

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of Thanksgiving from the People

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

*** This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews.*

Communion Meditation

Meditations on “Kremser” and “St. George’s Windsor” by Flor Peeters



BENEDICTION

*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

Tocatta on “Old 100th” by Michael Burkhardt



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you’re here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpcbr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We’d love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack and placing in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion.

Church Offices Closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

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Giving Update. We’ve had a wonderful response to both our Building Up and 2022 stewardship. We’ll announce some figures soon. But we want everyone to have a chance to participate! Please prayerfully make your giving dedication soon.

Live Nativity in Two Weeks! Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels, wise men and shepherds will re-enact Jesus’ birth. Join us Friday, December 3 at 5 and 6 pm in the Terraced Garden.

Christmas with Michael O’Brien and the Foto Sisters. We are thrilled to welcome back to First Presbyterian the Foto Sisters for a Christmas concert at 7 pm Friday, December 3 (same night at Downtown Festival of Lights). They will be joined by 20-year music veteran and Christian singer Michael O’Brien (formerly the lead singer for the Christian band Newsong). Please invite your friends. A love offering will be taken.

Joy to the World! Women’s Ministry Advent Brunch. Join us for our annual Advent Brunch. Saturday, December 11 from 11 am-1 pm at the home of Amanda Vincent. Visit fpcbr.org for details and registration. There is no charge for this event, but we ask that you register online. A love offering will be collected that will be used to purchase winter coats for the students of Buchanan Elementary. Childcare is not provided.

Men’s Gathering, December 11. While the women enjoy the Advent brunch Saturday, December 11, the men will have a barbeque! Bring your favorite cut of meat to grill (grill provided) in the Terraced Garden from 11 am-1 pm. Men’s ministry will provide fixins (onions, peppers, etc.) as well as sides and drinks. Free fly fishing lessons for anyone interested in an upcoming fly fishing trip. No charge but please RSVP online at fpcbr.org. Childcare provided!

Christmas Poinsettia Orders. All are invited to contact Sherry in the church office (387.0617 or sherry@fpcbr.org) to purchase a poinsettia in memory or celebration of a loved one. Poinsettias are used to decorate the Chapel and Sanctuary. \$35 each. Tuesday, December 15 is the deadline to place an order.

Christmas Bags for Malachi Dads. Items are being collected for Christmas bags to be distributed to the Malachi Dads (prisoners) at Angola Penitentiary. Please consider making a donation and dropping it off at the Connection Center: soap, antiperspirant, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo, lotion, body wash, socks or baby powder. Cash donations also accepted.

ADVENT AT-A-GLANCE:

December 3: Live Nativity at 5 and 6 pm
December 3: Michael O’Brien and Foto Sisters Christmas Concert at 7 pm
December 11: Women’s Ministry Advent Brunch; 11 am at Amanda Vincent’s Home
December 11: Men’s Advent Gathering; 11 am at First Presbyterian Church
December 12: Downtown Pilgrimage, FPC stop at 6.30 pm
December 19: *ERO CRAS* Cantata at 9 and 11 am Worship
December 24: 11 am, 4 pm and 6 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

Sanctuary Flowers: *The flowers are given by Ann K. Gregorie and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Florence and Mack Gregorie, and in honor of her dear Aunt, Nita K. Harris.*

Scripture for Next Week: Proverbs 8: 27-31 Isaiah 11: 2; 1 Corinthians 1: 21-25
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ORDER of WORSHIP

November 21, AD 2021
Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving Sunday
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God” by Michael Burkhardt
Steve Gustafson, organ

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From 1 Thessalonians 5

Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing! Give thanks in all circumstances!
This is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us.

Do not quench the Spirit! Do not ignore insight from the Lord!
May the God of peace cleanse us and form us entirely in Christ.

May our whole spirit and body be kept blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God who calls us is faithful! He will surely meet us today! May we be filled with his love as we lift our hearts in praise.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 228 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

DARWALL

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord and most merciful Father, we acknowledge that we are sinners. We have fallen far short of your righteous standard. You have named us as your sons and daughters, but we have often betrayed your covenant love. We have not loved you with heart, soul, mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Even when we have sought to live according to your Word, our hearts have too often been motivated by sin. We have pursued our own glory, our own praise and our own will in place of yours. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Unite us to his death that we might die to sin. In this way, assure us that our sins are no more, that they have been paid in full. Unite us also to his resurrection life that we might live as new creations. By your Spirit, make us holy as you are holy and lovely as the Son is lovely. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Standing

Assurance of Pardon

*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.**

*Greeting and Announcements

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children’s Church.

Choral Offertory

“The Name of Jesus” by Craig Courtney
Braeden Larpenner, bodhrán

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all,
And crown him Lord of all!

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
It soothes my sorrows, heals my wounds and drives away my fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;
It satisfies the hungry soul and gives the weary rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never-ending treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace,
Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see you as you are, I’ll praise you as I ought.
Till then I would your love proclaim with every fleeting breath;
And may the music of your name refresh my soul in death.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

GREATOREX



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 51 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

1 Thessalonians 5: 23-28

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Brothers, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

**But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.
That we may do all the words of this law.**

Sermon

Colton Underwood
“He Is Faithful”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 560 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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LORD’S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion