

First Presbyterian Church

CLEVELAND, GA



November 24, 2024

Happy Thanksgiving

Growing together by sharing Christ's love

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Reign of Christ Sunday

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We Gather to Worship God

Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Sovereign God, in your steadfast love and faithfulness, you relentlessly seek us and gather us into your presence. Help us likewise to seek you, for you have told us where you may be found—not only in places of power and might, but in every place where your people cry out in need. As we meet you in this service of worship, send us out to meet you in acts of service, doing justice and sharing your love; through Christ our reigning Lord. **Amen.**

Prelude to Worship “I Will Enter His Gates” (arr. Mark Hayes)

Greeting

Jesus is coming to reign.

To God be glory forever and ever!

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

**Call to Worship*

God established the world from of old.

God’s reign shall never end.

God delivered us in freedom and truth.

God’s love is everlasting.

**Gathering Prayer*

**Hymn* “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

GtG #268

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God of compassion and justice, take pity on us as we confess our sin. We are not the stewards Christ calls us to be. Riches possess us while others go hungry. We mismanage creation with our pollution and strife. Your goodness is betrayed by our lust for power. We abuse your provision for us by our selfish desires. Help us hear once again Christ's call to be faithful, and through him forgive us as we repent of our sin and turn from it.

Assurance of Pardon

**Holy God,
how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers
instead of the power of your love;
help us to turn our hearts toward you.
Restore us in your love, and set us free
to forgive as we have been forgiven,
by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

**Song of 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.**

We Hear the Word of God in Scripture and Song

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Debbie Wessely

Anthem

"Get All Excited to See the King!" (arr. Patti Drennan)

Gospel

John 18:33-38a

Sermon

“What Kind of King?”

Rev. Teresa Franklin

**Hymn*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

GtG #263

We Respond to the Word of God

***Affirmation of Faith**

Based on *The Shorter Catechism* (7.026)

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offering

Offertory: A Time for Giving and Reflection

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (arr. Stan Pethel)

**Song of Gratitude*

“For the Life That You Have Given”

GtG #717

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**Hymn*

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

GtG #267

****Charge and Benediction***

****Benediction Response*** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (v. 1)
GtG #546

Postlude “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” (arr. Mark Hayes)



The flowers in the sanctuary are provided by
Nanette and Phil Baughman in honor of their anniversary.

Remember in Your Prayers

Members’ Special Needs, at Home, or Hospitalized

Beth Chambers

Family and Friends

The Russell Family, Betty Royd’s niece’s family

Jo Quinn Smith, Adele Page’s friend

Rev. Roe Callaway, his wife, Paula, passed away

In the Military

Zack Ciriello Ciriello and Murdoch family

Charlsie Maddox.....Maddox family

Tyler LovellRoyds family

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church Cleveland

Today we welcome Rev. Teresa Franklin to the pulpit. Rev. Franklin is a Minister Member of Northeast Georgia Presbytery, not currently serving a church. Most recently she served for two years as the Interim Pastor of the Nacoochee Presbyterian Church. Before that, she was the Covenant Pastor of the Mount Hermon Presbyterian Church in Ila, Georgia for twelve years. Teresa was the Director of Christian Education here at FPC Cleveland from 2006 to 2009. She lives in Clarkesville with her husband, Phillip Franklin, and two grandchildren, Arianna and Isabella.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Today, November 24th, following worship, the decorating committee will decorate the church for Advent. Volunteers are welcome.

Friendship Nursing Home Pretty Nail Day - Looking for a few people that are willing spend an hour (10 am to 11 am, starting November 25) polishing nails for some of the residents at Friendship Nursing Home in Cleveland. It will brighten up their day and yours too. All supplies will be provided. Please text or call Retha Puvogel at (407) 574-9097 and let her know if you can help on November 25th and/or on possible future dates.

Choir Rehearsal will NOT meet on Wednesday, November 27. They will meet Sunday morning, December 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Advent Bible Study: Yes, Advent Bible Study! This year we will be studying *On the Way to Bethlehem* by Rob Fuquay. We will meet on Wednesdays at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall from November 27 through December 18. If you would like for us to purchase a book for you, please sign up on the sheet in the Upper Narthex.

3rd Annual Christmas in Mt. Airy will be Sunday, December 1, at 4:00 pm at the historic Mt. Airy Chapel.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, November 25

Office Closed

10 am Friendship Home Visit

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving

Office Closed

Tuesday, November 26

9 am - 1 pm Office Hours

Friday, November 29

9 am - 1 pm Office Hours

Wednesday, November 27

9 am - 1 pm Office Hours

12:30 pm Bible Study

Sunday, December 1

9 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am Coffee & Conversation

11 am Worship Service

12:15pm Choir Practice

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December 3 - PW will be hosting the Community Helping Hands Free Clinic Volunteers for a Thank You Christmas luncheon at 12:30. If you would like to help, please contact Judy Winski.

White Christmas - The Angel Tree is in the Upper Narthex. When you select an Angel from the tree, please place an Angel with your name in the basket provided. The gifts that you purchased should be returned to the church no later than December 1. **Unwrapped gifts** should be in one bag per child (should you choose gifts for more than one child) and labeled with the child's name.

Christmas Luncheon - December 10 - 1:00 pm. All are invited to join Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Men for their annual Christmas Luncheon at **Chicago Pizza** in Demorest. Please bring a toy to be given to a child affected by Hurricane Helene. We will order from the menu and pay our individual checks. Sign up is required, seating is limited.

THE SESSION

Reverend Burnetta Armour, Moderator

Bruce Morgan, Clerk of Session

Jim Hiers, Clerk of Session, Emeritus



Class of 2024

Phil Baughman
Worship

Jim Crawford
Membership

Class of 2025

Bruce Morgan
Administration & Finance

Hugh Walters
Building & Grounds

Elaine Wiegert
Discipleship

Class of 2026

Judy Massingale
Membership

Nancy Webber
Communications

THE DIACONATE

Rita Morgan, Moderator

Judy Massingale, Session Liaison

Class of 2024

Viveca Cooper
Debbie Wessely

Class of 2025

Rita Morgan
Adele Page

Class of 2026

Kim Ciriello
Bob Thomason

Pastor:	Rev. Burnetta Armour
Director of Music:	David Arvold
Accompanist:	James Geiger
Organist:	Rachel Ficklin
Usher:	Phil Baughman
Greeters:	Charles Massingale, Hugh Walters, Collin Armour
Liturgist:	Debbie Wessely
Elder of the Month for November:	Bruce Morgan
Deacon of the Month for November:	Rita Morgan