SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

CHRIST THE KING

November 21, 2021

"All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord." Psalm 138:4-5

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Priere

Leon Boellmann

INTROIT

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

A. C. Lovelace

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN

No. 620

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth; we acknowledge that we are unworthy to be called your servants. We have not believed your promises, nor trusted in our living Lord. Let no one be hindered in faith because of our faltering faith. Let no shadow be added to those who suffer because we pass them by. Let no one stumble because of our sins, but in your mercy forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 804

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

SOLO

We Gather Together/Bless This House Daniel Cohen, soloist

May H. Brahe

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By your Spirit, great God, claim our complete loyalty, and establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart, for we ask it in his name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 23:1-7

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 1:4-8

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SERMON

"Glory Forever"

Dr. Williams

"To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Revelation 1:5-6

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith, 1977

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected. Amen.

*HYMN

No. 264

Tune: KING'S WESTON

At the Name of Jesus

THE PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

*HYMN

No. 268

Tune: DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Natalie Sleeth

Go Now in Peace

*POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

*Congregation please stand.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR marks the beginning of the Lord's Day service. The prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

GUEST ORGANIST is Joel Morehouse. Susan Wilson is away for the Thanksgiving holiday.

GREETER: Charlotte Keenoy...**USHERS:** Jim Baker, head usher; Joshua Brooks, Eliza Brooks, Hank Gloss, and Charlotte Keenoy... **EXTENDED SESSION TEACHERS:** Beth Longley, Turner Chase, and Jackson Chase.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 21	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Elder-Elect Orientation No Youth Activities
Wednesday, November 24	
Thursday, November. 25	Thanksgiving, Office Closed
Friday, November 26	Office Closed

WELCOME TO ALL If you are a newcomer, please sign the friendship register at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to the minister. Coffee and juice are served at 10:30 a.m. in Stewart Hall. Large print bulletins are available for worshipers. Please speak to one of the ushers. Children's worship bags, designed to help children participate in worship more meaningfully, are also available. Children five and younger may go to the Preschool for Extended Session following the children's sermon.

SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS Presbyterian Women of Savannah Presbytery are gathering items as Christmas gifts for residents of Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments. A list of items can be found at www.savannahpresbytery.org or in the church office. Bring unwrapped presents to the receptionist's office or the basket in the Narthex by Sunday, November 28th. For more information, contact Allison Johnson at ajsellssavannah@gmail.com.

ELDER-ELECT ORIENTATION will begin the first of a three-part series today at 5:00 p.m., in the church library. They are using resources from Theocademy, an education project of the Synod of Mid-America.

GRATITUDE: THE HEART OF STEWARDSHIP The stewardshp campaign continues to seek pledges for the 2022 budget. If you have not yet responded, please do so soon. The Session needs an accurate projection of income in order to set the budget and make plans for the coming year. Extra pledge cards and envelopes are available in the narthex and church office.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING FOR THORNWELL WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

NO REHEARSALS for the Youth Choir Chimes today or Sunday, November 28, and no rehearsal for the Children's Choirs on Wednesday, November 24.

ONLINE GIVING Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to First using our secure online portal which can be found at www.savannahfpc.org by clicking on the Give Now tab at the top right corner of the home page or by scanning our QR code using your smartphone's QR reader. Offering plates are also in the Narthex for your convenience.



AT LEAST TWENTY Afghan families will soon arrive in Savannah sponsored by Inspiritus (formerly Lutheran Refugee Services). Pending Session approval, the church will provide financial support to help a family with housing, meals, transportation, and job training. A team of up to eight volunteers will visit them weekly, helping with English and homework. First has welcomed several refugee families over the years. Safe, affordable housing—rent will be paid by refugee services—is the most critical need. If you know about housing or want to volunteer, contact Linda Wittish, chair of the Social Concerns Committee.

ADVENT EVENT will be held on Sunday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m. in Stewart Hall. Join us for dinner, crafts, cookie decorating, and Advent wreath making (kits are \$4). All ages are invited to help us enjoy the start of the Advent season together.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE TABLEAU Children 5 years old through 5th grade are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Tableau. Rehearsals will be December 5 and December 19 after the worship service. Parents are also being asked to help. Contact allisons@savannahfpc.org to participate.

POINSETTIA, WREATH AND GARLAND ORDER FORM

Seasonal decorations for Advent and Christmastide will have two categories for contributions: poinsettia (\$12) and wreath and garland (\$60). The poinsettias will form an arrangement in the chancel, and the wreaths and garlands will decorate the sanctuary and Stewart Hall.

Each poinsettia or wreath and garland can be given as an honorarium or memorial. Please use this form to provide the names and information. <u>Deadline for payment is Monday</u>, November 29.

No Poinsettias @ \$12 each Total: \$	
Given in memory/honor	Name of donor
No Wreaths and Garlands @ \$60 each	Γotal: \$
Given in memory/honor	Name of donor