

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Of Westminster



The Service of Worship
Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2018 – 11:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Autumn Carol” – Schulz / Widmar

(During the prelude we invite you to center yourself for worship)

Bell Choir

Call to Worship:

Leader: We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.

People: *God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.*

Leader: Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass:

People: *God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.*

Leader: Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:

People: *God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.*

Leader: Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:

People: *God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.*



Prayer for the Day: *(in unison)*

Almighty God: *from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people.*

King of Kings and Lord of Lords: *you became weak so you could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding their ridicule with your resurrection.*

Spirit of God, resting upon us: *may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; may your hope lead us into your Kingdom.*

God in Community, Holy in One, *may your word be on our lips, as we pray together as Jesus has taught us, saying, 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 sins as we forgive those who sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



Hymn: #476 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

(Words are on the screens.)

Confession of Sin:

Call to Confession



Prayer of Confession: *(in unison)*

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life.

Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior.



Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon



Response: #579 “Glory Be to the Father”

The Peace:

L: May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

(Now please share The Peace with those around you.)



Children’s Moment

(Following the Children’s Moment, children ages 4-7 (preschool-1st grade) are invited to Children’s Worship. They will return after the sermon.)

Anthem: “Psalm of Thanksgiving” – Carter

Chancel Choir



Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Revelation 1:4-8 (NRSV)

John 18:33-37 (NRSV)

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "A Strange Kind of King"

 Hymn: #555 "Now Thank We All Our God" *(Words are on the screens.)*

 Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed *(page 14, The Hymnal)*

 Concerns, Prayers of the People *(Prayer Cards can be found in the pew.)*
Prayer Family – Don and Joan Spangler –

The Offering:

Invitation to Offering

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory: "This is My Father's World" – *arr. Bonam*

Flautist: Shari Schucht

 Prayer of Dedication

Doxology: #592 *(on the screens)*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Please hold each the bread and the cup until all have been served)



 Hymn: #483 "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" *(Words are on the screens.)*

 Benediction

 Response: "Go Forth" *(on the screens)*

 Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God (Chorale)" – *Beverst*

Please note: at places marked by  all who are able are asked to stand.

As Our Service of Worship Ends, Our Ministry of Service Begins!

*The bulletins this morning are dedicated to the glory of God
and in memory of Kellen Wenzing's loving parents,
Ellen Kanini Wanjiku and Shem Wamai Chahira.*