

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Led by Christ, Together in Faith and Love, We Joyfully Think, Question, Grow & Serve!

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025



Dismas

Thomas Puryear Mims, 1964

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Jimmy Hoke for Presbyterian Outlook, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*please sign the act of friendship pad

Pastor Phil Price

BREATH PRAYER *Inhale: "God, what I have," Exhale: "Is yours, not mine."*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Luke 1:68-79*)

One: We gather to worship God, who looks favorably on all the humans they created.

All: We sing blessings to God, who stands with us for justice and salvation.

One: We gather to worship God, who worked with many prophetic humans in every time and place.

All: We sing blessings to God, who makes faithful promises, to us and our ancestors.

One: We gather to worship God, whose tenderness we see shimmering in the breaking of dawn.

All: We sing blessings to God, who guides our feet on paths of peace.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God of justice and mercy, you call us to be shepherds who gather and protect those more vulnerable than ourselves. We speak of your justice, but our actions continue to leave others scattered on the edges of society. In the name of our own safety, we shield ourselves from others, push them away with closed doors, hostile looks, and insensitive questions. Even as we protest the actions of the rich and powerful, we have still absorbed their desire for king-like power. We remain tempted by the dream of the Good Life, where goodness for some only comes at the expense of many. Raise us up, O God, from our willful ignorance; bring us back into the fold; help us shepherd in the genuine change that reflects your just promises.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God promised to deal wisely with a scattered people who ... Jesus's death and resurrection confirm God's faithful promises extend to us.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and freed.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory to God

***Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!***

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Heidi Paquin

***This, this is where children belong. Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:11-20

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One: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Manor

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Why a King?

Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *From the Belhar Confession*

All: We believe in the triune God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through the Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe

- that God has revealed themselves as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged
- that God calls the church to follow them in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry
- that God frees the prisoner, supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, and blocks the path of the ungodly
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. To the one and only God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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MINUTE FOR MISSION *Sound Bites*

Amanda Littell

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

To give online, visit <https://www.fpcsalina.org/give>. To give over the phone, text FPCSalina and your dollar amount to 73256 or download our Realm Connect App.



CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Behold our God

MacDonald

*DOXOLOGY

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Justin Klaassen*

Hospitality Host: *Jo Buchanan*

Ushers: *Speer Family*

Weekly Glance

SUNDAY, November 23: 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

11:00am – Fill the Freezer

11:15am – Adult Ed Class

MONDAY, November 24: 3:30 – Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY, November 26: Salina Grace meal prep & serve

6:30pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, November 27: Thanksgiving – Join the Price's!

FRIDAY, November 28: FPC Closed

SUNDAY, November 30: 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

11:00am – Decorate Sanctuary

Looking Forward



Fill the
FREEZER

Sunday
November 23
11:00 – 1:00PM
Kitchen

time to be grateful
Happy Thanksgiving



FPC will be closed
Thursday, 27th
Friday, 28th

Alone for Thanksgiving?
You are invited to join Phil & Kathy Price at their home! Please contact Kathy if you would like to join by Sunday, November 23: (208-329-0784).

November 30
*Decorate
the
Sanctuary*
After Worship



When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future — who point us to God.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

NOVEMBER 30– DECEMBER 21



**FPC's Annual Ladies
Christmas
Gathering**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Abbey Rupe's Home | 135 Overhill Rd

Please bring a donation to DVACK of any hygiene items
i.e. shampoos, soaps, lotion, deodorant, laundry pods, etc.

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm
Candlelight Service



Poinsettias & *WREATHS*

The Board of Deacons invites you to share in providing **poinsettias** as Christmas gifts to nursing home and home bound members of the church. *Cost is \$16 per plant.*

Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary during Advent and Christmas Eve. You may pick up your plant(s) for your own use following the Christmas Eve service if you designate on the form below that you wish to do so.

Each year, we decorate the exterior of our church with **wreaths** and want to offer you the opportunity to be a donor, to honor or memorialize someone.

Cost is \$40 per wreath.

Please complete the form below and return with your payment to the church office no later than **Monday, Dec. 1st.**

I Would Like To Purchase # _____ of Poinsettia(s). \$16 ea

I Want To ☐ Donate Plant(s) **Or** ☐ Pick Up Plant(s)

I Would Like To Purchase # _____ of Wreath(s) to donate. \$40 ea

Printed Name of Donor(s): _____

GIVEN IN **MEMORY** OF: **OR** GIVEN IN **HONOR** OF:





For Your Information:

- FPC's Nursery, located on the second floor, is available for any child under the age of 6. We also have a playground in the parlor – a space for parents and younger children to be close to the sanctuary during worship.
- **Worship bags** for children of all ages are located in the lobby. When you are finished with the bag, please put it in the basket so that it can be replenished and straightened.
- Extra hymnals, including large print, and Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop. Please switch your hearing aid to t-coil to use. *Please see your audiologist to activate your t-coil if you haven't done so yet.* Headsets are also available. **Please sit in center section of Sanctuary.**



Faith Formation Programs:

- **FBI-In-Training** is our Faith Formation program for children age 2 through Pre-K.
- **FBI** (Faithful Bible Investigators) is our Faith Formation program for children in grades K-5.
 - FBI & FBI-In-Training meet every Wednesday during the school year at 3:45 pm.
- **God Squad** is our 6th-8th grade Youth Bible Study that meets every other Wednesday during the school year from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Youth Room or a restaurant.
- **HeBrews** is our 9th-12th grade Youth Bible Study that meets every Thursday during the school year at 7:00 am at Mokas on Crawford. The name is derived from *Hebrews 10:25*.

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: *Every Member of Congregation*
Pastor/ Head of Staff: *Rev. Phil Price*
Administrative Coordinator: *Nicole Olson*
Bookkeeper: *Kathleen Pierson*
Building & Grounds Coordinator: *Steve Fowler*
Week Day Custodian: *Dennis Augustine*
Sunday Custodian: *Regina Miller*

Children's Ministry Director: *Heidi Paquin*
CE Assistant: *Meghan Hessman*
Nursery Caregivers: *Kirsten Lilak & Haley Lindenmuth*
Youth Volunteer Leaders: *Makenzi & Trey Cullins*,
Music Director: *Dr. Richard Koshgarian*
Musician: *Parker Freeland*
Worship A/V Tech: *Jesse Smith*

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