

For God's Steadfast Love Endures Forever
Jan Richardson

At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (Revelation 1:4-8). The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.
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REIGN of CHRIST

November 26, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Crown Imperial* William Walton

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

With nature in its power and beauty, with rain and wind and sunshine, with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,
we gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers the whole world wide, with people in every land, and speakers of every language,
we gather in praise of God.

With the angels and saints in heaven, and with all who have worshipped in this place,
we gather in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers her blessings,
we gather in praise of God.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;
here may God's people find home.

* HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For the right roads we avoided travelling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love ... God, by your grace,
forgive us.

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made, God, by your grace,
forgive us.

For all we should be and all we can amend,
God, in your love, renew us.

For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us,
God, in your love, prepare us.

For the life of the world and the love of its people,
God, in your love, commit us.

Glory to the Creator who gives us life,
Glory to Jesus whose love remakes us,
Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.
Glory be to God. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NETTLETON

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from their classrooms at the end of worship.

**Ways to give:
Cash/Check**

Place in the offering
plate or in the mail

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Text the amount you
would like to give to
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RESPONDING

* HYMN 44 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* AUSTIN

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *True Anointed One* David Ashley White
Chancel Choir

Let kings and prophets yield their name to Jesus,
True Anointed One, for whom a nation looked in hope
Yet failed to see that God had done a strange and unexpected thing;
God sent a servant, not a king.
But God reveals to searching faith
The truths that pious dogmas hide;
When Jesus asked the twelve his name,
But Peter stepped forth and replied
In words that seemed both right and odd;
“You are Messiah, Son of God.”
Give us, O God, the grace to know the limits of our certainty;
Help us, like Peter, to declare the still unfolding mystery
Of One who reigns though sacrificed,
Our Lamb and Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

* DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

SENDING

* HYMN 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Herr Christ, der ein’ge Gottessohn, BWV 601 J. S. Bach



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Jackie Voss by her husband, Burt Voss; and in loving memory Lewis and
Maxine Profit by Kirk Profit.*

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WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. While you are with us today, we would love for you to do two things:

- 1. Sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.
- 2. Join us following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. The structure is only a three minute walk from the church, and parking is free on Sundays. To get to the church from the structure, cross Forest Avenue and walk down Forest Court to the end of the block.

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children 2nd grade and older will be independently dismissed from their classrooms at the conclusion of worship. Children in 1st grade or younger will remain in their classrooms and must be picked up by an adult. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice Hyers
Rev. Hannah Lundberg

Musicians

Chancel Choir

Organist

David Hufford

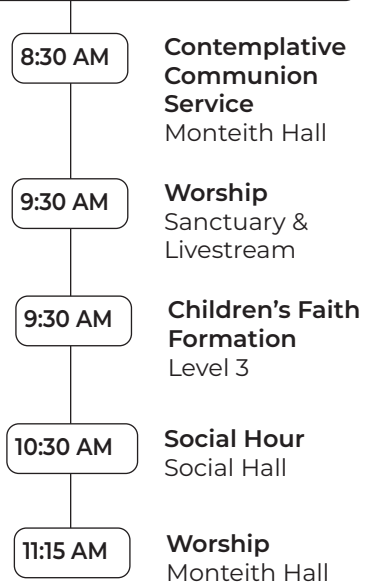
Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Ushers

Holly Majorprice
Aidan Majorprice
Chloe Majorprice
Pat Tamblyn
Diane Tamblyn
Mary Schudel
Beth Gerwig
Angela Yang
Paul Smith

SUNDAY OFFERINGS



Carol Smith

Dave Keil

Greta Krapohl

Welcome Center

Carol Gottliebsen

Hillegonds Chapel

Prayer Partner

Felicity Williams

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Advent Is Happening!

Saturday, December 2

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Everyone, of all ages, is invited to join us for Advent-themed crafts, cookie decorating, and more! FREE!

FAITH FORMATION

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Encountering Advent Scripture in a Whole New Way

December 3-17

Lewis Room

Class Facilitator: Rev. Mark Mares,

Join us next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. for a new Exploring the Faith class. This three-part series will create space to dig deeper into scripture. We'll do so by engaging in the important acts of scripture memorization, voice and delivery of a text, and 'reclaiming the plays' of the Bible, as we see and hear the stories come to life.

Dec. 3 - "Embodied Scripture Workshop: Experiencing Scripture Holistically" led by Debra L. Freeberg, Theatre Professor Emerita, Calvin University

Dec. 10 - "A Parable Workshop: How Scripture becomes a performance script" led by Debra L. Freeberg, Theatre Professor Emerita, Calvin University

Dec. 17 - "Enacting Scripture Workshop: Reading Behind the Text" led by Resident Minister Tommy Langejans

MATURE MINISTRIES

Frankenmuth Adventure

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Two Michigan favorites—Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and Frankenmuth's Bavarian Inn Restaurant—have been lined up to offer Santa's FPC friends a second-to-none start to the Christmas season.

Bronner's is home to the largest Christmas store on the planet and Bavarian Inn serves up classic family style, all-you-can-eat chicken dinners. Register by Tuesday, November 28.

Cost: \$75.00

Register online: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FAAAF2DAA8-mature#/

Lunch and Learn

Thursday, December 14

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Holiday Sing-Along

12:15 - 1:40 p.m. - Guest Speaker Dr. Meng Tan, "Innovations in Diabetes Treatment"

We will gather in the Sanctuary to enjoy a fun-filled collection of the most beloved Christmas songs and carols, accompanied by Brent Ivey and David VanderMeer with a special appearance by Santa Claus. Following lunch, Dr. Meng Tan will share highlights from his research on innovations in diabetes treatment. Dr. Tan is Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine in the Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Diabetes at the University of Michigan.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Give yourself the gift of learning ...

Drop in on a PW Bible study!

Make the Bible personal the William Barclay Bible study on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Vance Room. Spiritual Writing, a class where you write from a prompt and discuss your work, meets on Thursday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the Vance Room. Give the Horizon's Bible Study, Sacred Encounters, a try on Thursday, December 14. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Carol Gottlieb at caroldgott@gmail.com.

WORSHIP

Advent Taizé Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

Experience a beautiful form of prayer, inspired by the ecumenical community in Taizé, France.



**JANUARY
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2024**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN MISSION MINISTRY

ROTATING SHELTER

JOIN US IN MAKING FIRST PRES THE WARMEST PLACE IN TOWN FOR OUR GUESTS!

For two weeks in January, our church-home will become the overnight-home for up to 20 men who otherwise have housing challenges. Volunteer opportunities are available!

MORNING DRIVER: transport guests from FPC to breakfast location.

EVENING HOST: Welcome guests to FPC, conversation as arises; maintain snacks/beverage table.

OVERNIGHT HOST: By rotation with 3 other volunteers a 2-hour shift at "awake duty" in Welcome Center; remainder of night to sleep in designated Sunday School room.

SNACKS DONOR: provide pre-packaged breakfast bars, cracker sandwiches, juice boxes, fruit, bottled water, etc.

MEAL/FOOD DONOR: Two volunteers will each provide a dish to serve 10-12 men, total of 20 guests. Hot dishes must be delivered hot and ready to serve, there will be no access to oven, dish room, serving utensils. We suggest you coordinate with your partner volunteer for this meal. Note: one-dish meals are easiest; deliver to church at 7:00 p.m. each evening, hot and in disposable container with serving utensils; we cannot accept personal dishes.

DONATE: Folks unable to participate these evenings may want to make a donation of warm clothing. Donations are welcome in the Welcome Center at any time through January 15. Clothing items must be new and in original packaging with tags. Those wishing to make a financial donation, please follow the FPC Donations link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/campaign/C-11Q0D>

Questions: Contact Jim Peggs (734-646-9412) or Marcey Terrien (480-833-7019)
Or any Committee Member: Anne Andrus, Al Berry, Dallas Dort, Jim Douglass, Charlie Koopman, Jeannette Middleton, John Voorhorst

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