

WORSHIP for November 22, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) To watch **sermons recorded** on Zoom on our YouTube Channel, go to the FPCP website: <https://www.fpcpataskala.com/> and click on WORSHIP or follow us on Facebook from the homepage. To potentially increase subscribers & views,  like and  share!
- 2) Please invite family or friends, who want to join us for live worship on Sundays @10:45am, to request access by emailing their name, email, & phone number to fpcopataskala@gmail.com

Zoom live worship attendance: 10/4 50, 10/11 58, 10/18 46, and 10/25 58.

- 3) If you need a COVID-19 **cloth mask** call 740-901-1232 for the Johnsons, who lead the CRT. Thank you to Gage Marcum and Katie Slaymaker, who have been making masks available.
- 4) **Give to FPCP** while shopping for Christmas or for any time at smile.amazon.com. .5% of purchases go to FPCP, when you register for FPCP by going to this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1143651>

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But for the church to get credit, you have to enter thru the link the first time, before shopping under your amazon account.

- 5) "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." *John 1:5*

Please bring a candle to light during zoom worship during Advent thru Christmas **11/29-12/24**. The candle may be real or battery operated.

- 6) One "Zoom" Schoolhouse **for all ages 10-10:30am Sundays** as we "**Walk with Jesus Thru Israel**" with photos from Pastor Janet's 2008 trip to the Holy Land and corresponding study of Scripture **starts 1st Sunday of Advent 11/29**.

- 7) **Register online for Saturday 12/5 2-5pm Main Street Christmas Cookie Walk**

Prelude played by Collin Richardson, "All Creatures of Our God & King"

St Francis of Assisi 1225; public domain

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QX_eYGTQz8&list=PLAdy2hvW6PL8_1itXDbTRrCeI331DmVVU&index=7&t=0s

Call to Worship: Psalm 65:1-13 *Unison*

**You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.
The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.
The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantle with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.**

Opening Hymn: "**Come Into His Presence**"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX9aXdHZxdE>

Prayer of Confession: *Unison*

Not only do we forget to give thanks for our daily bread and that you provide, we forget to give thanks that you are The King over all and neglect to obey your rule, though your will is good for all. Forgive us King of the Universe. We submit our hearts to you. Amen.

(Pause now for a time of silent confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 65:3-4 *Responsively*

“When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.”

We believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

“The Gloria Patri”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgcYD_m4OhU

Hymn of Preparation: “Come Thou, Almighty King”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Iso_fCDtHg

Call to God’s Word: *Unison*

“Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?” John 10:35 & Romans 4:3.

Prayer for Illumination: *Unison*

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring

you glory and praise. Amen.

Gospel Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-18

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+samuel+8&version=NIV>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+timothy+4%3A1-18&version=NIV>

SERMON: “Kingdom of Jesus” by *The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford*

Watch sermon on: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAdy2hvW6PL93B6hbgswTxf93Evs575yd>

Today’s final passage in Paul’s letters to Timothy comes at an important time. This is the last Sunday in the church year. Next week is the first week of a new year in the church calendar, starting at Advent, when we wait for Jesus’ 2nd coming. This week we recognize the closure of the year in two ways.

For one, this is the weekend before our national holiday of Thanksgiving, established by President Abraham Lincoln for the American people to give thanks. The holiday came from the 1621 first harvest in Plymouth, a 3 day feast was shared between the pilgrims and native Americans.

However, our focus today, concluding sermons on Paul’s letter to Timothy, will be on the holy day of Christ the King Sunday. 2 Timothy 4:1-8, today’s passage, pertains to this holy day, and sets the tone. A major role of a king is also to act as judge. Verse 1 refers to Jesus as judge of the living and the dead. The final verse 8 also refers to Jesus as the righteous Judge. The passage also reiterates the core of Paul’s letters to Timothy. Paul has consistently been preaching the need to tell the truth in love, to live in godliness and to show loyalty to Christ by

adhering to Scripture at all times. But all of this in the context of Christ Jesus as judge and king over all. The kingship of Jesus is the reigning theme of today!

However, while neighbors from places like, the U.K. & Canada are still under royal reign, Americans may have a difficult time relating to the governance of a king. After all, America gained freedom from the rule of the king of England. In fact, although there are still those who insist upon the sole reliance to the King James Bible, many devoted followers of Christ, who came on the Mayflower, came from a Reformed tradition. Most Puritans who were Calvinists, the origin of the Presbyterian, instead of adhering to the King James Bible, looked to the Geneva translation of Scriptures. So how do Americans understand and live out being subjects of Christ the King, with a pride in independence from royal reign?

One way is to look back at the history of how kings became established in the Judeo-Christian culture in the first place. For there was a time, when unlike other nations, Israel did not have a king. The book of Judges ends: "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit." Then judges were in place. The last judge was Samuel, who was also a prophet.

Question is then, how did Jewish kings come to be? Hear this reading from 1 Samuel 8. After this, Samuel chose to anoint a man, who was literally head & shoulders above the rest, Saul. But eventually Saul & the people disobeyed the Lord God. For this Samuel said to king Saul in 13:13-14: "You have done a foolish thing. You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command." The Lord rejected Saul, and then anointed David.

However, just as with all the judges, David and all the kings after him sinned. Nevertheless, as prophesied, the Lord established that the Messiah, the true king, would come from the line of David.

The true king is Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, from the lineage of David. King Jesus also has the role of judge over the living and the dead. The language of his being judge, while over the kingdom, is in today's passage. This is also stressed in other key doctrines of faith, like the Apostles Creed, the Nicene creed, and the Lord's Prayer. The ancient Apostles' creed was used as our affirmation of faith last week, when we stated: "He will come again to judge the living and the dead." But following today's sermon, our affirmation of faith is the Nicene creed, which links Jesus' as being both judge and king in stating: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end." Later in the service also note how the Lord's prayer confirms Jesus as king and judge. First we pray "thy kingdom come. Then the role of judge is inferred praying for the forgiveness of debts or sins. Lastly the Lord's prayer acknowledges: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever." Jesus is the Messiah, the judge & savior, the lord of lord and king of kings. He is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. These are key points in our Christian doctrine.

Now let us affirm our faith in the words of the oldest creed, the Nicene Creed, proclaimed throughout the universal Christian church, from east to west, recognizing Jesus as the one true judge and king.

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. and was buried. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of Response: "Rejoice the Lord is King"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2N0iVysrykU>

PRAYERS of Joy and Concern, followed by:

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.

Please Continue to Give in Dedication to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus

Prayer Of Dedication: *Unison*

In view of your mercy help us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you, O God. Amen. *Romans 12:1*

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqpXWF15avU>

Closing Hymn: "O Worship the King"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wgDPdTy5Tg>

Benediction: *Responsively*

Serving Christ The King, go forth into the world to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**