First Presbyterian Church

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 2026

* Indicates that those who are able may stand **Bold type is spoken by the people.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: Blessed Are All They That Fear The Lord *G.F. Handel*
Michael Gordy, bass

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Katie Malone, Liturgist*

ONE: The gates of the Lord are open to all;
ALL: Come before God with thanks!
ONE: The courtyard of the Lord welcomes all the earth;
ALL: Bless God's holy name.
ONE: The pastures of the Lord are places for all to dwell!
ALL: Shout with praise, all the earth,
ONE: because God is good;
ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever. God's faithfulness lasts from generation to generation.

*OPENING HYMN: All People That on Earth Do Dwell **#385**

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Christ rules over us all, seated at the right hand of God. This is the same Christ who came to be with us, to laugh with us, cry with us, break bread with us, and be one of us. Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness, knowing that Christ will hear our confession, saying...

ALL: If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known if was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us **#575**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

ALL: We are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI **#581**

ALL: 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!

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES *Rev. Katie Long*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 **P.756**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 1:15–23 **P.181**

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46 **P.27**

ONE: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Rev. Michael McLaughlin*

*SERMON HYMN: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need **#803**

COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967*

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds.*

ONE: …The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; #306
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: … Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our 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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY: Lento *C.P.E. Bach*

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY **#606**

ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns *David Cherwien, arr.*

All: Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Choir: Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

All: Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Choir: Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pieced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

All: Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail through all eternity.

*BENEDICTION

ONE: … Alleluia!

ALL: Amen!

POSTLUDE: All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Michael Burkhardt*

REGULAR WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

- **Coffee** – 9:30am-11am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Religion & Culture Class** – 9:30am-10:30am, in room 6.
- **Nursery** – 9:30am-12:15pm - Ages 5 and under.
- **Children's Sunday School –** 9:45am in Room 16
- **Faithful Living Class** 10am-10:45am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Morning Bible Study** – 10am-10:45am, in the Library
- **Worship Service** – 11am, in the Sanctuary
- **Children's Church** - 11:15am, in Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY

- **Choir Rehearsal** – November 24th 6:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY

- **Wednesday Night Dinner** – Nov. 18. 5:15pm dinner and 6pm activities.

ELDERS:

2026: Cade Arnold, Josh Doré
2027: Sidonie Sansom, Dee Tompkins
2028: Ben Marsee, Donna Simpson
CLERK: Chris McCormick

DEACONS:

2026: Michelle Doré, Ron Ledbetter, Stacey Trent
2027: Kelly Appleton, Ann Hayes, Tony Lawson, Gabrielle Pate, Shelley Wiley
2028: Missy Moore, Pat Wilhelm

BIRTHDAYS:

Holland, Chelsea	11/04
Simpson, Donna	11/06
Turner, Gail	11/06
Ainsley, Amy	11/12
Ory, John	11/17
Swim, Bill	11/18
Curtis, Kevin	11/20
Hayes, Ron	11/23
Massa, Carrie	11/23
Moore, Lucy	11/28

STAFF:

The Rev. Michael D. McLaughlin……...Pastor & Head of Staff
The Rev. Katie Long……..Dir. TTU PSA, Community Life Minister
Paul Thurmond…… Director of Music
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