



## **First Presbyterian Church El Campo, Texas**

*First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a spiritual home that proclaims God's presence and love to all people by creating a welcoming environment for Christian spiritual growth through worship, fellowship, and education and to joyfully celebrate God's love as disciples serving the community and the world.*

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 2020

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

*Welcome to Worship!*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune on HYFRYDOL* Douglas E. Wagner

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

**All: Christ will reign forever.**

One: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

**All: Christ will reign forever.**

One: Let us worship God.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess we are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us, and show us how to be loyal ambassadors to your kingdom. Amen. (Silent Confession.)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are claimed for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Instrumental)

Albert Junos Holden

## THE HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Today is the last day of the church calendar and the Reign of Christ Sunday. On this day, as on every day, we give honor and glory to the Lord of heaven and earth and watch and pray for the coming of God's realm of righteousness, justice, and peace.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 NRSV

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 NRSV

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love[a] toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray 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, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Wayne C. Clement

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER; Netherlands Melody

Sanctuary flowers today are placed in honor of Jeff's 55th birthday with love and admiration for a great Spouse, Dad, and Pop from Mindi, Shelby, Colby, Matthew, Colby Lee and Morgan.

For 178 years, the tune most often associated with the hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" is CRUSADER'S HYMN, which also goes by the name ST. ELIZABETH, or by its opening phrase in German, SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU. No matter its name, the hymn can be found in at least 310 hymnals. *Beautiful Savior!... Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!*