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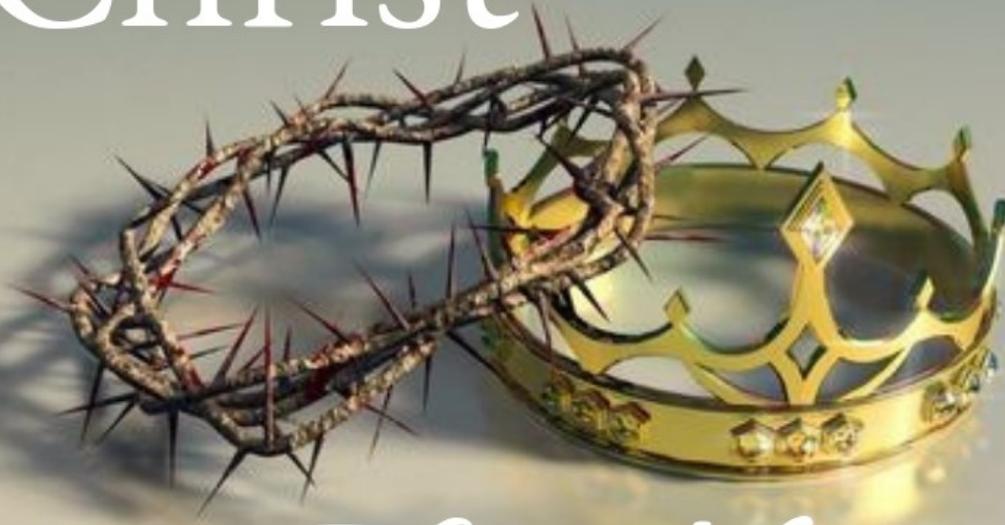
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# Christ



# The King

*A nurturing community in Jesus Christ reflecting God's love for the world  
as we Worship, Grow and Serve.*

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

*“Come, Ye Faithful People, Come”*

Barbara Kinyon  
Carillon Ringers

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We are glad you joined us for worship today! Please take a moment and sign the red friendship pad and let us know you joined us in worship today!*

**PRELUDE**

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Crueger/Larson  
Carillon Ringers and Piano

**\* PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

*“Give Thanks”*

Smith

*(this is a prayer we will sing to prepare our hearts for worship)*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us; *(repeat)*

Give thanks. Give thanks. Give thanks.

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

**One:** Rejoice in the light of the morning! Give thanks for the sun's energy, even through clouds!

**All:** **God speaks to us and meets us here. We live in blessed covenant with the Eternal One.**

**One:** Gather in the Spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear! Thank God for truth that lives in spite of death!

**All:** **We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ. We seek to share the good news that Christ reigns.**

**One:** The Spirit encounters us here, that we might learn. The Spirit inspires and equips us, that we might serve.

**All:** **God anoints us for ministry, giving us tasks to do. God's Word is on our tongues, that the world may hear and believe.**

**\* HYMN 258**

*“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”*

DEO GRACIAS

A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New songs throughout the world shall ring:  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.

The holy apostolic band  
upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
and with his followers they see  
their Lord ascend in majesty.

To all, the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?  
This is the Savior!" thus they say;  
"this is his glorious triumph-day."

"You see him now, ascending high  
up to the portals of the sky.  
Hereafter you shall Jesus see  
returning in great majesty."

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord.  
You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)**

**Alpha and Omega, whose creative energy through untold ages has brought us to this time and place of encounter: Find your dwelling among us this day, not just in this sanctuary, but in our hearts and lives – and not just today, but every day. Clothe your priests with faithfulness, and all your faithful people with garments of joy. May we know your grace and peace as we honor your majesty, bowing in awe before the One who was, and is, and is coming among us. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**Almighty and most merciful God, sometimes we act like Pontius Pilate, questioning Jesus. We find it hard to accept the kind of king Jesus is. Rather, we put our faith in material things, like money, and house, and car. And – seeking more and more – we strive to climb the ladder of success. Indeed, we forget Jesus' response to Pilate before he died for us: "My kingdom is not from this world. I came into the world to testify to the truth." Nevertheless, we continue to create our own truths. Help us, O God, to know that Jesus Christ is our way, our truth, and our life. To you we confess our hesitance; before you we bow our hearts.**

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"We Gather Together"*

Barbara Kinyon  
Carillon Ringers

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

**Eternal and everlasting God, who is and who was and who is coming even now: Grant that – like your servant John – we may be in the Spirit on the Lord's day, hearing clearly what you have to say to us. And – in so doing – may we be obedient to the One who loves us and freed us from our sins; and thereby become his faithful witnesses, to your honor and glory. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 18:28-38a

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of our Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

John 18-28-38a

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So, Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” They answered, “If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.” The Jews replied, “We are not permitted to put anyone to death.” (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

This is the word of our Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Of Kings and Kingdoms

Rev. Dave Lovelace

ANTHEM

*“Ring Out Your Joy”*

Hal. H. Hopson  
Carillon Ringers and Chancel Choir

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)

One: Who is the redeemer of God’s elect?

All: **The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became human, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.**

One: What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

All: **Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and his estate of exaltation.**

One: How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?  
**All: Christ executes the office of prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

One: How does Christ execute the office of a priest?  
**All: Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.**

One: How does Christ execute the office of a king?  
**All: Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

One: How did Christ experience humiliation?  
**All: Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross, being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.**

One: How did Christ experience exaltation?  
**All: Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.**

\* SONG

*"Jesus Name Above All Names"*

Hearn

Jesus, name above all names,  
 Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
 Emmanuel, God is with us,  
 Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving Shepherd,  
 Vine of the branches, Son of God,  
 Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,  
 Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Praise him, Lord above all lords,  
 King above all kings, God's only Son.  
 The Prince of Peace, who by his Spirit  
 Comes to live in us, Master and Friend.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Please use the prayer cards in the pews for your prayer concerns and joys and place in offering plate when you leave today. Let us pray for the church, our neighbors in need and the whole world.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.  
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\* HYMN 268**

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

DIA DEMETA

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Fugue in F Major"*

Dietrich Buxtehude

## Announcements:

We continue to collect "VIF" cards. They can be left in the VIF boxes when you enter or leave church or the box located in memorial hall.

We thank you for your dedicated giving to FPC-N.

### Important Vacation and Office Updates!

**Pastor Eric will be out on vacation** from Wednesday, November 17th—Wednesday, November 24th. Please contact the church office if you need pastoral assistance.

**Cindy will be on vacation and the office will be closed Wednesday, November 24th—Friday, November 26th** for the Thanksgiving holiday. Pastor emergencies, contact Pastor Eric. Building issues, contact Ron Olson or Don Tancredi Thank you!



*Presbyterian Women present:*

*"Jesus is Born: Light of the World"*

**December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**in the Sanctuary**

Come join us for an entertaining evening of music and Christmas stories. **All** (members and non-members) are welcome to this free program. Bring a friend.

*John 8:12 "I am the Light of the World."*

Music will be provided by our Carillon Ringers and the DeBlok fluters recorder group. We will be accepting soda can tabs and toiletries for Ronald McDonald House as well as socks and hats for Hope Dining Room.

Newark  
Interfaith  
Thanksgiving  
Service 2021  
*"Neighbors Caring for Neighbors"*  
Tuesday, November 23, 7:30pm  
Newark United Methodist Church  
Masks required  
In recognition of our essential workers and all who care and serve

### **Helping Hands Collection- Food for the Hungry, Hope for the Homeless Meeting Ground - Wayfarer's House**



**Sunday, November 28, 2021.  
Bags handed out Sunday, November 21st.**

Top Priority Needs Include: *Coffee, Creamer, Sugar, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Salmon), Toddler Pull-Ups (various sizes), Toddler Cloths, Paper Towels, Napkins, Bathroom Tissue, 13 Gallon Trash bags, 33 Gallon Trash Bags*

Also welcome: checks, made out to:  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
Memo line: "Meeting Ground-Wayfarer's House"

Anyone that is ordained and interested in assisting in worship serving communion by intinction, please contact Carol Olson to sign up.

She needs 4 people for each month. Her number is 302-731-0533.

### **ZOOM LINKS!**

**Bible Study in Memorial Hall following worship**  
Join using link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82450506872>

**Grief Support Group (11/14, 11/28)**  
Join using the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86489317426>



## Chancel Flowers Update for 2022

Flowers can be dedicated in honor or memory of family, friends and loved ones. *If you have a specific date you wish to reservice, please call early!*

**Beginning January 1, 2022, Cost will be \$31.00 for two.**

You are welcome to take flowers home after worship on Sunday mornings, or we can deliver to a home bound member.

Please contact the church office at 731-5644 or email Cindy at [cindyrogers@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:cindyrogers@firstpresnewark.org) to sign up.

## Chesapeake Silver Coronet and Brass Band

### 25th Anniversary Concert

**Today at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Join with this national award winning 35-piece all brass British-style concert band for a joyous performance of  
Free will offering will be accepted.

## Afghan Family Update

We are working jointly with the Seventh Day Adventist Church to help a family of 6 with children from 17 down to 4. Below is Sign Up Genius link for you to pick items you would like to get for the family. Donations can be delivered to Carolyn Morton's home. Contact her for more information. 302-737-7612.

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/60B0E4DADAD2FABFD0-afghan](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4DADAD2FABFD0-afghan)**

## GIVE AN AGM GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

First Presbyterian Church is again providing the Alternative Gift Market service. You can satisfy your entire gift giving needs and help people all over the world.

The Market will be held this year in our Narthex on the following dates: ***Sundays, November 28 and December 12.***

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Huckleberry at 302-740-7786,

## Hope Dining Room



We will again be collecting socks for Christmas gifts for the clients. We have Hope on December 13th. The collection will begin on November 14 and end December 5 so we can wrap the socks and have them ready for the 13th. There will be baskets in the narthex and at the office for your gifts. We thank you for your gifts, they are truly appreciated.

Willee and Paul Short-willeepauls@gmail.com

## ***Prayer Concerns/Praises.....***

*If you know of someone who is hospitalized, please contact the church office and let us know. Prayer email: prayers @firstpresnewark.org. New names are listed in bold.*

### **Praise:**

Rick and Judy Agnello's loving care for Carlton and Martha

Praise for Afghan families that have arrived in Newark

**Liam and Walter's baptism**

**Vacation time for Pastor Eric and Cindy**

### **Healing:**

Garrett Norman, Sr / Answers

Fiona (Jan Fickeissen's neighbor)-cancer

Bob Wenner

Susan Holt (Jerry Holt's sister-in-law) memory loss

Anne (friend of Nancy Boulden's)

Jason healing and relief from pain

Holly Hodges (friend of Crystal Norman) –cancer-limited treatment

Tom Brockenbrough moved to Cadia

Richardson family-unspeakable needs (neighbor of Doris Brewer)

Tim Brown- (Nancy Lewis' son in law) back surgery

Kathleen Kroly Sisk (Mark's wife)-hospitalized

**Nancy Baldwin (Melody's sister's step daughter)  
breast cancer**

### **Grief/Sympathy**

The families of:

Myles Stiefvater

Jim Dodd (friends of Nancy and Urie Boulden's)

Al Pellegrini (friend of Nancy Stevens)

Joseph George (Janet Thomson's father)

**C. Lawler Rogers – (Nancy Lewis's  
former choir director)**

**William Thomson-Memorial Service  
12/4 at 11:00am**

**Jim Aftosmis (Carol's husband)**

### **Comfort and Protection:**

All Teachers and students

Pastor Tshibuabua – our Dinanga Family

Afghan families resettling in the United States

Health Care Professionals and all essential workers

All struggling with mental health issues

Garrett Norman, Jr - student teaching experience

**Traveling mercies for our church family and their  
families as they travel for Thanksgiving**

**Those grieving the anniversary of their loved one's  
passing**

### **Wisdom:**

Pastor Eric

God's Guidance for Our Church

Grief Group

For all members to work together for the good of the church with Grace and Respect for each other

**Our Trustees: Jim Annett, John Bock, Joe**

**Challburg, Ann Ferreira, Jerry Holt,**

**Francis Kwansa, Bill Lewis, Ken Lewis, Ron**

**Olson, Kern Piser, Scott Sheldon, Jynx**

**Stevenson**

### **Long term prayer:**

Marian Bowen

Doris Brewer-mold problem resolved

Rhettta Brighton

Lea McMurtry

Crystal Norman

Esther Reutter

Carlton and Martha Tappan

Stephen Thachik

Evelyn Hayes

Kelly Lovelace Soliman

Pat Steele

**Rob Linwood**

**USHERS:** Vicki Pierson-Perry, Tom Shaw  
**COUNTERS:** Harvey Conner, Joe Huggins  
**LITURGIST:** Kern Piser  
**CLOSER:** Paul Biddle  
**GREETERS:** Ann Ferreira and Carolyn Morton

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DONATED:**

In memory of Winnie Koffenberger  
by her family

**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LINE UP—NOVEMBER 28**

**USHERS:** Joe and Lois Huggins  
**COUNTERS:** Matt Reyne, Scott Sheldon  
**LITURGIST:** Angela Abankwa-Opoku  
**CLOSER:** Joe Huggins  
**GREETERS:** Vickie Pierson-Perry and Pat Steele

**LIST OF OFFICERS BY CLASS**

**SESSION**      **CLERK OF SESSION**—Nancy Lewis  
**Class of 2022:** Nancy Lewis, Jim Newsom, Jim Pierson-Perry  
**Class of 2023:** Greg Hills, Don Tancredi  
**Class of 2024:** Melody Bock, Pat Nelson, Bob Wunder

**DEACONS**      **MODERATOR:** Jane Moore      **VICE MODERATOR:** Norma Salomon  
**Class of 2022:** Judy Agnello, Jan Huckleberry, Lois Huggins, Bob Wenner  
**Class of 2023:** Angela Abankwa-Opoku, Nancy Boulden, Anne Lewis, Norma Salomon  
**Class of 2024:** Rosemarie Beron, Jane Moore, Pat Steele, Nancy Stevens

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**Class of 2022:** Ann Ferreira, Bill Lewis, Ron Olson, Scott Sheldon  
**Class of 2023:** John Bock, Francis Kwansa, Ken Lewis, Jynx Stevenson  
**Class of 2024:** Jim Annett, Joe Challburg, Jerry Holt, Kern Piser

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