

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21, 2021

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

OUR MISSION: Christ calls us to be faithful disciples who strive to be joyful in our worship, tender in our life together, and daring in our outreach.

We acknowledge we worship on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nation.

Minister: The Rev. Amanda Currie

Music Director: Will Ireton

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Graeme Mitchell

Entry of the Written Word

Call to Worship

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come,
**and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of God's glory.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King

#267

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy One,
we dare to call you Lord,
but yield to you only fragments of our lives.
You had nowhere to lay your head;
yet we surround ourselves with comfort.
We expect to serve you with what remains
after we have indulged our desires.
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,
our desire to pick the times and places**

we will respond to your call.

In your abundant mercy

teach us what it means to follow,

even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music "Soon and Very Soon" Crouch/Schrader

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn:

King of Kings

#266

Prayer for Illumination

Linda North

Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-12

Sung Response: **Hail to the Lord's anointed
whose praise all people sing.**

R O Lord, remember in David's favour
all the hardships he endured;
how he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
**"I will not enter my house
or get into my bed;
I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."** **R**

We heard of it in Ephrathah;

we found it in the fields of Jaar.

**"Let us go to the dwelling place of the Lord;
let us worship at the Lord's footstool."**

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.

**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.**

For your servant David's sake

do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: Crown him with many crowns

#274

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (#780): **Amen, amen, amen.**

Aaronic Blessing (#619):

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Postlude

HYMNS for Sunday November 21st

#267 - Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

For Christ the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His reign can never fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell are to our Saviour given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath
from which God will not turn back:

"One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.

**If your sons keep my covenant
and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, forevermore,
shall sit on your throne."**

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John 18:33-37

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Are You a King or Not?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People and 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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn: King of glory, King of peace

#659

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Dedication:

**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.**

#266 – King of Kings

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!
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#659 – King of glory, King of peace

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee,
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast; thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

#274 - Crown Him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God, before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod, crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

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.

Crown him the Lord of peace whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high; Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations "Holy" cry in joyful hymns of praise.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail, for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail through all eternity!

Soon and Very Soon (Crouch/Schrader)

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.*

*No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.*

*Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.*

Pray with your First Church Family

Please pray for...

- Those who lead in the church, government, and community, that they may have wisdom and seek justice.
- Those in positions of power or authority, that they will choose to serve with humility and care.
- All those in B.C. who are being affected by severe flooding and mudslides, including those who have lost loved ones, those who have lost their homes, those in danger, and those bringing emergency assistance.
- Adnan Saleem and his family, as they are struggling with health issues as well as discouragement as they wait for the opportunity to come to Canada.
- Those who are sick or recovering from illness, including Irene & Gerry Marche and Jessica Bonish.

Praise God for...

- Jesus, who is a king like no other, and whose reign embodies the values of humility and service.
- The guidance and help we need to follow Jesus' example of service and love.
- The approval of the Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccine for kids ages 5 -11 years in Canada.
- Health care professionals who are working so hard to care for sick people.

This Week at First Church

Nov. 21	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & Online) Reign of Christ Sunday
	12:15 pm	Sunday School (Zoom)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)
Nov 23	12:00 pm	Freedom 55ers (Zoom)
Nov. 24	12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Board of Managers (Zoom)
Nov. 25	7:00 pm	Choir
Nov. 27	10:00 am	Worship Committee
Nov. 28	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & Online) First Sunday of Advent
	12:15 pm	Sunday School (Zoom)
	1:00 pm	Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Our Welcome Team this Month Alfred Ferozdin, Murray Kyle, Heather Mazurak, Marianne Woods

Sandwiches for Waterston House Next Sunday, Nov. 28, First Presbyterian Church is responsible to provide 20 loaves of uncut sandwiches ~ any kind will do. They need to be at the church by 10:15 am. There are 13 churches involved in this program, which has been in existence for many years. It is very much appreciated by Waterston House. If you can help, please phone Margaret Klassen at 306-586-2295.

Office Hours Mon. 8:30 - 11:15 / Wed. to Fri. 8:30am - 2pm. Contact Shirley at the office at 306-522-9571 or firstpresregina@sasktel.net.

Christmas Giving In Memoriam A First Church Advent Project ~ Afghanistan Food Crisis

18 million Afghans are facing serious food shortages as winter approaches. The UN Food Programme estimates that 1 in 3 people are hungry now. This situation will worsen over the coming months.

Why? Ongoing conflicts and the recent Taliban takeover destabilized the country and dried up international aid. Severe drought hurt crop and livestock production. The pandemic has made bad economic conditions worse.

Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWSD) is responding with emergency food assistance in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a consortium of Canadian churches. This project will receive matching funds from the Canadian Government which allows help to reach even more people.

The project gives cash to the most vulnerable families so they can buy food and pay for critical items, with the hopes of livelihood recovery in the new year. This aid is focussed on women-headed households, the elderly and people with disabilities.

Your gifts to the Christmas In Memoriam project will help people get through a very challenging season. Thank you!

Christmas Giving In Memoriam

Names received by Thursday, Dec. 16 will be acknowledged on Sunday, Dec. 19. Complete the form and mail with your cheque payable to First Presbyterian Church to the office (2170 Albert St, S4P 2T9) or e-transfer your donation to firstpresreginaoffering@gmail.com with your name, donation amount, envelop #; and the In Memory/Living Tribute name(s).

A few Christmas plants will be purchased to beautify the chancel during Advent. All other funds will be sent to PWSD.

Your Name: _____

Env. # _____ Amount \$ _____

Please use my gift:

In memory of: _____

In living tribute to: _____

Thank you for participating! Mission & Outreach Committee