

# Our Mission

## To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

**Welcome** to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

### SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	David Clark
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Becky Meadema
Greeter	Barbara Wilkins
Side door/Offering	C. B. Strange

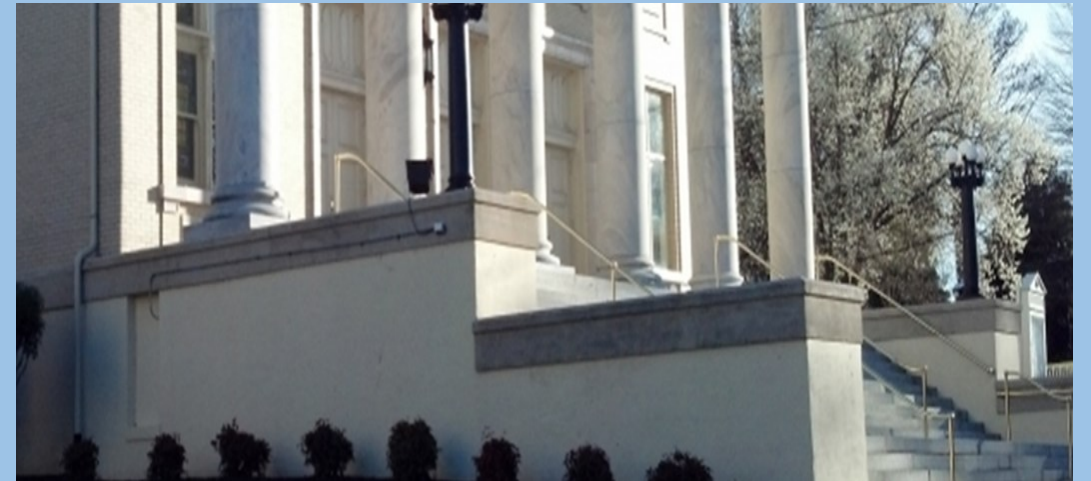
### BUDGET UPDATE

	October 1 – 31	YTD
Contributions	\$33,143.12	\$303,731.49
Expenditures	\$40,694.11	\$433,983.30
Difference	(-\$7,550.99)	(-\$130,251.81)

# First Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2024

11 a.m.



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**OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

# A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

*Christ the King Sunday ~November 24, 2024*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Largo" by George F. Handel

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Revelation 1:5-6)

Leader: What brings us together in this place?

**People: To worship Christ, who loves us, who freed us from our sins by his blood and who made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father.**

Leader: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let's prepare our hearts and minds to worship Jesus Christ, our king.

INVOCATION

**God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable.**

HYMN#81 **Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

November 25th	Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Luke's 7:00pm
November 26th	Choir 4:30 m Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm
November 28th	Happy Thanksgiving-Office Closed
November 30th	Saturday Lunch Ministry 11:30am

*The flowers this morning are given in memory of Diane Shelton  
by her sister Kim Clifton and her husband Kent Shelton.*

There will be a community Thanksgiving Service Monday November 25th, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm.

Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 The congregation can choose Angels from the Angel tree. All gifts should be returned by December 8th.

The Evening Circle will meet December 2 at 7pm in the home of Bernadine Hayes. Joyce Perez is the leader for Bible study and discussion. Join this fellowship of Christian women for an evening of preparation for the Christmas season focusing on the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Call 799-5662 if you need directions.

Great News!! The treasured church Christmas Breakfast sponsored by the Outlook Class returns this year on December 15 at 9 AM in Overbey Hall! There will be delicious homemade breakfast casseroles, ham biscuits, sausage biscuits, fruit, donuts, coffee cakes, juices, and coffee for everyone to enjoy. This tradition began in the 1950's as a fellowship for the entire congregation and resumes after a few years of Covid. If you are able to help, speak to a class member. Plan to come with your family to celebrate the coming of the Christ!

## “Simple Gifts From God”

Lyricist: J. Paul Williams (1937-2010) | Composer: Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959)

Hymn tune: SIMPLE GIFTS, traditional American Shaker melody

Simple things, simple things, these are from the Lord.  
Simple things, simple things, these are gifts from God:  
The moon at night, the morning light, the rainbow in the sky.  
O simple things, simple things, these are gifts from God.

Simple things, simple things, these are gifts from God.  
Simple things, simple things, these are gifts from God:  
A tender smile, a loving kiss, the laughter of a child.  
O simple things, simple things, these are gifts from God.

‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free;  
‘Tis a gift to come down where you ought to be;  
And when you find yourself in the place just right,  
T’will be in the valley of love and delight.

Simple things, simple things these are from the Lord.  
Simple things, simple things, simple gifts of love and delight.  
These are gifts from God.

### About the Anthem:

The song “Simple Gifts,” also called ‘Shaker Song,’ has come to be associated with Thanksgiving because of its humble and grateful perspective. Prominent American composer Joseph Martin has created a semi-fugal arrangement of this very familiar tune for four voice parts with piano and flute. Notice the flute and piano restate the original melody many times, even while the voices sing the new “simple things” refrain. There are also a few countermelodies and motifs that trade between the flute and the left hand of the piano.

Music minister and vocalist J. Paul Williams wrote the beautiful lyrics of gratitude interspersed with the traditional Shaker tune. He felt a call into the music ministry when he was thirteen years old at a Christian summer camp. He went on to study voice and church music, and he had a long career leading music in churches in Texas and Oklahoma. He focused almost entirely on songwriting in his later years. Mr. Williams was a gifted lyricist who wrote over nine hundred songs in collaboration with over fifty composers, including his wife Donna Williams, Lloyd Larson, and Mark Hayes.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, however much we call you king, we fail to follow your call to us. We succumb to the political temptations of this temporary world, seeking power and security while you call us to service and hospitality, consuming your creation while you call us to care for it, hating our neighbors, who you call us to love. In our failure to claim you, we identify more with the nations on our passports than with your kingdom. We pray that you reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and continue to be our Lord and our hope for salvation.**

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (based on Psalm 93:5, Revelation 1:5)

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ loves us and has set us free from our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the certainty of God’s decree. Know that we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us, the children of God, stand and greet those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God’s blessings and then remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

## RESPONSE

*“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.*

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** (based on Revelation 1:8)

The Lord God is Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. All that is, all that was, and all there will be belongs to God. Let us now return to God in part what is God’s in whole.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (a light allusion to Daniel 7:13-14)

Holy One, we pray that you take these gifts of our labor, our wealth, our time, and our lives and use them to express your everlasting kingdom of love in this world. Amen.

**OFFERTORY:** "A Grand March" by Jason W. Krug

**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.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**ANTHEM** "Simple Gifts From God" J. Williams/J. Martin, Charlotte Garrett, flute

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy Spirit, we pray that you enter into the hearts, minds, and souls of those who hear these words of Scripture. Illuminate the eternal essence of your being through our hearing of it, and through your power, transform this ink into the stuff of new life. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** (631/666) Daniel 7:9-10,13-14  
(867/910) Rev.1:4b-8  
(767/806) John:18-33-37

**SERMON**

“The King and I”

Jackson Weller

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**HYMN #41**

**O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

J. Hughes, arr. J.W. Krug

**BENEDICTION**

**List of Session members**  
Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata\*, Barbara Wilkins\*, David Swann  
Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema\*, Eddie Blount\*, Jackie Rochford\*  
Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones\*, Kim Wimer  
\*Denotes Steering Committee Members