



*Enter into his gates
with*
Thanksgiving,

*and into his courts
with praise.*

PSALM 100:4

First Presbyterian Church
Christ the King
November 23, 2025

Prelude *“Thy Steadfast Love”*Dennis Eliot

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements

Minute for MissionCarol Mattson

Introit..... *“A Thankful Heart”* O Waly, Waly

Call to Worship Paul Mills

Friends, come away from the distractions and desires that keep us from entering God’s kingdom.

We come to learn from our Savior.

Beloved, come away from the barriers and divisions that keep us from loving our neighbor.

We come to serve and to share.

Children of God, come away into Christ’s presence.

We come to worship!

Opening Prayer Paul Mills

Saving God, you are a God who has made it a habit to stick with us through thick and thin. Thank you for calling us your own even in moments when we haven’t been faithful. Help us, in our worship of you this day, to be turned in a direction that pleases you. **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise No. 288 *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* ELLACOMBE

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God, you are always faithful. We confess that we have not always been faithful to you. You show us the way, but we find an easier path. You call us to stand up for what is right, but we go along with what other people are doing. Forgive us. Give us courage to do what you ask, even when it is unpopular or scary. Help us to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

(A moment of silent personal confession)

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Glory to the Father (Gloria Patri) (Unison)Hymn No. 579

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.

Prayer for Illumination.....	Paul Mills
First Scripture Reading	Daniel 3:1, 8-18OT Page 822
Time with Young Disciples	
Anthem (See Insert).....	<i>“A Thanksgiving Tapestry”</i> John Purifoy
Second Scripture Reading.....	Daniel 3:19-30OT Page 823
Sermon	Fire-proofRev. Leslie Roper
* Hymn No. 554.....	<i>“Let All Things Now Living”</i>ASH GROVE
* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)-Apostle’s Creed	Paul Mills
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.	
Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings	Paul Mills
Offertory	<i>“Meditation”</i> Paul F. Page
* Doxology – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Hymn 592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
* Prayer of Dedication	Paul Mills
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (Unison).....	Traditional, Hymnal Page 16
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.	
* Closing Hymn No. 555	<i>“Now Thank We All Our God”</i>NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* Charge & Benediction

Postlude.....“*Now Thank We All Our God*” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*It is the practice of this congregation to sit back down for the postlude.
Please join us in enjoying a few moments of reflection as our service concludes.*

*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mary James in memory of William (Bill) James.

Join us for "Hanging of the Greens" today following worship, as we prepare the house of our Lord to celebrate His birth. There are jobs for every skill level, so everyone can help and pizza will be served for lunch!

Church Office Holiday Schedule



SOCKS! SOCKS! SOCKS! PW is asking for sock donations to help people keep their feet warm and dry during this upcoming winter season. We need mostly men's heavy socks, but some women's as well. Nobody deserves to have cold, wet feet. Matthew 25:40 *"Truly I say unto you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brother, you did it to me"*. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall or you can leave them at Bargain Box. We will collect them till the end of November. Contact Carol Mattson with questions.

The 2026 Flower Chart is available to sign up to donate Sunday flowers! Located on the wall by the 2 large closets in the Fellowship Hall, pick your date, add your name and special dedication. If you do not wish to write it on the board, or if space does not allow, please call, email or visit the office. You may do this at any time well in advance of your day. ***Cost is \$38.50***

Welcome Visitors! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor information card, located in the pew in front of you. Please drop them in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We'd love to get to know you better! After Worship, join us for a time of fellowship and beverages in the Fellowship Hall. There, you'll find the Welcome Center, with more information about our church!

Children are always welcome in worship at First Presbyterian Church. Older children are encouraged to participate in worship and are welcome to pick up pre-packed activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary just for them. A nursery is available upstairs for children under 5. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Save your Quarters for the Heifer Project! The quarter tube is located just inside the sanctuary doors near the steps leading into the sanctuary. **Save your Dimes!** All dimes put into the offering plates go to the Vera Lloyd Home to purchase Bibles. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord."



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>November 2</u> Kathy Hopper <u>November 3</u> Daniel Clinton <u>November 5</u> Shelia Allen Bob Pierce <u>November 6</u> Sally Simpson <u>November 8</u> Carolyn Tennyson	<u>November 9</u> Rebecca Jo Newton Jeff Roper <u>November 11</u> Lynn Landers Shelley Bailey <u>November 14</u> Frani Bailey <u>November 19</u> Dick Mattson Susan McNeill	<u>November 21</u> Nicholas Hinson <u>November 22</u> Allen Lee <u>November 28</u> Carol DeHut <u>November 30</u> Paul Rice
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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>November 11</u> Cindy and Andy Meyers	<u>November 18</u> Carol and Dick Mattson Tracy and Paul Rice	<u>November 30</u> Lynn and Edward King
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We are so very lucky to have a congregation that is willing to invest in our graduating seniors each year. Each month on the 3rd Sunday, members celebrating their birthdays that month are encouraged to make a special “Birthday Blessing” to our scholarship fund. We have been so blessed in the past to be able to contribute to the continuing education of our Youth. We hope that you will consider this month to give in honor of your birthday.



Church Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Office Lunch Hour:

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 23

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

Monday, November 24

9:00 a.m. Bargain Box Marking
10:00 a.m. Jackson House Lunch Prep
2:00 p.m. Billy Sisler Memorial Service

Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving – Office Closed

Friday, November 28 – Office Closed

Sunday, November 30

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Handbells

Prayer Requests: Anyone who wants prayer from the Prayer Chain should email or call Jamie Williams, jsar43@gmail.com / 276-2852 or Patricia Mills, paulpatmills@yahoo.com / 545-5250 with your request. You may also email the Church Office office@firstpreshotsprings.org. A request can be for yourself, a family member, or a family friend. *You may ask that the request be kept confidential. Only the Prayer Chain members will be notified and they will also be told to keep it confidential.*

Please remember to recycle your bulletins by placing them in the blue recycle container in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

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