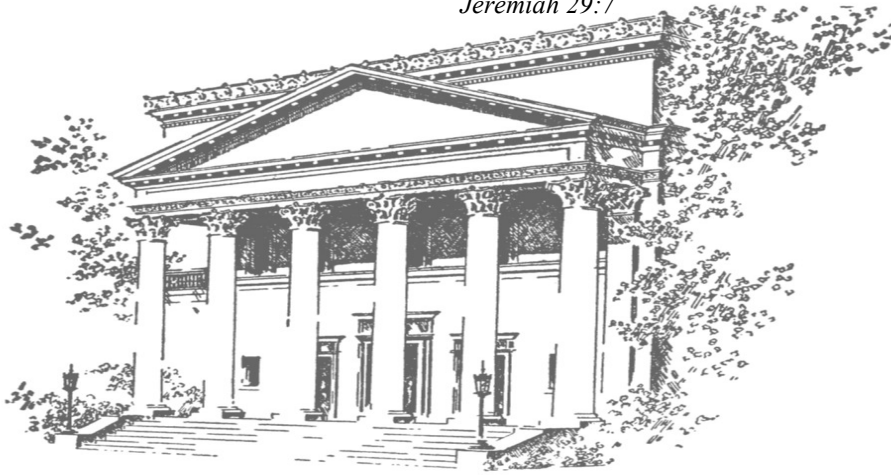


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...  
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



# First Presbyterian Church

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## The Worship of Our Lord Twenty-fifth After Pentecost—Christ the King November 21, 2021

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information for contact tracing and to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

### REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

*The following scriptures and reflection are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude*

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 17:11-19

*Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us onto the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into Light.*

*Katherine K. Davis, 1939*

\* indicates congregation standing, as able

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. John A. Behnke

WELCOME

Pastor Myers

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Isaac

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pastor Myers

One: This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evil deeds, and I will remember their sin no more.

All: We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

O God, you are our creator and redeemer.

You blessed the earth and called it good.

You blessed our lives and call us your own.

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to give you thanks,

When we forget that you are the source of all that is good

And that our lives are to be an offering of thanksgiving.

Make us grateful, O God, for the gifts of your mercy,

And draw us closer to you and one another.

*(Silence is kept for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever. Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #587

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Amy Isaac

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Grateful Heart

David Gambrell

*A grateful heart is what I bring,*

*A song of praise, my offering.*

*Among the saints I lift my voice:*

*In you, O God, I will rejoice.*

*Your name is known in all the lands.*

*You feed the poor with gentle hands.*

*Your word is true, your works are just;*

*In you, O God, the faithful trust.*

*With saving love you set us free,*

*And still you dwell in mystery*

*With wisdom none can comprehend.*

*Your praise, O God, will never end.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)*

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pastor Myers

*Please see the insert for the order for the Sacrament of Baptism*

SERMON

*“Let Us Take Care Not to Forget God”*

Pastor Myers

\*HYMN #336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Pastor Myers

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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER

Amen

AMEN (Pavlechko)

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Myers

Offertory Piece No. 12

Eugene Gigout

\*Offering Response #708 (Verse 1) We Give Thee but Thine Own

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\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

\*HYMN #643

Now Thank We All Our God

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\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

POSTLUDE

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Douglas Wagner

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.  
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.  
Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM  
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel

After the Time with Children, children ages 4 through grade 5 are invited to children's church. Your teachers will be available to walk your children to their classroom. Pick up is in room E-117 after the worship service. Our volunteers are required to be vaccinated and wear masks during their time with your children. All children are also welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS

10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers, Amy Isaac, and Dina Mohler

#### THE MUSIC TODAY

10:30 a.m. Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist

#### ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell

Sound: David Cottrell and Byron Goodew

Greeters: Sara Gaskins, Nancy Winefordner, Sherry Harrison

Custodial Services: David Feibelmann

#### WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via the ZOOM platform and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

Please remember to comply with the process for in-person, onsite worship, including masks for all. More information can be found at [www.firstpresby.com](http://www.firstpresby.com).

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