FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Large-print bulletin and announcements

Gathering

RINGING OF THE BELL - Bo Morton and Lindley Ramsey

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER - Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

PRELUDE - The Solid Rock - SungKun Jung

Music by William B. Bradbury; Arranged by Gayden Sikes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God: make a joyful noise!
All: We will sing with thanksgiving, for God holds the depths of the earth.
One: God made the mountains, the seas and dry land.
All: God is above all, and we are God’s people. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #268 - Crown Him with Many Crowns - Glory to God

Words by Matthew Bridges, 1851; Music by George J. Elvey, 1868
Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.
Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (seated, unison) - Derrik Olsen

God above all,
We confess our desire to rule and lord over others,
as if your power was ours to co-opt and wield.
We confess that we too often worship at the feet of earthly rulers,
pledging our allegiance to mortals instead of Christ.
Forgive us. Open the eyes of our hearts to see the hope of your call,
that all of our work would be ministry in the name of Jesus.
(Silent Confession) … Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE #368 (sing twice) - We Fall Down - Glory to God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, 1998

We fall down; we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus:
the greatness of mercy and love, at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy. And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also, with you.

CHILDREN'S SONG (vv. 1, 2, 6) - He's Go the Whole World in His Hands - Use bulletin or screens

African American Spiritual

He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands. He's got the wind and the rain in His hands.
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got everybody here in His hands. He's got everybody here in His hands.
He's got everybody here in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM - At the Name of Jesus - Chancel Choir

Words based on Philippians 2:10-11; Music by Cindy Berry
Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights as God,
but laid aside his mighty power, his mighty power and glory,
taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.
At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.
That every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!
At the name of Jesus!

Proclamation Of The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Ephesians 1.15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

SERMON - Above All

Response To The Word

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS - Kristi Button

OFFERTORY - The Love of God

Music by Frederick M. Lehman; Arranged by Rafael Griffin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RESPONSE #451 - Open My Eyes That I May See - Glory to God

Words and Music by Clara H. Scott, 1895
Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine, Spirit divine!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your grace.
You hear our prayers.

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, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*HYMN #263 - All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name - Glory to God

Stanzas 1-3 by Edward Perrpnet, 1779; Stanza 4 by John Rippon, 1787
Music by Oliver Holden, 1793; Descant by Michael E. Young, 1979
**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!**

*BENEDICTION

Participants

Senior Pastor – Rev. Jessie Light-Wells

Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder – Isaac Thomas

Director of Christian Education – Kristi Button

Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries – Amanda McDonald

Audio/Visual Team – Christopher Verdery, Connor Button, and Drew Parker

Choral Interns – Amelia Booker, Verna Labitad, Trenton Neuok, Aiden Thompson, Dustin Warner

Worship Band – Nina Andrews (drums), Rob Button (guitar/bass), Dennis Brewer (guitar)

Organist/Choral Accompanist – SungKun Jung

Membership Coordinator – Amy McCann

Childcare Coordinator – Minah Smith

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Announcements

Sunday Morning and Ways to Help

TODAY AT FUPC

Decorate the Chrismon Tree | Today at 4 p.m.

Come one, come all! Help decorate the Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary this afternoon, 4-5 p.m. With several volunteers, it should take only about an hour.

November Birthday Offering | Today

The November Birthday Offering will be received today. Those with November birthdays are invited to give in gratitude for the blessing of another year. More information is available in the Gathering Place.

GIVING AND SERVING

Food Angel Drive Begins the Week of Nov. 30

Help stock the shelves at Cooperative Emergency Outreach! Look for the **BIG Angel** outside on the south wall of Calvin, the **MIDDLE Angel** in the Gathering Place next to the treats table, and the **LITTLE Angel** in the First School lobby.

Current CEO needs: canned pasta sauce, canned carrots, and canned mixed vegetables. Place donations in the blue tub at the north Calvin entrance. Pickups are Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday after 11 a.m., or sooner during a hard freeze.

November is a **CEO Special Offering month.** Note CEO on your check and place it in the offering plate or mail it to FUPC. You may also give through the Weekly Update donation link.

Please Pledge by Next Sunday, Nov. 29

Stewardship materials were mailed in purple envelopes. Extra letters, brochures, and pledge cards are in the Gathering Place. Contact the church office if you did not receive yours. Submit your pledge by November 29, by mail or online.

Help Decorate the Outdoor Wreaths

We need a small group of people to help decorate the outdoor wreaths on either December 3 or 4. Contact the church office or Barbara Verdery if you can help.

Leaf a Book, Take a Book

Visit the green leaf-bordered Earth Care book swap in the church library. Take or leave a book. Books with numbered spines require checkout.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9-10 a.m. Youth classes serve grades 6-12.

Children: Sunday School meets 9:30-10:20 a.m. for children age three before August 31, 2026, through fifth grade.

Early arrivals may join children's outreach activities in Knox 103 from 9-9:25 a.m.

Fellowship: 10-10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place, or outdoors in front of the Sanctuary when weather permits.

Worship: 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
This week's scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23.

Nursery and Childcare: Lower Knox, 8:45-11:45 a.m. During Christian Education, care is provided for infants through children who turn three after August 31, 2026. During worship, care is available for infants through Pre-K.

GOOD TO KNOW

Thanksgiving Week Staff Availability

During Thanksgiving week, many staff members will be away or working from home. Please contact the staff member you hope to speak with before coming to the church so we can make sure someone is available to help. Thank you for your understanding!

Large print: Large-print bulletins and announcements are available. Please ask an usher.

Orange bracelets: Available in the Gathering Place for anyone keeping social distance. No explanation is needed. Please respect the space of anyone wearing one.

Accessible parking: On Sunday mornings, all spaces in the lot next to the Sanctuary are designated for accessible parking. Please leave them for those who need them.

Need a link? Worship materials, giving, service opportunities, and more: **fupcfay.org/links**.

Gather and Grow

THIS WEEK | NOVEMBER 23-29

Monday, November 23

7-8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 24

12:00-1:30 p.m. - Men's Fellowship Lunch
Whole Hog BBQ

4-5 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary

5:30-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group - Lower Witherspoon
Meeting Tuesday this week; no regular Wednesday gathering.

7-8:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir - Choir Room
Tuesday rehearsal this week.

Wednesday, November 25

6:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
Village Inn, Fayetteville; arrive at 6:15 a.m.

Friday, November 27

No Hooks and Needles this week due to the holiday.

Sunday, November 29

9 a.m. - Adult and Youth Sunday School
9 and 9:30 a.m. - Children's Sunday School
See Sunday morning details in this document.
10-10:30 a.m. - Fellowship - Gathering Place
10:30 a.m. - Worship: First Sunday of Advent
Sanctuary

Stewardship pledges are due November 29.

2027 Honduras Trip: Applications Open

Join the Honduras trip May 22-29, 2027. **Apply by January 15, 2027.** Visit the application link below. Questions? Contact Leigh Woodruff at (479) 601-1437.

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GATHER AND GROW

First Sunday of Advent | Nov. 29

Join us next Sunday as we begin the Advent season together.

Advent Devotional and Resources | Nov. 29

The fifth edition of our daily Advent devotional, written by church members, will be available November 29 along with other Advent resources in the Gathering Place. Reflections on scriptures heralding Christ's birth can center morning meditations or daily Advent candle lightings. Daily devotions will also be published on the church website.

Hat and Mitten Tree | Up Nov. 29

Bring hats and mittens to be donated to neighbors in our community.

First School Christmas Market | Nov. 30-Dec. 4

Stop by the First School lobby / Commons between **8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** during the week to visit the Christmas Market.

LOOKING AHEAD

Earth Care Maker's Faire | Dec. 6

Share skills for creating and fixing things instead of throwing them away! Join us in **Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Have a skill to share? Lamp repair, mending, tool care, or creative uses for recycled materials are welcome. Talk to **Kathy Hall or Rebecca Haden** about hosting a table before and/or after worship.

Special Music | Dec. 6 and 13

Enjoy special music guests during worship on **December 6** and special music from our choir on **December 13**.

Christmas Brunch and Manger Celebration | Dec. 20

Gather with your church family for brunch in Fellowship Hall at **9 a.m., before church.** Stay for **Celebration at the Manger as part of worship** at 10:30 a.m.

All-Church Caroling | Dec. 22, 2-4 p.m.

Share Christmas cheer through caroling! Watch the Weekly Update for gathering details.

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