

## Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*(from The Book of Praise, # 535)*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen

Cover Drawing by Colin Rackham



## *Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020*

### *Reign of Christ Sunday*

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## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Musical Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in unison.

**Instrumental Hymn: "Crown him with many crowns #274**

**\*Opening Prayer:**

God most holy, you are known to us as the Almighty, Powerful, Eternal, Ruler, and Lord. We call you our Shepherd and Guide. We praise you with many names, but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words. We know you in the stories of Jesus and in him, we see your love in action, reaching out to the world. You move in us and through us by your Spirit, drawing us to you, sending us to live out your Word. God most holy, Three in One and One in Three, we praise you with our lips and with our lives, to offer you honour and love.

**Mighty and merciful God, we come with a sincere desire to walk in your ways and live under your reign. And so, we confess that we have failed to love fully, forgive wholly, and to share the joy of your presence day by day. You offer us freedom, but we settle for the familiar. You offer risky love, but we opt for safer choices. You offer us hope, but we prefer knowing what will happen next. Teach us to abandon our selfish ways and cautious service, so that we can risk offering you our whole lives, committed to following Jesus and building your kingdom here on earth. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Special Music: Cheonglo Lee "Because He Lives"**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Bible Readings:**

**Proverbs 3:1-8 pg. 585-586 OT**

**Psalms 37:1-9 pg. 510 OT**

**Matthew 7:24-29 pg. 7 NT**

**James 3:13-18 pg. 230 NT**

**Sermon: "Practicing Discernment"**

**Instrumental Hymn: "Jesus shall reign where're the sun"  
#275**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Prayer of Dedication:**

**Generous and Gracious God, you envision a world where the hungry are fed and strangers are welcomed. We bring you our gifts to become part of your vision. Bless them and bless us, so that all our gifts bear fruit in Christ's name, and honour him as Lord of our lives. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see the back of bulletin)**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**Blessing**

**Music Postlude:**

**(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during Postlude)**