

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**November 26, 2023**  
**Reign of Christ**

**8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

## *Welcome to worship*

\* \* \* *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* \* \* \*

## *Gathering*

**Prelude**

Let all Things Now Living

Christine Schulz

**Greeting and Welcome**

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship register and pass it to the person next to you.

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

(8:30 a.m.)

(11:00 a.m.) Juliet Parlette

*The Lord God is our shepherd*

**We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**  
*God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.*

**But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

◆ **Hymn 666**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

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**Call to Reconciliation**

*With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.*

**Prayer of Confession**

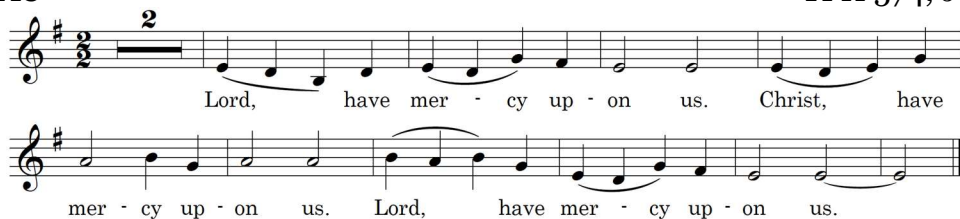
**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

◆ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

## Kyrie

TPH 574, Johnson



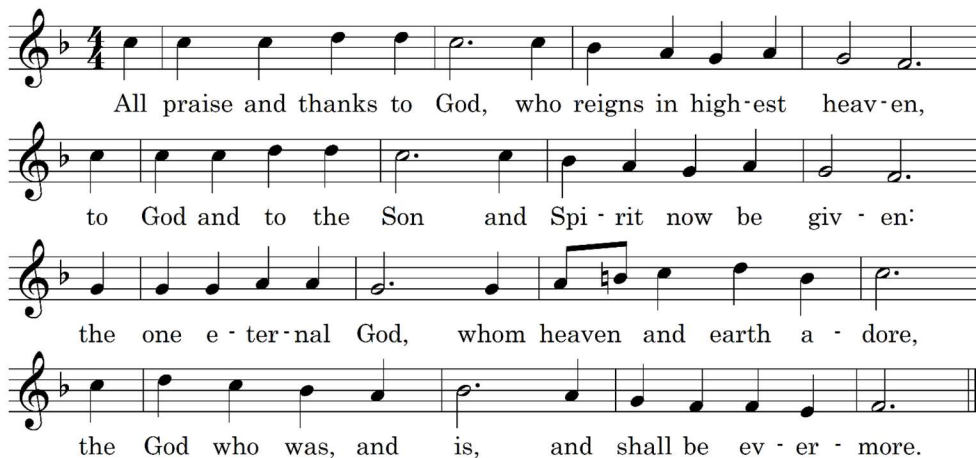
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Words of Life

*However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.*

## ◆ Gloria Patri

GTG 643 (stanza 3), NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT



All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en,  
to God and to the Son and Spi-rit now be giv-en:  
the one e-ter-nal God, whom heaven and earth a-dore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev-er-more.

## Time for Young Worshipers

### Passing of the Peace

Please refrain from shaking hands and greet each other with a word of peace or a wave of the hand.

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!*

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

GTG 459 (stanza 1), MUNICH

O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

### Reading from the Prophets

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

### Acclamation of Praise

Ronald Nelson

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

### Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 25:31-46

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** *Come listen to a story 'bout a man named Henry*

Rev. T.J. Parlette

## Our Response

- ◆ **Hymn 367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
- ◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, the King of Kings and the Lord of lords,  
who alone is immortal, dwelling in unapproachable light,  
and has glory, honor, and everlasting power.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, whose state was divine, yet did not  
cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to  
become as we are. He was made visible in the flesh,  
attested by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed to the  
nations, and taken up in glory.**

**We believe in the Spirit as a power of the Almighty, a pure  
emanation of the glory of God. Though unchanging, she  
makes all things new. She triumphs over evil, and her  
strength is ever present, ordering all things for good.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Lord in your mercy ...*

**Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*using debts and debtors*)

## Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory

(8:30 a.m.)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dale Wood

(11:00 a.m.)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

DIADEM, James Ellor, arr. Stephen Jackson

Chancel Choir

### ◆ Offertory Response (Hymn 608)

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all  
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

### ◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, use us, and these gifts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *Sending*

### ◆ Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

### ◆ Benediction

### Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

David Cherwien

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# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of November 26, 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
**WEEKLY**  
*Sneak Peek*

## This Week's Calendar

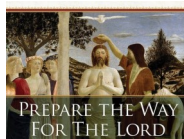
- † **Sunday, November 26**  
Worship—8:30am in-person  
Message: *Come listen to a story 'bout a man named Henry,*  
Rev. T.J. Parlette  
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
Kerygma meets  
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed
- † **Tuesday, November 28**  
Session Meeting—7pm
- † **Wednesday, November 29**  
Youth Music Program—4:45pm  
Wednesday Programming Dinner—5:30pm  
Youth Group—6pm  
Midweek Evening Prayer Service—6:05pm  
Advent Bible Study—6:30pm
- † **Thursday, October 26**  
“Deck the Halls” for Advent—9:30am  
Jubilate Deo—6pm  
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Saturday, December 2**  
Memorial Service for Shirley Edmonson—11am
- † **Sunday, December 3**  
Worship & Communion—8:30am in-person  
Message: Rev. T.J. Parlette  
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
**Advent Creations**  
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### Midweek Evening Prayer Services



Beginning Wednesday, November 29, join us in the sanctuary at 6:05pm for a brief respite from your week. These evening services will include not only prayer, but other forms of devotion in music, poetry and reflection.

### Advent Study Beginning Wednesday



Rev. T.J. will be leading an Advent study beginning Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30pm. Copies of the study book, “*Prepare the Way of the Lord*” by Adam Hamilton, are available for purchase in the church office for \$14 tomorrow.

### Cookies & Crèches



Bring your favorite Nativity scene to display in the atrium on Sunday, December 10.

We will enjoy cookies and holiday punch throughout the morning. Drop your set off at the church by Saturday morning and we will set them up. Contact Jane Murl with questions at (507) 259-1726.

### Preparing for Advent



We will be **decorating for Advent** on **Thursday, November 30**, at **9:30am**. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

*Sally Brooks and Bev Lewis*



Help make someone's day a little bit brighter by contributing to the **Christmas Poinsettia Fund**. The plants will be displayed in various areas around the church during Advent and will be taken to a Deacon C.A.R.E. member before Christmas.

*Judy Felten, Chancel Guild*

### Advent Candlelighters Needed



Readers are invited to assist with the lighting of the Advent candles each week during Advent. Use link on the Worship Tab of the church's SignUp Genius through our website or call the church office to sign up as individuals, families, or a group of friends.

**Rejoice!**  
**Advent Creations**  
**Sunday, December 3**  
**9:45am**  
**Advent Creations**

**Choir schedule remains the same**  
**Meet in the Social hall for Sunday School**  
**All are welcome to participate!**

# Church



# Family

## Birthdays...

### 26 November

◆ Van Jacobsen, Zach Konkol & Steve Rogers

### 27 November

◆ Meg Curtiss & Ann Mitchell

### 28 November

◆ Amy Dollerschell, James Martin,  
Jacqueline Moen & Laury Schalau

### 29 November

◆ Larry Shannon

### 30 November

◆ Brent Kaslow, Michaun Marcoux, Warren Potter  
& Eric Sorenson

### 1 December

◆ Joe Doppler, Randy Eckerson & Jessica Pedelty

### 2 December

◆ Gloria Berry, Terry Narr & Jerry Will

## Anniversaries

### 26 November

♥ Mark Pittelkow & Gail Gamble

### 30 November

♥ Jeremy & Melissa Eckhoff

## Youth & Family Ministries Position Posted

Find the job description and an application for a part-time Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator on our website or by following the QR link to the right.



## Christmas Joy Offering



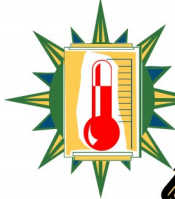
### CHRISTMAS JOY

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

During this Advent Season, we are called to support the Christmas Joy Offering, to celebrate God's perfect gift, Jesus, and open doors for those we might not be able to meet face to face, but who need the support that our gifts provide. Our gifts support leaders in our Church and world — past, present and future.

## Stewardship 2024



Approximately one month ago, the Stewardship & Finance Committee mailed out their request for pledges for the 2024 budget year. **Thank you** to those who have returned your pledge forms. There is still time to get your copy in before the deadline of November 30. The target for the 2024 stewardship campaign is \$800,000 and we still have a ways to go toward that goal. Please help us in **Moving Forward with a New Mission and Vision** as envisioned by the committee.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor  
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus  
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
Jesse Copley, Custodian  
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager  
Sarah A. Stender, Music Associate  
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players bands  
Paul Herr, Security  
Margie Schaaf, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person at 8:30 & 11am, and livestreamed on YouTube at 11am;  
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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†Energy †Intelligence †Imagination †Love*

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