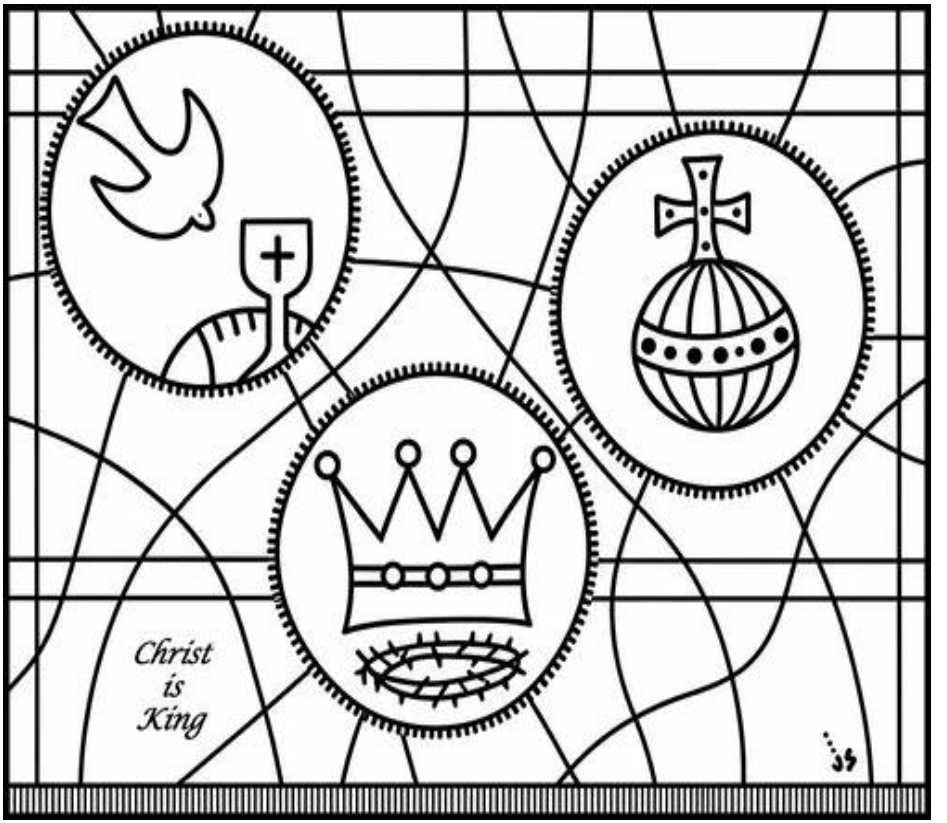


First Presbyterian Church
El Campo, Texas
November 22, 2026

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 2026 11:00 am Christ the King

All Are Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Voluntary on REX GLORIAE Anthony Giamanco, 2022

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 100
One: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
All: Worship God with gladness.
One: Come into God's presence with singing.
All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
One: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name.
All: For God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN **#363 *Rejoice the Lord is King***

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION **(in unison)**
Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Voluntary on REX GLORIAE – The hymn tune REX GLORIAE ("King of Glory"), written in 1868 by English organist Henry Thomas Smart, provides an ideal musical foundation for Christ the King Sunday. Giamanco's setting presents the melody with dignity and strength, inviting worshipers to reflect on Christ's sovereign rule as the service begins. (see #106 in *GtG*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON/DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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.

HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION -
Sung Prayer for Illumination **#452** ***Open the Eyes of My Heart***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING **Ephesians 1:15-23**

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

One: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Let There Be Peace on Earth Miller & Jackson, 1955

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 25:31-46**

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before

Rejoice, the Lord Is King – Written by Charles Wesley in 1744, this hymn joyfully proclaims Christ's reign over heaven and earth. Its text looks beyond earthly powers to the risen and reigning Lord whose kingdom endures forever. The tune DARWALL was composed in 1769 by English poet and amateur musician John Darwall.

Let There Be Peace on Earth – Written by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson in 1955, this song expresses a prayer for peace that begins within each heart. Its message reflects Christ's call to love and serve "the least of these," bringing His peace into the world through our actions. The song was originally written for and introduced by the International Children's Choir in Long Beach, California.

him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

One: God always blesses the reading and hearing of Holy Scripture.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"The Heart of a King"*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE **#802** ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Written in 1868 and based on Psalm 23, this beloved hymn portrays Christ as the loving Shepherd who guides, protects, and provides for His people. Its gentle imagery reminds worshipers that the King we serve also cares for us with compassion and grace.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER (in unison)
Holy One, enthroned in glory over all creation, you are a shepherd to the lost and the least. Teach us to see your face among the poor – feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting those who are sick or in prison – so that we may share in your eternal realm prepared from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, who is coming indeed, to reign with justice, compassion, and love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. John Purifoy 2023

*THE 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.

*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)
Magnificent and wondrous God, accept these gifts today as our act of praise and worship. In gratitude, we treasure all that you

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – Purifoy's arrangement brings fresh vitality to the beloved tune LOBE DEN HERREN. Its joyful character and confident energy echo the congregation's offering of praise and thanksgiving to God, the source of every blessing. The hymn tune was composed by an anonymous German musician ca. 1665 and first published in a 1668 hymnal. (see #35 in *GtG*)

Crown Him with Many Crowns – Matthew Bridges' majestic 1851 hymn celebrates the many facets of Christ's kingship, honoring Him as Lord of life, Lord of love, and King eternal. Its soaring melody (DIADEMATA, 1868) and triumphant text make it a fitting expression of praise for Christ the King Sunday.

have blessed us with; the riches of our lives and of the world. In hope, we affirm the power of your love and pray that you multiply these gifts to rescue those in need. In joy, we proclaim the eternal wonder of your promise to share your healing and redeeming love. Keep us faithful to the work of Christ today and always. Amen.

*CLOSING PRAYER (responsive)

One: Go forth in faith, with love for all. Open your eyes to see the good in all you meet.

All: We believe that God is empowering our ministry. God's love enables us to love even in difficult times.

One: Among God's gifts is a spirit of wisdom and revelation. God grants insight and resources to be helpful to others.

All: Reaching out to people in need is a service to Christ. We want to treat others as a part of God's family.

One: We understand the meaning of God's love through our caring. WE sense the meaning of life through our sharing.

All: God's steadfast love inspires us to ever greater service. God's faithfulness to us increases our generosity. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN **#268** ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPOSE **#175** ***Seek ye First***

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And his righteousness,
And all these things
shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door
shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

*POSTLUDE Closing Voluntary on NUN DANKET
David Lasky, 2025

Voluntary on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT – Dating from 1647 and 1636 respectively, the hymn's tune and text ("Now Thank We All Our God"), have long been associated with gratitude and confident faith. Lasky's festive setting concludes worship with a spirited expression of thanksgiving to the King whose blessings sustain and guide His people. (see #643 in *GtG*)

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Placed today by Ester Latapie.

THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Monday, Nov. 23rd	FPC+EC Manna Meals
Sunday, Nov. 29th	11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

UPCOMING – Mark your Calendars

Sunday, Dec. 6th	Christmas Cantata
Sunday, Dec. 13th	Youth Christmas Program and Cookie Walk
Thursday, Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 4p.m.

Prayer List

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Suzanne Hauser	John Minkert	Kayleigh Newman
Gerald Grogan	Ruben Sabrsula	

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