

***Sending Hymn:** “Rejoice the Lord is King” - **Blue Hymnal #370**

***Benediction**

Pastor: Jesus says: “All authority heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always to the very end of the age.”

All: Amen.

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

***Postlude:** David VandenBelt

Deeply Rooted ~ Future Focused

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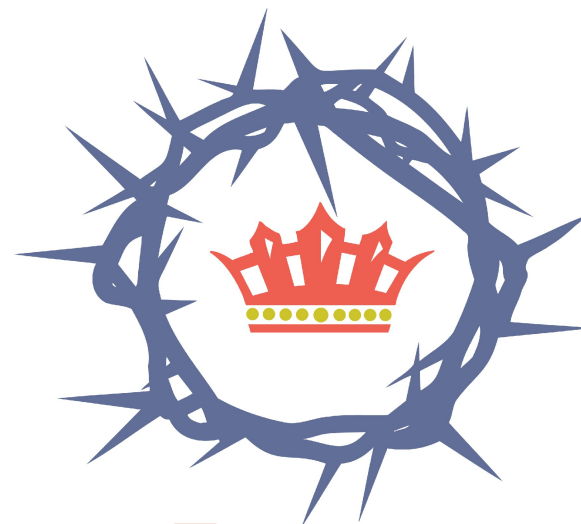
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Offering plates are located in the narthex. Today's service will be available

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The First Congregational Church

Your Independent Worship Center



Christ
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King
SUNDAY

November 26, 2023

The Order of Worship
***please stand, if you are able**

Prelude: David VandenBelt

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship - Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** - "O Worship the King" - **Blue Hymnal #104**

Prayer of Confession

All: 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.

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: 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!

New Member - Brian Webb

Pastor: Congregation, do we express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ?

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

***Response** - 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.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church!
(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:41-46

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "He Will Sit On the Throne" - **Pastor Luke Schmalz**

***The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

***Doxology** (As the offering is brought forward)

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 Dedication**

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Greeting us today:

Next Sunday: Kendra Lachniet

Song Leader - Bill Black

Tech Booth - Jeff Stewart, Lou Delguardia, Robin DeKleva

Happy Birthday to ~ David White(29), Robin DeKleva(2)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Our shut-ins: JoAnn DeKleva, Yvonne Lee, Siria Pinnick, Bill Sherman

Health Concerns: Lissa Denney, Dan Price

We express our sympathy to Bill Sherman in the loss of his precious wife, Millie.

Thank you to Jim Rynberg for the beautiful altar display of the fall harvest reminding us to “Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good.”

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 26 - *Christ the King Sunday*

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 27 - Crafters begin a week of set up in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

6:30 p.m. Executive Council - Library

Tuesday, November 28 - *Church Office Closed*

Wednesday, November 29

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Thursday, November 30 - *Church Office Closed*

10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 1

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Saturday, December 2

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Christmas Craft Sale - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 3 - *1st Sunday of Advent*

10:00 a.m. Worship with communion

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. Deacons Meeting - Library

Our Church News

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member we are thankful to be worshipping together.

This morning David VandenBelt will be on the keyboard. Thank you for sharing your musical gifts and talents with us this morning.

Today we have the privilege of welcoming Brian Webb as an official member of our church. Welcome Brian!!

PLUM PUDDING SHOP ~ The annual Plum Pudding Shoppe is less than a month away. We hope you are thinking about the familiar and the unique items you can donate. The November Carillon included a list of suggested items. Your donations should be labeled with a tag similar to the one below. Thank you very much for your participation in this very important project.

Mary B. & Crew

No-Bake Chocolate Oat Bars

Ingredients: chunky peanut butter, vanilla, unsweetened almond milk, old fashioned rolled oats, dark chocolate chips.

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Prepared in a non-inspected home kitchen.



The crafters have been busy and are prepared to have their 34th Annual Craft Sale - This coming Saturday, December 2 from 10-2. Invite your friends and neighbors. Come one! Come all!!

True North sends a “Thank You” for the generous gift of 125 pounds of canned goods and the numerous health care supplies donated through our Harvest Ingathering.

You are invited to a Christmas Concert presented by the River Country Community Choir with Hope Rising Youth Choir on Saturday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. at the Grant Fine Arts Center. Singing from our church are Bill Black and Dave White.

Lorene will be out of the office on Monday, November 27. If communication is needed call or text 231-282-0515 and leave a message.