

First Presbyterian Church



Christ the King Sunday *November 26, 2023*

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172 years in Mountain View

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Thorson

*Praise Song

"Echo"

Praise Band

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God established the world from of old.

All: **God's reign shall never end.**

Leader: God's dominion is an everlasting dominion.

All: **God's kingship shall never be destroyed.**

Leader: God delivered us in freedom and truth.

All: **God's love is everlasting.**

*HYMN

"Bless His Holy Name"

#13

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Steve Nelson

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Steve Nelson

Leader: We believe that God forgives and sets us free. So at the days beginning,

People: **We commit ourselves to following where Christ calls and to loving one another.**

Leader: Let us live as forgiven people

People: **With the truth that sets us free!**

PRAISE SONG "Blessed Be the Name" Praise Band

***PASSING THE PEACE** Steve Nelson
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you!**

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 34:11-16 Steve Nelson

HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #3 (1,2)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE "Christ the King Sunday" Pastor Larry Thorson

APOSTLES' CREED Steve Nelson

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS "Twilight" Written by Herman Beeftink

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (Unison)

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessings and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** "O Worship the King" #10 (1,2,4)

***THE BENEDICTION**

*We invite all to stand either in body or in spirit.

Serving in Worship

Ron Breedlove, Greeter, Steve Nelson, Liturgist
Janelle Herrera, Music Director, Praise Band Co-Leader
Ian-Carl Floirendo, AV Director, Son Ringers Director, Praise Band Co-Leader
Tan Sang, Pianist
Band: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Herrera, Ian-Carl Floirendo
Benji Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

Week at FPCMV

Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom
	10:00am	Worship Christmas decorating and lunch Son Ringers rehearsal
	10:45am	Gathering/informal gathering with Pastor Larry
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

*The Zoom links are in the weekly emails. Contact the office at 650.968.4473 or firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org and Margie will place you on the list.

Thirty-Six Annual Christmas Creche Exhibit Gift to the Community – Admission Free

Saturday-Wednesday from 12:30-8:30pm

3865 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA

(Please see the fliers on the entrance table)

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 10 at 11am (Immediately following the service.)

The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the Church Nominating Committee and a Session Elder. The terms begin January 2024

Nominees:

- Elder Class of 2026: Jerry Kixmoeller
- Church Nominating Committee 2024 (one year term): John Perumpral, Jay Bhattacharya, Mark Shirley, Steven Nelson, and Sandy Perloff



Empower. Uplift. Unite.

Lifting Spirits. Spreading Joy.



Our church family is invited to participate again this year with this local outreach (<https://familygivingtree.org>). Labeled tags are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. We only have a few tags left. **Please consider taking a tag today. Please bring the gift (unwrapped) with the tag attached by next Sunday, December 3.** The gifts will bless young children, teens and seniors. Any questions, please see Wendy Nelson.

Please note: We received a special request for new toothbrushes.

Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord,
O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless His holy Name.

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O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless His holy Name.

He has done great things,
He has done great things,
He has done great things,
Bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord,
O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless His holy Name

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Verse 1

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven.
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed,
Restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King!

Verse 2

Praise Him for His grace and favor.
To our fathers in distress,
Praise Him, still the same as ever.
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

O Worship the King

VERSE 1

O worship the King All glorious above!
Oh gratefully sing His power and His love!
Our shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, And girded with praise.

VERSE 2

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace.
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath, the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

VERSE 4

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail.
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end.
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend .

