A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
Christ the King

November 20, 2022  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.  
Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING . . .

The Prelude  
Passacaglia On “Old 100th”  
Robert Graham  
Based on the tune by Louis Bourgeois

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit  
He Shall Reign  
Craig Courtney

He shall reign and reign forever, Christ our Savior, brother, friend.  
Everlasting is his kingdom, his dominion hath no end.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Glory, glory to his name!  
Countless myriads shall adore him, endless years his work proclaim.

Call to Worship  
Isaiah 12  
Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid.  
God is my strength and might.  
Give thanks to God and call upon God’s name.  
God’s name is exalted in all the earth!

The Prayer of Adoration

God of grace and glory, we praise your name above every name in heaven and on earth. We give thanks for your power to raise up and to bring low. We give thanks for your justice and mercy at work in the world. Praise to you, almighty God, for all your works and all your deeds; for you are leading us toward your promises and purposes. We glorify your name. Amen.

The Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!  
Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!  
O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

*The Prayer of Confession  
Adam Nelen, liturgist

God of justice, we come before you in humble confession. Our thoughts are not your thoughts; our ways are not your ways. You ask us to work for justice, but we participate in systems of oppression and neglect. You call us to extend mercy, but we too often place blame on others and refuse to forgive. Forgive us, we pray, and turn our hearts to you once again. Help us to hear once more your vision of the peaceable kingdom and shape our lives by the values and deeds of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the lost.

By his grace, we are forgiven and set free to live wholly and completely for him. Alleluia! Amen.

*The 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
The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!
(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside your home this week.)

Minute for Stewardship

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 46

The Anthem      Ride On, King Jesus      Traditional Spiritual/Moses Hogan

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man, can a-hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun, No man, can a-hinder thee. But now my race is almost done. No man, can a-hinder thee.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No man, can a-hinder thee. The river of Jordan he did cross.

He’s the King, Lord of all. Jesus is the first and he’s the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.

Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace.

No man, can a-hinder thee. Ride on King Jesus, ride on, Jesus!

The Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

A Moment with the Children

*The Hymn 4      Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise you name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim; All in heaven above adore you. Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising, cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord.”

All apostles join the strain as Your sacred name they hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow, and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You, while in essence only One; undivided God we claim You, and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.


The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Christ is King

Michelle Abel

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD . . .

*The Affirmation of Faith      A Brief Statement of Faith

   In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake my soul and sing, of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail through-out eternity.

*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Postlude on Darwall’s 148th

Charles Callahan
**Announcements for November 16–November 23**

**Your Time and Talents Are Treasures, Too**

While The Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg, is in the middle of its stewardship campaign, we want to remember and thank all of those who volunteer their time and considerable talents. These gifts are so important to the ongoing mission of the church.

As more people return to Sunday services, attend lunches, participate in LIFT programs and more, we continue to look for your help in supporting the programs we offer and hope to offer.

There are so many opportunities to give of your time and talents. There is continuous need for Sunday morning help—ushering, nursery help, bringing snacks for coffee hour, or preparing the sanctuary or for communion services. Interested in helping with LIFT or children’s classes or supporting the administrative team? Do you have a green thumb or artistic eye? Would you like to be part of our efforts to reach out to our neighbors in need with repairing homes or helping with community breakfasts or the cold weather shelter?

Maybe you would like to take on a role but are not sure what that would be? That’s fine; God equips us for where we are called and needed. Please send a note to office@fredericksburgpc.org, and please include your typical availability and general interests. There is a place for you.

*Stewardship Committee*

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**A Thank you to Michelle Abel**

Michelle Abel has served as our Part-Time Interim Covenant Associate Pastor in 2022. She has served two consecutive six-month contracts in this role, with her contract set to end on December 31, 2022. Michelle has provided pastoral support in a year of great transition for the church. She has shared her gifts in worship leadership on Sundays, occasional preaching, pastoral care, and teaching. She has also been working with our Board of Deacons. Michelle has done all of this while being occupied weekdays and plenty of nights, too, as a full-time teacher in middle school, wife to Kris, and as mom to Thelma Grace. The Personnel Committee, in discussion with Michelle, recently recommended to Session that the contract for this part-time role conclude at the end of the contract period this December and Session approved the recommendation. As we move into 2023, the Interim work before us will include clarifying finances and working toward a sustainable staffing model going forward.

We are so grateful to Michelle for sharing her gifts for ministry with us for the past year. We are also grateful that Michelle will remain a clergy affiliate with our congregation, participating occasionally in worship and other ways as time permits. She, Kris, and Thelma remain valued members of our faith community.

Please join us after the 11 a.m. service on December 11 in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a time to express our appreciation to Michelle.
Looking Ahead
November 24-25-Church office closed
December 7 - Pints and Parables, 7:00pm at 6 Bears and a Goat
December 8 - Make Space for Advent opens
December 9 - Food Truck/Christmas movie night, 6:00-8:00
December 18 - Lessons in Carols, 11:00 am worship service.
Youth group will not be meeting on Sunday, November 27th,

Birthdays this week Nov. 16-Nov. 23
16. Andrew Schneider
17. Nancy Hansen, Christine Bothel
18. Karen Dodson, John Deegan
19. Jerry Parsons
20. Will Doherty
21. Jacob McAllister, Russell Morris, Joe Valasko
22. Robert Paul, David Deaderick, Charles McDaniel, Caroline Bothel
23. Grace Hynden, Joan Dunbar, Kathryn Rexrode

Sunday Lunch!!
This Sunday will be our last Sunday Lunch for Fall 2022. Soup, salad, and rolls will be served immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. No reservation needed, simply come as you are! Members and visitors are all welcome!

LIFT News
LIFT classes - Click the link here for the list of classes or check the website. We hope you can join us.

Sunday November 20, the Faith and Movies Class will discuss The Pilgrims: American Experience (2015). The Pilgrims is available from the Library, Amazon (rental or purchase), and may be streamed with a PBS Passport.

On Sunday, November 27th, the Faith and Movies class will discuss Victoria and Abdul (2017). Victoria and Abdul is available from Netflix, the library, and Amazon (rental or purchase)

If you are looking for ways to continue engaging with the lessons and materials mentioned during our weekly LIFT hour, check out our take home resources on our website. Follow this link to download different take-home resources for you and your loved ones to explore together at home: https://fredericksburgpc.org/resource-page

The “Being Reformed” Class is our hybrid LIFT class. You can participate in this class in person in the conference room, or you can tune in via zoom. The zoom link is on our website or click on the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88141244845
Mission/Outreach Opportunities

Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) Mission Volunteer Opportunities
Our church team still needs volunteers to help with the Micah Cold Weather Shelter (CWS) each Wednesday evening until March. We would like enough volunteers to create four different teams to cover each month. If you are interested in helping, please sign up under the Serve tab on the Church’s website: www.fredericksburgpc.org. If you would like more information, contact Bill Nix by text or calling 540-848-5106 or via e-mail at bnixatc@aol.com

The Micah Lessons and Carols service will be December 6, at 5:00 in Market Square. Families are invited to bake cookies for the event, as well as attend. The service will be interactive.

Donations needed for the Micah Cold Weather Shelter (CWS): packages of Men’s (boxer style) and Women’s underwear sizes medium through X-large and packages of Men’s and Women’s socks. Items can be placed in the Micah Bin located in the Lobby of the CE building.

Clothesline Ministry
The winter Clothesline Ministry will begin the first week of December. Please bring hats, gloves, mittens and earmuffs. There will be a bin in the CE lobby prior to December 1 for donations. Starting the first week of December, you are invited to hang your donation inside a resealable plastic bag on the line with a clothespin or clip.

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters: Presbyterian Women are off to a good start with hats and scarves for the winter clothesline. Please continue to knit and crochet. We have a long winter ahead of us and our neighbors can use our help. If you are interested in more information about how to be involved, please contact hindspw@aol.com. Be on the lookout for another mission get together in the new year. Keep on knitting and crocheting!!

Advent Bags will be available in the lobby of the Education Building beginning Sunday, November 20. You are invited to take one to add to your holiday celebrations and observances. They are intended for all ages and all family sizes. Each bag will include:
- Candles and a wreath lighting guide
- A booklet containing four stories of “Christmas Around the World”
- 3 games and activities that are inclusive and adaptable for all ages
- 4 weekly devotions based on the Woman’s Lectionary
The intent of these activities is not to provide more stress during an already busy time but to provide different ways to encounter God and spend time with family or friends, or find quiet on your own in this season.

Hanging of the Greens—Do you love decorating for Christmas and eating holiday cookies? You are invited to help the Worship Committee decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, Saturday, December 3. at 10am. We hope you can join us for light refreshments and holiday fun.

If you would like to order flowers for the sanctuary, in memory or honor of someone or just to add color to the sanctuary, please contact Sharon Humes: pshumes1@gmail.com.

Suppers for Seven is a small group fellowship opportunity for groups of about 7 people to gather together for dinner in homes or at restaurants. People who sign up are placed in groups, and will begin to meet in the new year. Sign ups are online or contact Scott Fischer, VaNavigator@msn.com
Couples and singles are welcome to sign up.