

**First  
Presbyterian  
Church** IN VICTOR  
WHOEVER YOU ARE.  
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



**First Presbyterian Church**

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**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Bruce Boak

**Organist:** Ayn Patrowicz

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**Liturgist:** Beverly Frost

**Order of Worship** November 26, 2023, 10am  
**Christ the King Sunday**

Lectionary Readings: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100:1-5;*  
*Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46*

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**Prelude** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"  
arr. by Robert J Hughes

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**PEOPLE: Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: 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.

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

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

**PEOPLE: Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 155** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

**\*Unison Prayer of the Day**

**Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all  
things, and made us servants in your kingdom.  
By your Spirit empower the loving of the unloved,  
and ministers to all. Then at the last bring us to  
your eternal realm where we may worship and  
adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting  
joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen**

**Call to Confession**

The gospel of Matthew provides a powerful vision of  
Christ as the judge who will sit on the throne of glory, and  
separate the people one from another, as sheep from  
goats. Such a stark image moves us directly to confession  
— for we have all fallen short of God's glory. Let us  
confess our sin in humility and faith.

## Responsive Prayer of Confession

O Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty?

**All: O Lord, we did not see — we passed by, we changed the channel; we closed the newspaper rather than be confronted with your suffering self.**

Leader: O Lord, when did we welcome you as a stranger?

**All: O Lord, we did not welcome you. We looked at the stranger, and judged him to be too different from ourselves; we judged her unworthy of our precious time and attention.**

Leader: O Lord, when did we tend to your sickness or visit you in prison?

**All: O Lord, we did not tend to you, we did not visit you. We have worshiped the God of glory but neglected the God who walked among the least of these. Forgive us, O God. Set us free from our sin; strengthen us in our weakness; open our eyes to our own frailty and help us to see your face in the wounded places of this world. Lord, we ask for you to forgive us and to mold us into living lives of gratitude that honor you for your gracious sovereignty.**

## Assurance of Pardon

When we like sheep have gone astray, wandered into dangerous territory, and become lost, Jesus searches us out. He judges our willfulness, forgives our sin, and carries us to safety by way of his cross. He is a just judge and a caring shepherd, rescuing us and leading us in a right path toward home. Thanks be to God!

## \*Passing of the Peace

\*Gloria Patri No. 579

The Old Testament Reading (insert) *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

## Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Eternal God, we ask that as we meditate upon your word, that the ancient text of scripture will comfort us where we need comfort and challenge us where our behavior has been lethargic and tepid in our living out of our discipleship. May what we hear with our ears have an impact on our hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## Gospel Reading (insert)

*Matthew 25:31-46*

Sermon "Sheep & Goats after Turkeys" Rev. Bruce Boak



*All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.*

*Matthew 25:34-35*

\*Hymn of Reflection No. 142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

## Offering

\*Doxology No. 592

## \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Compassionate God, the world will only know that it has been good for us to be in worship when our worship extends into our service, when our moments of encounter with the living Christ give us new vision to work for justice and for peace, to feed the hungry, comfort the lonely, and to visit the sick. We dedicate ourselves to you, with the offering we now make in Christ's name.**

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn No. 146 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

## \*Charge

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 16:33; 2 Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 6:10; Thessalonians 5:13-22; 1 Peter 2:17*

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
arr. by David Hegarty