

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 23, 2025

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

Prelude on “We Gather Together”

Arr.: James Pathel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Frances Bius, Liturgist

Leader: God established the world from of old.

People: God’s reign shall never end.

Leader: God delivered us in freedom and truth.

People: God’s love is everlasting.

*HYMN #363 *(see bulletin)*

“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

Wesley/Darwall

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)

Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #802 *(see bulletin)*

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

H.W. Baker/IRISH MELODY

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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

Setting: George Job Alvey

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (5th grade or younger)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Psalm 100:1-5

ANTHEM

“There Is No Other Name”

Steve Camp

SECOND READING:

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

“Tales by the Hillside: When God Rejoices Over You!”

Austin Pounds

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

The Apostles' Creed

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; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

***HYMN #243**

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Bridges/Elvey/Thring

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“The Light From on High”

David Paxton

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of **Jonnie Willis McCranie and Robert S. Avery**
by Susan and Marshall McCranie.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Brooks Sheldon and Marshall McCranie

Please support FPC with a pledge for 2026. Blank pledge cards can be found in the lobby.

Sunday, November 23 TURN IN YOUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES TODAY!

NO WATCH on Wed., November 26 & the office will be closed November 27 & 28

Sunday, November 30 Interim Pastor Rick Douylliez will lead worship

Monday, December 1 at 10 a.m. PW BOARD

Tuesday, December 2 at 9 a.m. ADVENT STUDY (at Shalom Cafe)

Tuesday, December 2 from 11:30 am-2 pm PRAYER & REFLECTION

Wednesday, December 3 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL

Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER

Thursday, December 4 at 4:30 p.m. Cornerstones Christmas Lights Tour

Sunday, December 7 at 8:30 a.m. MEN'S BREAKFAST at FMC

Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m. ADVENT FEST followed by soup & sandwiches

Sunday, December 7 at 6 p.m. TREE LIGHTING SERVICE

SANCTUARY OPEN TUESDAY FOR PRAYER & INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION

Join us on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., now through January 6th, for prayer & reflection.

YOUTH BAKE AUCTION

Thank you to all who baked and bought! We raised \$5,582 for our youth ministry.

SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY! THORNWELL: ROOTED IN FAITH

Please support Thornwell's mission to serve children & families with Christ-centered care. Write a separate check to FPC with "Thornwell" in the memo line, or use a Thornwell envelope inserted in the bulletin.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED FOR ADVENT FESTIVAL!

Our Advent Festival is a few weeks away and we need to gather donated candy for the gingerbread houses. Please bring candy to the church by next Sunday, and plan to attend our Advent Festival December 7th.

A NOTE FROM THE FPC FINANCE COMMITTEE: We appreciate all those who have already donated the full amount of their pledges for the current year. To reach our budgeted income goals and meet our commitments in 2025, the church needs to finish out the year with \$65,000 in donations this month and \$65,000 in donations for the month of December as well. *Please complete giving & 2025 pledge commitments by Dec 15.*

ROOTED IN FAITH FOR 150 YEARS

Since 1875, Thornwell has been rooted in faith! It is through our faith that God calls us to care for the most vulnerable and know that He will provide. Thornwell began as dream of a young Presbyterian minister, Dr. William Plumer Jacobs, and the faithful gift of fifty cents from a 10-year-old boy named Willie Anderson. That seed of hope grew into a ministry that has served thousands of children and families with love, healing, and support.

Now, 150 years later, Thornwell continues to serve children and families through a Christ-centered continuum of care, supporting children, teens, young adults, and parents through programs across Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Each November, churches like yours join in Thornwell Emphasis Month to celebrate this legacy and continue the work Dr. Jacobs began, helping families grow strong and stay rooted in faith. Whether through a prayer, a post on social media, or coins dropped into a beloved Tom the Turkey bank, your gifts make a lasting difference.

Let's continue the legacy, *rooted in faith and growing in love*.

Check out the suggestions below for some ideas on how your family can be involved! We can't build tomorrow's families without you.

ROOTED IN YOUR FAMILY

- Read the bible and pray together as a family.
- Show kindness and appreciation to each other.
- Set aside "phone-free" time to enjoy each other's company.

ROOTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- Serve a neighbor: mow a lawn, drop off a meal, or run an errand.
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup.
- Support foster families with meals, childcare, or prayer.

ROOTED IN MISSION WITH THORNWELL

- Pray for the children and families Thornwell serves.
- Encourage your children to return a full Tom the Turkey this month.
- Share Thornwell's mission and impact on social media.
- Make a financial gift, volunteer, or learn more at **thornwell.org**.