



First Presbyterian Church

Welcome Home!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King November 21, 2021 11 AM

PREPARATION

A Prayer of Preparation

Lord, our God—whose power is beyond compare, and glory is beyond understanding; whose mercy is boundless, and love for us is ineffable—look upon us with your compassion and grant us your abundant mercy; for to you belong all glory, honor, and worship to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. (Liturgy of St. Basil, 4th century)

Welcome

Rev. Shon Peppers

Prelude

Toccata on "Coronation"

Gordon Young

ADORATION

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 93)

Leader: Our God reigns!

People: Robed with majesty and armed with strength,

Leader: God holds our world and our lives securely.

People: This is the God to whom we have given our lives—

Leader: the God who deserves our worship and our praise!

*Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Time with Our Children

Rev. Lee Koontz

*Children (ages three through second graders) may participate
in Children's Church in the Sunshine Lodge in the Children's Wing.*

The 11 am service is streamed live at www.fpcga.org and later is available on our website. Sunday sermons are also broadcast on WDUN AM 550 each Sunday following the 8:30 am news.

FPC Choral Scholar Matthew Bramlett is conducting the anthem this morning.

CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

In these moments, eternal God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at your words which call us to a different way of living. Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope...

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Celebration of Forgiveness *Glory to the Father* John Weaver
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem *O Be Joyful* John Rutter
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth from generation to generation. O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be: world without end, amen.

New Testament Reading Revelation 1:4b-8
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Heaven and Earth* Rev. Koontz

* Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

RESPONSE

* Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed* Rev. Dr. Margaret Turney-Ayer
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People, concluding with *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.

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

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

SENDING FORTH

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music *King of Kings* Ralph Simpson

* Please stand as you are able.

Assisting with worship today are Benji Stegner, Choir Director / organist; Chancel Choir; Chancel Ringers.

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Welcome, guests!

Your presence is a wonderful blessing to this church family! If you would like to know more about the church or would like to ask for prayer, please speak with one of the pastors following the service. We would love the opportunity to get to know you and minister to you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Today is Shoebox Dedication Sunday. Your financial support for this project will also be greatly appreciated—

please make your check out to FPC with Shoeboxes in the memo line.



FPC is partnering with the Salvation Army to provide Christmas gifts for children in our community. To participate you may pick an Angel tag off the tree in Swetenburg Hall, purchase the gifts for the child listed on the tag, and return gifts to the tree unwrapped by Wednesday, December 1.



POINSETTIAS

Ordering poinsettia plants in memory or in honor of loved one(s) helps the Chancel Flower Guild decorate the church for Christmas. You may find order forms at the information tables. The cost is \$13 each.

FAMILY PROMISE CHRISTMAS STORE

Family Promise will have their annual Christmas store on **December 7-8**. This store will allow struggling children and families to purchase gifts at reduced prices for their loved ones for the Christmas season. There will be a box by the church office to collect new toys. The toys need to be delivered to the church before Thanksgiving. An easier way to give is through familypromisehall.org/christmas-donate to select toys from Amazon or Target and have them shipped directly to Family Promise located at 3606 McEver Road, Oakwood, GA 30566. You can also make a monetary donation in support of the Christmas Store. Thank you in advance for your support for this worthwhile project and vital ministry for Gainesville/Hall County.

GLADIATORS HOCKEY

Fellowship Outing

**Saturday,
December 11**

Match time is 7pm

Cost is \$15 per ticket

Those interested in carpooling will depart the church at 6pm and others can meet us there. Please contact the church office at 770-532-0136 or Shon Peppers 678-936-5357 / speppers@fpcga.org to reserve your seat.



Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 770-718-8584.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

OCC Shoebox Dedication (Both Services)
8:45am Morning Light Worship, SH
9:15am Chancel Ringers
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10:00am Prayer Group, Prayer Room
12:00pm Gentle Yoga, Gym
6:30pm Lakeshore Square Dance Class

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:30pm Ladies AA, Lakehouse

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

12:00pm Church Office Closes for Thanksgiving Holidays

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving, Church Office Closed

SH-Swetenburg Hall