

# Service for the Lord's Day

## Christ the King/Reign of Christ

*Kindly silence your cell phones and electronic devices*

### Gathering for Worship

#### CHIMES

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* arr. by W. Auld

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### ✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please pass the peace of Christ with one another.

#### ✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*(See inside front of hymnal)*

**Let There Be Peace**

### Preparation to Hear the Word

#### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we belong to God.

People: **Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, give thanks and bless God's name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: **God's faithfulness extends to all generations.**

✠ HYMN #551 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* St. George's Windsor

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have richly blessed us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which give life to the world. Yet we confess that we always want more and fail to be grateful for the bounty we have from your hand. We know you clothe the grass of the field and feed the birds of the air, yet we confess that we are consumed by worry about so many things instead of trusting your love and care for us. You have created and love all your children. Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in your sight. Yet we allow our fears and insecurities to lead us to hurtful feelings and even more hurtful actions, building walls instead of bridges. Holy God, refashion us in love and fill us with gratitude, compassion and kindness, that all our relationships might be marked by your mercy and grace. Amen

#### SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### SUNG PRAYER

*Bunessan*  
**Christ be beside me, Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### ✠ 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.**

### Proclamation of the Word

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Psalm 145: 1-13** (responsive) *Pew Bible pg. 714 (OT)*

ANTHEM *I Thank You, Lord* Joseph Martin

*Lord, when I think upon the music of my life, your songs of joy, your love songs in the night,  
I'm filled with wonder and with praise at the beauty of your grace.  
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.*

*And when I gather in this house, your sacred place, and when I sing the hymns and anthems of my  
faith,  
I'm filled with hope and gratitude as I lift my heart to you.  
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.*

*O, how can I keep from singing? How can I keep from lifting up my voice?  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?  
How can I help but praise the Lord?*

*How can I keep from praising Christ, my Savior, when he has done so much for me?  
I will exalt his name and not be silent, God's love has set my music free!  
God's love has set my music free!*

*Now when I think upon the blessings of this life, the forest deep, the glory of the skies,  
The promise of the rising sun and the moon when day is done,  
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.*

*And when I look into the eyes of those I love, or when I gaze upon the starry night above,  
My heart is filled with joyful praise, and I bless your holy name.  
I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.*

*O, how can I keep from singing? How can I keep from lifting up my voice?  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?  
How can I help but praise the Lord? How can I help but praise the Lord?  
I will praise the Lord.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Colossians 3: 12-17**

*Pew Bible pg. 246 (NT)*

**SERMON**

**“Gratitude: At the Heart of it All”**

*Rev. Lee MacCallum*

**Responding to the Word**

**PRAYER OF FAITH – (PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS)**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

✦ **HYMN #559**

*We Gather Together*

*Kremser*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

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.

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

*Now Thank We All Out God*

*E. L. Ashford*

✦ **Doxology**

*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.*

✦ **Prayer of Dedication**

**Sending Forth to Serve**

✦ **HYMN #555**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*God will take care of you, thru every day, o’er all the way  
God will take care of you; God will take care of you.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

*St. George’s Windsor*

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

# The First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood

**November 24, 2019**

**Christ the King/Reign of Christ**



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**Sunday Service 10:30 AM**

**Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Announcements – November 24, 2019**

**Welcome Rev. Lee MacCallum to the Pulpit**

Lee MacCallum was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago and graduated from Wheaton College, where he met his wife, Louise. Upon graduation from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1968, he was ordained as a minister in the PCUSA, accepting his first call as a youth pastor in a church in Hamburg, NY, near Buffalo. After nearly 4 years there, he accepted a call as pastor of the Olivet Presbyterian Church in Staten Island, NY, where he remained for 35 years, retiring in 2007. He and Louise, who is a retired teacher/administrator, have two sons, two daughters-in-law and ten grandchildren. They began attending the Wildwood church last year and love this warm and welcoming congregation.

**Rev. Takis out of the Office**

Rev. Takis is out of the office this week and will return to the pulpit Dec. 1. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Lee MacCallum at (718) 820-2297.

**2020 Financial Pledges**

Thank you to all who have returned their 2020 pledge cards. If you have not had a chance to do so yet, please return them soon, as the finance team is hard at work on the 2020 budget. There are extras on the tables by the sanctuary doors. You may drop your pledge cards in the offering plate, mail them in, or drop them off in the church office.

**Love INC Christmas Blessings 2019**

It's that time again, the time when we can play a part in making a child's Christmas a special day. Love INC needs your help to make that possible. There are flyers in front of the pulpit. If you want to volunteer, fill out the bottom of the flyer and leave it in the basket. A Love INC volunteer will call you. Any questions, contact Rosemary Ganci at 352-751-4432 or thelistlady514@gmail.com.

**“Glory to God” Hymnals**

Have you purchased a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one yet? A nameplate will be placed in the front to the hymnal to recognize your contribution. Order forms are in front of the pulpit. Hymnals are \$18, and checks should be made out to FPC with “hymnal” in the memo line. Deadline to order is December 8.

**Remember to Bring These Items to Church on an Ongoing Basis!**

Besides your Bible and yourself, here are a few other items to remember to bring with you when you come to church: Box Tops for Education to support the Wildwood Elementary School Library (bins located by the three doors to the sanctuary), and 7.8 oz cans of Beanee Weenees to support the Wildwood Soup Kitchen Snack Pack Program (bins located by the three doors to the sanctuary.)

**SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY**

**Sound:** Terry Becker  
**Liturgist:** Peggy Lewerenz  
**Ushers:** Lynn Barnes, Carol Norton,  
Shirley Palazzo, Michele Loser  
**Choir Director:** Connie Emery  
**Accompanist:** Eunice Mosier

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Michele Topolnicki  
In memory of Gertrude Perrini*

**Our Church Family Prayer Concerns**

**Dawn Cullen, Reola Melton, Bill Phillips**

**This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Christine Hoffman, November 24; Marilyn Newman, November 26; Reola Melton, November 29; Fred Resner, November 29; Betty Wharton, November 29

**Looking Ahead**

<b>Nov. 24, Sun.</b>	Choir Rehearsal .....	<b>9:30am</b>
	Worship.....	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Nov. 27, Wed.</b>	Men's Group.....	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Nov. 28, Thurs.</b>	Thanksgiving Day.....	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Dec. 1, Sun.</b>	Choir Rehearsal .....	<b>9:30am</b>
	Worship/Communion .....	<b>10:30am</b>
	Blood Pressure Clinic in Fellowship Hall .....	<b>11:30am</b>
<b>Dec. 3, Tues.</b>	Tuesday Presbyterian Women's Circle .....	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>Dec. 4, Wed.</b>	Worship Team Meeting .....	<b>9:00am</b>
	Mission Team Meeting.....	<b>10:30am</b>
	Choir Rehearsal .....	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Dec. 5, Thurs.</b>	Thursday Presbyterian Women's Circle.....	<b>2:00pm</b>
<b>Dec. 8, Sun.</b>	Choir Rehearsal .....	<b>9:30am</b>
	Worship/2 Cents a Meal .....	<b>10:30am</b>

**We Welcome Our Guests to Worship**

Welcome! Your presence with us this morning adds joy to our worship service. Please help us acknowledge your visit by including your name and contact information when the friendship pad is passed during the announcements. You are invited to join us for fellowship following the service. If you are looking for a church home, and feel God is leading you to FPC, please speak with Pastor Susan following worship or call her during the week at 352-748-2530.

**THE MISSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS:**

To be welcoming, caring, and compassionate, joyfully celebrating the Lord, growing spiritually through His presence, while sharing His love and grace.