

CHRIST THE KING *Christ the King Sunday*
November 22, 2015

Rev. Monty Clendenin

Organist: Dr. Susie F. Dempsey

Lay Reader
Wayne Claeren

Elder Greeter
Cosper Bell

Ushers
Cosper Bell and Wayne Claeren

Gathering

First Ringing of the Bell ☞ Music for Meditation

Second Ringing of the Bell ☞ Opening of the Bible

Welcome, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* Karg-Elert-Hopson

Call to Worship

Thanksgiving for God's Wondrous Deeds

Psalm 75

One: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks; your name is near.
People tell of your wondrous deeds.

**At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity. When
All: the earth totters, with all its inhabitants, it is I who keep its
pillars steady.**

I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast', and to the wicked, 'Do not lift
One: up your horn; do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with
insolent neck.'

**For not from the east or from the west and not from the
All: wilderness comes lifting up; but it is God who executes
judgement, putting down one and lifting up another.**

For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup with foaming wine, well
One: mixed; he will pour a draught from it, and all the wicked of the
earth shall drain it down to the dregs. But I will rejoice forever; I
will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

**All: All the horns of the wicked I will cut off, but the horns of the
righteous shall be exalted.**

Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer

†Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People Come* Hymnal #551

†Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14
Traditional



Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we come before You during this service in a moment of calm, away from the worries and strife of the world. We have time to reflect on the past week and to realize that we have fallen short of Your glory in so many ways. We find our best intentions have been knocked askew, our efforts to extend gratitude in all facets of lie have not always succeeded, our desires to share Your good news with the world have not been translated into action. Truly, Lord, there is none among us who consistently earns Your praise. We often busy ourselves so much with needless things that our lives lose directions and we become like sheep without a Shepherd. We beseech You, Lord, to hear our confession, strengthen our resolve to establish Christian direction, purpose, and faithfulness in our lives. For it is in Jesus' name we pray. *Amen.*

Moment for Personal, Silent Confession

The Kyrie Eleison -All are invited to sing- Hymnal # 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

†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, Amen.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Judges 6:11-24 OT Page 223

The Call of Gideon

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Luke 1:67-79 NT Page 58

Zechariah's Prophecy

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **Gratitude** Rev. Monty Clendenin



*Some people grumble that roses have thorns;
I am grateful that thorns have roses.*

— Alphonse Karr, *A Tour Round My Garden*



†Please stand if you are able.

†Hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Hymnal #562

Prayers of the People

Offertory *Come Ye Thankful People Come* Hugo Gehrke
(Hymn Ref: #551)

†Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

†Hymn *We Gather Together* Hymnal #559

Postlude *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

†Charge and Benediction

†Hymn *Song of Hope* Hymnal # 432
May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working, for a world that's new; faithful, when we hear Christ's call.

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In a sometimes seemingly chaotic, disordered world, we need someone who has power to order our fevered lives. We need someone to rule. It is a great comfort, in time of distress, to know who sits upon the throne.



Welcome to Our Visitors

We are happy to have you worship with us and we hope you will return to worship with us again in the near future. Please indicate your attendance by filling out a visitor's card and placing it in the offering plate. If you are interested in learning more about membership in First Presbyterian Church, please speak to our Pastor after the service.

Prayer requests - Yellow folders in the pew racks may be used to request prayer. The Pastor will receive requests before the Prayers of the People.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting - The Session has called a congregational meeting to follow worship on Sunday, December 6, 2015. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three elders to the class of 2018, a trustee for the class of 2018 and a Congregational Nominating Committee. Please use the enclosed ballots to nominate people to these positions. Deadline for nominations is November 29th.

The deadline for Poinsettias order is today.

Bonnie Seymour will give a **Moment for Mission** for Christmas Joy next Sunday, November 29th.



Please keep the following people in your prayers.

Nate Adams (friend of Bob Ford)
 Scott Ballard
 Autumn Campbell
 The family of Daniel Davis (friend of Hannah Underhill)
 Dorothy DiBartolo
 Susie Duncan (friend of David and Cecelia Talley)
 Gene Fair
 Larry Fair
 Charlie Firestine (childhood friend of Steve Underhill)
 Elaine Gauldin (friend of Glen and Barbara Franklin)
 Lynsey Gillam
 Rickey Gilley (of Piedmont)
 Bobby Haynes
 Lee Manners
 Roberta McWorter
 Troy Mitchell
 Carla Moses
 Curtis Sasser
 Ellen Simpson
 Mary Stinson (friend of Bobby Haynes)
 Sandra Underwood (friend of Bonnie Seymour)
 Thompson Nash Wagoner
 Marge Walters



Next Sunday – November 29, 2015
1st Sunday of Advent
 Rev. Monty Clendenin

Scripture

Jerimiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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*gratitude
 changes everything*

Today	9:45am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Between the hours fellowship
	11:00am	Worship Service
	5:00pm	No Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00am	No Bible Study
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Dr. Susie F. Dempsey, Church Organist; Cosper Bell, Treasurer
Mary Furlow, Secretary

The Session

Class of 2015
 Aleta Bell
 Carolyn Padgett
 Sharon Ward

Class of 2016
 Ethelyn Brown
 Margaret Pope
 Donald Seymour

Class of 2017
 Cosper Bell
 Bonnie Seymour
 Steve Underhill

Carlton Ward

Trustees
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Members are received into our fellowship by baptism and profession of faith, by letter of transfer from another Christian congregation, and by reaffirmation of faith. We invite you to become a member of this congregation of God's people.