



Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

*Please stand if able

**or God

When we stand in the light of God's goodness, we see ourselves for who we really are, including our shadows, our brokenness and our sin. We come before God in complete honesty, confessing our sins, and asking God by the grace of forgiveness, to restore what is broken.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday November 26, 2017, 10:30 A.M.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Today we mark the feast of Christ the King. It is a day for expressing our faith that, even though Christ was rejected and crucified, he rose and ascended, and forever reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory. Jesus' reign means that no mighty power, no tragic suffering, no evil force will have the last word; the last word is Jesus. It also means we may look to Jesus' life – his humility, his sacrifice, his compassion for outcasts – for a model of true kingship. Our loyalty to this Christ goes before our loyalty to any other claim on our lives. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year: next week a new year begins with the first Sunday in Advent.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Variations on "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Janet Linker

WORDS OF WELCOME

Robert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Bobbi Conliffe

L: From mist and darkness, from restful waters,

P: God gathers us.

L: From health and sickness, from plenty and poverty,

P: God gathers us.

L: From highways and byways, from fields and cities,

P: God gathers us.

L: To a feast, a banquet, a life eternal,

P: God gathers us safely home.

L: Christ the Sovereign, King of justice,

P: we belong to you.

L: Today and tomorrow, in time and eternity,

P: your kingdom come.

*HYMN 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy One, we bow before you humbly and joyfully, for you are a gracious Sovereign – both powerful ruler and gentle shepherd of all. We depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned. We have neglected your call to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. We have failed to hope and to work for justice. We have ignored your face in the stranger. Forgive us, we pray. Gather and direct us, so that we may live as your faithful people, seeing as you see and loving as you love. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri – 579

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 and Amen.

*Passing the Peace and Greetings

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rob Martin

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children Thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)

ANTHEM

Thanksgiving Carol

German, 15th Century Carol

arr. Geoffrey Shaw

*Fields of corn, give up your ears; now your ears are heavy;
Wheat and oats and barley spears, all your harvest levy.
Where your sheaves of plenty lean, men once more the grain shall glean of the Ever Living;
God the Lord will bless the field, bringing in its autumn yield, gladly to Thanksgiving.
Vines, send in your bunch of grapes, now the bunch is clustered;
Be your gold and purple shapes round the altar mustered.
When the hanging bunches shine, men once more shall taste the wine of the Ever Living;
God the Lord will bless the root, bringing in its autumn fruit, gladly to Thanksgiving.
Garden, give your gayest flowers, hedge, your wildest bring in;
Turn the churches into bowers little birds shall sing in.
Where the children sing their glee, men once more the Flower shall see of the Ever Living;
God the Lord will bless the throng, lifting up its autumn song, gladly to Thanksgiving.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Gracious God, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service,
for he reigns forever with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES Psalm 100 (page 552 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Conliffe

Matthew 25:31-46 (page 29 in pew Bible)

Rev. Martin

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Christ the King"

Rev. Robert Martin

*HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, LORD'S PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Martin

Choral Response

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Let All Things Now Living

David Cherwien

*Doxology - 592

**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. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**For the life that you have given, for the love of Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing. Amen.**

*HYMN 142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Choral Response

*POSTLUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Michael Burkhardt

*On behalf of the congregation,
the Pastor expresses the
corporate prayers of the
congregation. These prayers
are for world, local and
personal concerns.*

*Doxology literally means
"words of glory."
Doxologies have long been
used by Jews and Christians
to praise God. Here we
honor and thank God "from
whom all blessings flow."*

The three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and festivals was produced by the ecumenical Consultation on Common Texts in 1992. This lectionary provides scripture readings for proclamation in worship, following the Sundays, festivals, and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar). Four scripture passages are given for each Sunday and festival: (a) the First Reading, usually from the Old Testament, but replaced by a reading from Acts during the season of Easter; (b) a Psalm; (c) the Second Reading, an Epistle or other New Testament writing; and (d) the Gospel Reading, from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. The three-year lectionary cycle (Years A, B, and C) focuses on different sections of scripture each year, notably the Gospel of Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C (the fourth gospel, John, is prominently featured at certain times in each year).

You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television.

Schedule
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
 Monday through Friday
 and
 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 26, 2017, Christ the King (Reign of Christ) Sunday (Year A)

First Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm	Psalm 100
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.16I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.23I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

15I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Worshiping With Children

- * AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children’s Corner.
- * Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- * Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- * Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- * Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- * All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children’s Moment.
- * Ages Pre-K through 6th are invited to Sunday School downstairs following the children’s moment.

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin	Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart
Choir Director: David Tadlock	CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel
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A friend to call in time of need

Liturgist - Bobbi Conliffe

Chancel Preparation - Danny Moates

Ushers - Harvey Ballard and Marge Shelton

Acolytes - Abbey Heinrich and Noah Heinrich

Church Activities for the Week

SUNDAY, November 26th - Christ the King Sunday

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms

9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room

10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3

10:00-10:20 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall

10:30 A.M. - Worship, Sanctuary

Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,
classrooms

11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3

11:30 A.M. - 100th birthday celebration reception for
Mildred Woodburn during Coffee and fellowship,
fellowship hall

11:35 A.M. - Noon - Trail mix assembly, library

MON., 27th - 10:00 A.M. - Cookie decorating, fellowship hall

Noon - Al-Anon meeting, library

6:00 P.M. - Calliope choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 28th - 9:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women's Circle
meeting, home of Marjorie Malcom, 31 Utah Place**

Noon - Bible study, library

1:30 P.M. - Presbytery of Scioto Valley meeting, Covenant
Presbyterian Church, Columbus

5:30 P.M. - Advent Celebration, fellowship hall

WED., 29th - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library

6:00 P.M. - Bell choir rehearsal, bell choir room

7:00 P.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

**THURS., 30th - 9:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women's Circle
meeting, home of Mary Jane Black, 13 Warwick Lane**

SUNDAY, December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent

9:00 A.M. - Advent breakfast, fellowship hall

9:30 A.M. - Sunday School for all ages, various rooms

9:45 A.M. - Chancel choir rehearsal, choir room

10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3

10:30 A.M. - Communion, Crèche presentation, and
lighting of the first Advent candle during Worship,
Sanctuary

Following Children's Moment - Children's Church,
classrooms

11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3

11:30 A.M. - Festive Sweater and Tie Fundraiser and
Presbyterian Women's Mission Sale during Coffee
and fellowship, fellowship hall

Trail Mix Assembly in December will be the 17th

Festive Sweater and Tie Fundraiser - The Outreach/Mission Committee is sponsoring a "Festive Sweater and Tie" fundraiser with the proceeds going to the FPC mission trip to Webster Springs in May of 2018. Do you have a loud sweater or tie you would like to show off? Just wear them on Sunday, December 3rd. For those participating, *there will have a way for folks to vote with their wallet* for the favorite sweater or tie. Be loud and proud on Sunday, December 3rd.

Earth Justice Group - Teresa Caldwell from Athens Soil and Water will be speaking with the Earth Justice group in the library on December 10th at 11:45 a.m. about local water concerned. All are invited.

Church Office Volunteers Needed - Would you like to be a church office volunteer? Basically the only duty is someone in the office to answer the phone and take messages. You can volunteer for a whole day or a half day (8:30-Noon and/or 1:00-5:00). Interested? Contact Jane at the church office - 593-3351 or office@athensfpc.org, for more info or to sign up.

College Lunch and Fellowship - Thank you to all the people who have signed up to provide lunch for the college lunch. Anyone who wants to volunteer can contact Jane at the church office or Lee Gregg.

Invitation - Soul Biscuits and the Church of the Good Shepherd invite the community to participate in--or just come and listen to--a community/campus Messiah Sing-Along. There will be two optional rehearsals (November 28th and December 5th at 6:45 p.m. Glidden Hall Rm 561). A reception with cookies and punch will follow the December 15th performance. This event is free. Donations are gratefully accepted. Church of the Good Shepherd is located at the corner of University Terrace and Park Place. Soul Biscuits is a non-profit, secular community series hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, as a way of promoting community connections, relaxation, and artistic and intellectual nurture. Please contact Elizabeth at elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com for more information.

Upcoming FPC Events

November 26th - Reception to Celebrate the 100th Birthday of Mildred Woodburn, 11:30 a.m.

November 27th - Cookie Decorating, 10:00 a.m. in the church kitchen

November 28th - Advent Celebration, 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

December 3rd - Lighting of the First Advent Candle
Communion and Children's Crèche Presentation

December 10th - Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle during Music Sunday with Children's Chime Choir, Special Chancel Choir Music and Bell Choir during Worship, 10:30 a.m.

December 17th - Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle and Puppet Ministry during Worship, 10:30 a.m.

December 24th - Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle during the Christmas Eve Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Organ Recital, 7:00 p.m.