

**First Presbyterian Church  
of Ithaca, Michigan**



**Sunday, November 24, 2019  
10:30am**

Service for the Lord's Day  
Christ the King Sunday

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*\* indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.  
**Bold text** indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

**Gathering Music**

*You Are My King  
Majesty*

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (responsive)

The Lord is God; we are God's people.

**We are the sheep of God's pasture.**

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

**To God be glory forever and ever!**

In Christ all things hold together;

**he is the head of the church and Lord of all.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #139**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

**Call to Confession**

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through the blood of the cross. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Silent Confession**

**Sung Response**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

sing twice

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.***

***You alone, O Lord, are holy.***

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!***

**Assurance of Pardon**

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*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. Amen.***

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.*

**\*Sung Response**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Children's Message**

**Prayer of Illumination (unison)**

**Overwhelm us with Your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as Your Word, made known to us in Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Anthem**

*A Harvest of Thanksgiving*

Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:68-79

**Sermon**

"Rejoice the Lord is King!"

Pastor Christina

**\*Hymn #145**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

## **WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

### **Prayers of the People**

Let your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

### **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 glory, forever. Amen.

### **Sung Response**

*I Love You, Lord*

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;  
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

### **Morning Offering**

### **Offertory**

### **\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

**WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Litany for the Reign of Christ(responsive)**

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded with strength.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for  
the powerless and your salvation for the lost.

**Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace  
with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and  
glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #151**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## **Today's Scripture Readings**

### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Watch out, you shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, declares the Lord. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, proclaims about the shepherds who “tend to” my people: You are the ones who have scattered my flock and driven them away. You haven't attended to their needs, so I will take revenge on you for the terrible things you have done to them, declares the Lord. I myself will gather the few remaining sheep from all the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will place over them shepherds who care for them. Then they will no longer be afraid or dread harm, nor will any be missing, declares the Lord. The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David's line, and he will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

## **Luke 1:68-79**

“Bless the Lord God of Israel because he has come to help and has delivered his people. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in his servant David’s house, just as he said through the mouths of his holy prophets long ago. He has brought salvation from our enemies and from the power of all those who hate us. He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and remembered his holy covenant, the solemn pledge he made to our ancestor Abraham. He has granted that we would be rescued from the power of our enemies so that we could serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in God’s eyes, for as long as we live. You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way. You will tell his people how to be saved through the forgiveness of their sins. Because of our God’s deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us, to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide us on the path of peace.”



**Prayer List:**

*Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.*

**Concerns:**

Jim & Cecille Bowen and family, on the loss of Jim's mom, Jo; Pastor Tom Whitesel; Sally Nester; Jackie Hartsaw; Phyllis Schmidt and family, on the loss of her son; Karen Moore; Stacy Bosley Mockridge; Sharon Froom; Bonnie Smith; Garret Miniard; Al Bartholomew; The Rev. George Gillette; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country

**Thanksgivings:**

Miracles and healing mercies granted; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

**Continuing Prayers:**

John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Randy Jenison; Christina Latoski & family; Barb Pharr; Rick & Mary Rimmel; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith; Shelley Zamarron & family

*If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.*

## **Happening this Week:**

- Community Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, 6:00pm – First Presby.
- Stampin' Up Camp – Monday, 6:30pm – Fireplace Room
- Men's Breakfast – Tuesday, 8:30am – Hearthstone Oven
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry

## **Service Volunteers – December 1, 2019:**

- Karen Emery, Liturgist
- Jim & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Greeters
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Ushers
- Dale Nester & Rick Teal, Communion Servers
- Tom Heinlein & Rick Teal, Counters
- Potluck, Coffee Hour

## **Last Week by the Numbers – November 17**

Attendance: 46

Offering: \$530

## **Community Thanksgiving Service – TODAY November 24 at 6pm**

Join us for the Ithaca Community Thanksgiving Service today, Sunday, November 24 at 6pm. The service will be here at First Presbyterian Church, and will include our neighbors from the other Ithaca churches.

## **Upcoming Fundraisers for the Good Samaritan Fund**

Starting December 1, there will be a couple of ways you can support the Good Samaritan Fund. The Mission & Fellowship Team will be selling blank greeting cards with a picture of the chancel decorated for Christmas. These packs of 10 cards will be available for \$5. Also beginning December 1, there will be forms in your bulletins for you to dedicate a luminaria in memory or honor of a loved one. Luminaria are \$1 each, and will be used to line the walkways around the church on Christmas Eve. Please consider supporting the Good Samaritan Fund.

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The Ithaca Ministeral Association presents the annual

# **Community Thanksgiving Service**

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**First Presbyterian Church**

218 E. Newark St., Ithaca, Michigan

Join us as we gather as a community to give thanks for our many blessings in an ecumenical worship service.

All are truly welcome!



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**Leading Worship Today:**

The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Preacher  
Penny Arnold, Liturgist  
Bob Crist, Music Director  
Jerry Clagg & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Greeter  
Sandy Parr & Marion Nester, Ushers  
Dale Nester & Tom Heinlein, Counters

**Staff:**

The Rev. Christina L. Jensen, Pastor  
Bob Crist, Music Director  
Chris Shemes, Treasurer  
Shelley Zamarron, Custodian



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