes with the classic novel, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. We will spend three weeks in Advent using the book and a variety of other sources to help guide the discussions about Advent and the reflections in Narnia. If you would like a copy of the C. S. Lewis book, please let us know. A copy of *The Lion, the Witch, and The Wardrobe* is \$9.00, and a box set of the Chronicles of Narnia is \$21.00. This class is suitable for Narnia fans of all ages—children and youth are welcome!

*Midweek Opportunities*

### **Divine Sleep Yoga class**

Taught by Diane Elliott and offered on Mondays, 12:00-1:00 pm in the Lighthouse (on the corner of New and Hancock streets). Participants may bring a prop, such as a yoga mat and blanket for comfort. Contact Diane Elliott with questions. The class is free, but donations are accepted.

### **Monday Evening Women’s Bible Study**

We meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 via Zoom are reading the book *Neglected Voices: Biblical*

*Spirituality in the Margins*, by John Indermark. The book is available from Amazon, new or used. For more information, contact Wendy Moeller at 252-876-7259 or Marice Debruhl at 252-617-8557. To be placed on the Zoom list, contact Cathy Wingfield at 828-767-0975.

**Life of Prayer: The Practice of Contemplative Living (not meeting on Nov. 23, resuming on Nov. 30)**  
Led by Lloyd Griffith on **Wednesdays, noon-1:00 pm**, and meets in the Ministry Center Owl Room and by Zoom. The group is studying *Intimacy with God*, by Thomas Keating.

**Contemplative Worship - Wednesday evenings, 5:00-5:30 pm (not meeting on Nov. 23, resuming on Nov. 30)**

Led by Lloyd Griffith, this service in FPC's chapel is focused on silence, prayer, and reflection on Biblical text. The Lord's Supper is observed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

**Pickleball!** What is Pickleball? A relatively new sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. You are invited to join in the fun on most Tuesdays (2:30), Thursdays (2:30), and Saturdays (10:00) in the J. Murphy Smith Center (Middle Street). No experience is necessary, and this group loves welcoming new members and visitors!

## **SERVICE AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Presbyterian Women Thank Offering**

The November outreach program for Presbyterian Women will be the annual church-wide Thank Offering. Thank Offerings provide grants for a wide variety of projects at both national and international levels. Circle members are invited to bring a check in any amount they choose, made out to Presbyterian Women and with "Thank Offering" on the memo line, to their November Circle meeting, or mail them to the church.

### **RCS Clothing Boutique**

The boutique is seeking volunteers and subs. This opportunity involves working with another volunteer, greeting people, folding and bagging clothing, recording sales, and receiving payment. If interested, contact RCS and ask for Krishanda.

### **Operation Jammies**

Operation Jammies recently kicked off the 12th year of collecting jammies for the Coastal Women's Shelter. The goal is to collect "new" pajamas, robes, and booties, for mothers and children receiving services from Coastal Women's Shelter. For the children, the sizes needed are 6 months to 16 for both boys and girls. The women's sizes range from Small – XXL. Collection bins are inside the main entrance of the Ministry Center and the items will be collected until **December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Flowers**

The new year is quickly approaching! If you would like to "hold the spot" in 2023 to provide flowers in church to honor an anniversary, birthday, or memorial date, please see the Flower Calendar in the pink folder in the Narthex.