



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God

November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Allegro vivace

Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

See what desolations he has brought to earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire;

be still and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations!

I am exalted in the earth!

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN 447 (V.1-3)

Lead On, O King Eternal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God in heaven, we call upon you to lead us onward promising to follow without fear. But sadly, too often we do not follow at all. Neither the roll of stirring drums nor the opportunity to journey in the light of the cross seems to get our attention. For we are much too busy attending to ourselves to be bothered to follow you. There are bills to pay, activities to pursue, vacations to take and parties to attend. No time, no time to follow. O Lord of hosts, send your Spirit among us to help us grasp the truth that to follow you is to find true happiness and fulfillment by accepting your holy will for our lives. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are blessed that God understands that we are forgetful and errant people at times, resisting God's will for our lives. As such, through the sacrifice and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, God accepts us as we are so that we may all someday join God in His glory. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 8:4-22

Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

The End of the Beginning OR the Beginning of the End

Rev. Larry Van Hise

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

*Please leave your offering in the boxes at the front and rear of the sanctuary
or make your gifts online or via mail.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 150 (V.1-3)

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Callahan

Worship Leaders

Rev. Larry Van Hise

Gloria Snyder, Organist

Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director

Ruthann Arras, Liturgist

Noralee Manzek, Coffee Hour Host

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed

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