

E-Link

November 22, 2023

10:00 am Sunday Worship Firstprescf.org



# "...that you can see the hope this call holds for you."

Ephesians 1:18

SUNDAY, November 26 The Last Word: Christ the King Sunday Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:11-16, Ephesians 1:15-23

Christ the King Sunday is the last word of the Christian year. Soon enough the sanctuary will be draped in the blue of Advent in joyful anticipation of the Christ child, but first we will celebrate by recognizing the reign of Christ in the world. Christ the King Sunday was first celebrated in 1925, when the world was still reeling from World War I and dictators were laying the foundations for World War II. The church sent a bold statement on the last Sunday of the Christian year, saying, "Do what you will, but Jesus Christ will have the final word."

Our readings will ponder what it means that God would choose to lead as a shepherd and eventually as a vulnerable newborn child. Today we claim Christ as the firstborn of all creation *and* our king. How does that change the way we live?

# **Prayer of Preparation**

God of majesty,

You love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own. Teach us to live as his body on earth so that all may know your love. Amen.



**Thanks** to the Deacons and all who helped make our Friendsgiving Potluck with the CF Mennonites a success. 75 people enjoyed a huge feast!





# **Church Birthdays**

Nov. 25-Sally Lee, 26-Kay Leeper, 29-Connie Herbon, 30– Maribelle Betterton, Dec. 1-Lanny Zimmer, Doris Wilken

#### Office Note...

The office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 & 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For Your Prayers...

Dave & Sue Luck's daughter, Emy Mountain,

### **Coming Soon...**

Sunday, Nov. 26-Hanging of the Greens after worship (no lunch provided.)

There will be NO Wednesday night meal in December.

### Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up: Sign Up: Worship Leaders Or sign up in the narthex!

# Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Jan Thedens

Reader: John Luzaich

Computer Operator: Gary Clark Videographer: Kevin Thedens

Sanctuary decorations: Margaret Clark

# Helpers welcome!

Please stay after worship on Sunday, November 26 to help prepare the sanctuary for Advent with the Hanging of the Greens. (No lunch is provided.)

# Congratulations

Sue & Kirk Eastman have a new granddaughter. Eloise Sue was born to Ryan and Molly Helgerson.



# **Sanctuary Decorations**

Beginning on December 3, a basket for donations for sanctuary decorations will

be in the narthex. Names of those donating and inmemory designations can be left on the sign-up sheet. A display of in-memory names will be posted in the narthex on Christmas Eve.

### Second Sunday Coffee/Fellowship

Deacons are hosting fellowship time after worship the second Sunday of January, March and May. Deacons will prepare beverages, set up, serve, and clean up. We are asking one or two congregational members sign up to assist the Deacons by providing a simple treat, serve, and help with clean up. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

# Upcoming schedule

#### Wednesday, November 22

—- NO Choir Rehearsal

Thu. & Fri, Nov. 23-24

office closed for Thanksgiving

#### Sunday, November 26

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary11:00 am Hanging of the Greens

### Wednesday, November 29

6:30 Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary



# **Stewardship Response for 2024**

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their "Estimate of Giving" and "Time & Talents" pledge. If you haven't done so yet, please return yours to the office or bring them on Sunday.

#### It's Not Too Late!!

• If you have not yet turned in your **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, it's not too late. Make your checks payable to the church with "Peacemaking" on the memo line.

#### Save the Date!

Our annual Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 10! The congregation will be invited to take part in the performance again! It will

Families, please let Pastor Julie know which role you are interested in via the email she sent. Also, please note that the rehearsal will now be on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD (not Wednesday the 6th) following church. Pizza and cookies will be provided to families following rehearsal.

be fun for all, with treats provided following the service.

### Support ThreeHouse and have fun!

The Second State Trivia Night- this time The Holiday Edition!

\$15 per person or \$75 for a team up to 6.

Register here: https://forms.gle/UD6wcFizT7R9v9bR6

(Or email <a href="mailto:Ross@ThreeHouse.org">Ross@ThreeHouse.org</a> if interested.)

THURSDAY, NOV 30 @ Second State Brewing, downtown CF

Check-In starts: 6:30PM The game begins at 7:00PM!

# **Community Ministries - Eye of the Needle**

If you have gently used items that you no longer need, they can be brought to the church and left on the children's tables in the classroom across from the office (left side) by the **end of November**. The Community Ministries team will deliver items to Eye of the Needle.

Coats for all sizes and ages are accepted.

# Adopt A Family

Our annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family gift giving opportunity is here once again!

\*You do not need to create an account or enter in any payment information! You are only signing up to bring a gift.

All you need to do is follow these directions....

In order to choose one or more gifts from our "Four Trees," click on the links below. You can select from any or all of the four choices. After you have shopped for your gift, please wrap it and put a tag on the gift that tells who it is for and what it is. We will change the tag to the name only before we deliver the gift. Your gifts should be taken **to the church library** in the basement. The **deadline to return gifts is Sunday**, **December 10**. Please do not leave gifts in the entryway for security reasons. A cart is available if needed.

Click on the link/s below, click the 'sign up' button on the right by the item/s you wish to shop for, then click 'save and continue' at the bottom of the screen. You'll be directed to the next page; enter in your name, email and phone number then click 'Sign Up Now' at the bottom. Your information is confidential; only the church office will see it. You will then receive a confirmation email.

Or, please consider sending a check to First Presbyterian Church and put Adopt-A-Family in the memo. We would be happy to do your shopping for you.

If you have any questions please contact Jan Thedens, Julie Rokes, Sue Weinberg or call the church office 319-277-3930.



12 yr old girl: Adopt-a-Family 12 yr old girl



8 yr old boy: Adopt-a-Family 8 yr old boy



Mother: Adopt-a-Family Mother



Household: Adopt-a-Family Household items