

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

THE REIGN OF CHRIST

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Cliff Smith

Minute for Mission

Sam and Cayla

Prayer for the Day

Prelude: *Our God Reigns*

Logan Smith accompanied by Crystal Hogan

Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, Who reigns over all and Who's kingdom has no end: we confess we have busied ourselves with establishing our own kingdom here on earth, filled with the indulgences constantly placed before our eyes. If we were willing to cast our eyes on Your kingdom, we would find that it is upside down from everything we hold dear. The values, the priorities, and concerns in our world are so often opposite from all that You will for Your creation which You reign over. Forgive our narrowmindedness, our love for the tangible over the eternal, and our disregard of that which is of eternal value. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Response:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

***Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Strang

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Pg. 650, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 46

Pg. 471, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: Luke 23:33-43

Pg. 884, Pew Bible

Sermon: *A Reign Like No Other*

*Hymn: *Our God Reigns*

No. 372

*Affirmation of Faith: *Colossians 1:15-20* ESV

We believe Jesus, the Christ, is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Litany of Thanksgiving

No. 798

The Offering

Choral Anthem: *In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him* (arr. L. Larson)

*Doxology: **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 Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *Let All Things Now Living*

No. 794

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Reprise

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: 4:00p.m. **Young Adults Game Night**
*(at the home of Tanner & Hailey Walsh
608 Harding Ave., Kingsford)*

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen *(drive-thru only)*

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: No Reflections or Youth Programs
6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Next Sunday: 8:45a.m. Sunday Conversations

Thank you to Cliff Smith for filling the pulpit while Pastor Bob is off today; and welcome to our missionaries, **Sam and Cayla**, who are back in town and will share a Minute for Mission with us.

Advent Devotional: This year's Advent devotional, *In the Manger*, by Max Lucado, is a gift from Pastor Bob and Marsha to the Church in thanks for all the love and support everyone has shown them while serving in this transitional period in the life of the Church. It is available on the table outside the sanctuary.

If you plan to make a Cranberry Christmas Cake for our Community Christmas Dinner, you can buy cranberries now and put them in the refrigerator (*do NOT freeze*). One 12oz. bag makes one cake. The pans with the recipes will be available on the 30th.

Ushers: Ferrand and Gladys Ethington;
Logan Smith, Tanner Walsh

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bill Stanek, Dean Wright, Nora Lundy, Chris Hanley, Scott Doda, Charlie Novara, Floyd Kucharski, Geri Anderson, Joy Palzewic, Mary Rushford, Phil Peterson, Jon LaCourt, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything.
Glory to our God, Glory to our King,
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His name is higher, higher than any other name,
His power is greater, for He has created everything. *chorus*

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He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth, rejoice in His holy name.
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The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty,
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God,
Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great, how great, is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(chorus)*

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