

Sermon

“Crowning the Year”

Elder Joyce Perez

Affirmation of Faith

From the Theological Declaration of Barmen

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions

***Hymn**

“Lead On O King Eternal”

GTG#269

Postlude

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

F. Ritter

Benediction

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given in memory of
Lib & Charles Cuttle, Catherine Cuttle, and Bob Cuttle
by Frances, Parks, and John Newby.*



First Presbyterian Church

November 14, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

***Please stand as you are able.**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions

Bernadine Hayes

Invocation

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.

Prelude

"I Will Bow and Be Simple"

D. Paxton

Call to Worship

L: We will exalt you, O God our King;

P: **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

L: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

P: **His greatness no one can fathom.**

L: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

P: **The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

P: **The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.**

L: The Lord our King is worthy of praise!

P: **Let us worship Him with gladness!**

*Hymn

"Come, Christians, Join To Sing"

GTG#267

Call to Confession

Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We are often not ready, O God for the reign of Christ in our lives. There is much we are not prepared to surrender. We do not want to give up home or family or friends to follow Him. We cherish our possessions, and do not choose to share them with others. We like being our own masters, even though we don't manage it very well, and we are reluctant to submit completely to your will. Lead us out of our selfishness and into your love. For yours really is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Even though we have often failed to do as our Lord Jesus has asked, yet there is eternal forgiveness and a chance to again follow his ways. Be assured, dear friends, that the love of Jesus Christ will never leave you.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! AMEN.

*Passing the Peace of Christ—

Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.

*Praise and Worship

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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(Children Come Forward During Last Stanza)

A Time for Young Disciples

Joyce Perez

Offering Prayer/Collection

We thank you, O God, that you have put a spirit of giving into our hearts. Grant that the gifts we bring this morning will be only the first of many gifts we will give to others in the course of this week, out of love or them and in remembrance of your many mercies to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Choral Anthem

*Doxology

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Debt/Debtors)

Scripture

Colossians 1: 15-20 and Philippians 2: 6-11

Serving Today

Joyce Perez	Guest Speaker
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Howell	Interim Organist
Ray Beale	Sound
Joyce Perez	Time for Young Disciples
Gene Hayes	Liturgist
Eddie Blount	Security, Side door, Offering
Mike Reynolds	Greeter
Karan Johnson & Ava Barrett	Sunday School

Announcements

The combined Sunday school classes will meet together in Overby Hall on Nov. 21st at 10:00 a.m. for a presentation by our long time Mission Co-Worker, Rev. Paul Sydnor. Paul works through the International Association for Refugees and is based in Lille, France. He will fill the pulpit on this same date.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship Sunday Nov. 28th for the purpose of electing officers and approving the 2022 pastor's terms of call.

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church.

Our office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

We can be found on the web at www.fpcdanville.com or on Facebook.

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