

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 18, 2020

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for God has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.
Let us worship God, the Creator of all things,
and the God to whom we belong.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: Teach me, God, to wonder #704

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you are the Lord our God,
who brought us out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.
You are the Lord our Saviour,
who came to us in Jesus Christ,
loving us without condition,
and drawing us back to relationship with you.

You have given us everything,
and yet we measure out portions to give back to you.

A little time for worship, a little attention to mission,
a tithe of our resources for your work in the world.

We confess that we hold back much for ourselves,
feeling proud of our generosity, while clinging to what
we think we need to sustain ourselves.

Forgive us, O God, and help us to respond to your call
to follow Jesus with our whole selves.

Give us good examples to follow and learn from,
and make our lives of faith, love, and hope
an inspiration and example for others around us.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn: I'm gonna live so God can use me #648

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Psalm 99

Sung Response:

'Holy, holy, holy!' hear the hymn ascending,
angels, saints their voices blending.

R The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is the Lord! R

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Lord our God; worship at God's footstool.

Holy is the Lord! R

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on
God's name.

They cried to the Lord, who answered them.

The Lord spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
**they kept God's decrees,
and the statutes that God gave them.**

O Lord our God, you answered them;
**you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at the holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy.

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Matthew 22:15-22

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music

Graeme Mitchell, flute

Sermon

Everything to God!

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:

Lord of all power

#626

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.**

Hymn:

Christ is the King

#612

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 October 18th

#704 Teach me, God, to wonder

**Teach me, God, to wonder; teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.**

Refrain

***Praise to you be given; love for you be lived,
life be celebrated; joy you give.***

**Let me, God be open; let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me.**

Refrain

**Let me, God, be ready; let me be awake,
in your world of loving, my place take.**

Refrain

**Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet.**

Refrain

#648 I'm gonna live so God can use me

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

#626 Lord of all power

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich in truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all.
If e'er I disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

#612 Christ is the King

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Oh magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

They with a faith forever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful servants true.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begin,
and the whole church at last be one.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

This Week at First Church

Sun. Oct. 18	10:30 am	Worship (in-person & online)
	12:15 pm	Sunday School by Zoom
	2:00 pm	Coffee Hour by Zoom
Thur. Oct. 22	12:15 pm	Bible Study by Zoom
Sun. Oct. 25	10:30 am	Worship (in-person & online)
	12:15 pm	Sunday School by Zoom
	2:00 pm	Coffee Hour by Zoom

First Church Fellowship by Zoom Video Conference

Everyone is invited to join with First Church friends for fellowship and connection using Zoom video conferences every week: **All Zoom links are sent out by email. If you don't receive the Zoom links you need, email, text, or phone Amanda.**

Advent Book Study 2020

In Advent 2020, Presbyterians across the country are invited to join a denomination-wide book study on Amy-Jill Levine's *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*.

Guided by Levine's knowledge of the New Testament, strong storytelling skills and deep love of the gospels, Presbyterians will journey through Advent reflecting on the birth of Jesus as it is told in the first two chapters of the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Here at First Church, join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm December 1, 8, 15, & 22. We'll meet on Zoom and use the study guide provided by The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Let Rev. Amanda know by November 1st if you would like to participate so that she can order enough copies of the book. (You're welcome to read along during Advent, even if you are not able to attend the Tuesday evening sessions. There is also a PCC Facebook discussion group which you can join.)

Prayers and Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Jim Doolittle and family on the death of Jim's wife, Lucille Petrich. Lucille died on September 28 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Prayers and Sympathies of the congregation are extended to family and friends of Shirley Rowley Mumford. Shirley died on October 8, 2020.

Welcome Back to Church!

Here are a few things you need to know about in-person worship at First Church as the pandemic continues:

1. We are opening carefully, having studied and implemented the guidelines for places of worship that are set by the provincial health authority. This includes additional cleaning and sanitizing, physical distancing, use of masks, screening, and adapting activities to reduce risks. We recognize that it will feel different from our normal worship, but it will be good to see one another and to worship together in-person in our sanctuary.
2. Please stay home if you are sick, if you have been travelling outside the country in the last 14 days, or if you have been in contact with someone who may have COVID-19.
3. If you are medically vulnerable, please consider delaying your return to church until there is a vaccine. Please continue to watch online. We care about your health and safety, so do not feel pressure to return until it is safe and comfortable for you.
4. Register to attend by phoning Shirley in the church office (306-522-9571) or emailing (firstpresregina@sasktel.net) by Friday morning each week. This will help us to plan for Sunday morning, but you will still be welcomed at worship even if you did not register in advance.
5. Bulletins that include the order of worship and announcements will be sent out by email on Fridays. Print a copy and bring it with you if you would like to. Everything will also be projected on the wall at the front of the church, so a bulletin is not essential.
6. Arrive 15 minutes earlier than you normally would in order to facilitate the seating process.
7. Please wear a non-medical mask. Everyone will be wearing masks while inside the building. Amanda will take her mask off to lead in prayer and to preach from the pulpit, but we will all wear masks for singing. (We will have disposal masks available at the registration desk for anyone who does not have one.)
8. Enter using the Albert Street door only, where you will be welcomed, registered, and asked the health and travel questions. There may be a line-up to enter, so maintain physical distance while you wait for your turn.
9. If you want to bring your offering envelope to worship, you can leave it in the plate at the registration table. The offerings will be presented during worship as we sing the doxology. Of course, you can continue to use PAR, e-transfers, or mail in your offering if you prefer.
10. After checking in, you'll use the hand sanitizer provided, and then proceed up the stairs (or the lift) to the narthex. An usher will guide you to a seat. We will be using every third pew and sitting in household groups with at least 2

metres distancing between households. Once you are seated, please stay in your pew for the duration of the service.

11. Children are welcome. There will be a children's message (delivered from a distance) so that children will stay with their families. Sunday School will be resuming soon, but most likely in an online format.
12. Washrooms will be available for urgent need only.
13. Sharing food continues to be a very high-risk activity, so we will not have a coffee hour after the service.
14. Following worship, please follow the direction of the ushers to exit by the 14th Avenue door while keeping physical distancing. Please use the available hand sanitizer again before you leave the church. Only those needing to use the lift will be exiting by the Albert Street door.

Office Hours:

Office hours: Mondays: 8:30 – 11:00 am

Wednesday to Friday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Contact Shirley at the office at 306-522-9571 or

firstpresregina@sasktel.net.

Rev. Amanda Currie is mostly working from her office at the church these days as well. You can continue to reach her by phone or text message (306-580-8095) or by email (revfpc@sasktel.net). A physically-distanced pastoral visit is always possible, as well as a phone call or Zoom video call.