



Jesus “did not come just to make people ‘feel good’ and give them everything they wanted; he came to tell them about the coming rule of God's justice and compassion in the world, and to invite them to give up everything they had to follow him in costly service of this coming kingdom.”

-Shirley C. Guthrie Jr.

Christ the King
November 22, 2020

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Variations on "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Charles Callahan

Introit

The Lord Reigns!

Dale Wood

The Lord reigns! He is robed in majesty! O let us come into his presence with song!

****Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: We come in faith, believing God is at work in our world.

People: We come in hope, believing that God's kingdom is the reign of love.

Leader: We come in boldness, knowing Jesus is present whenever we minister in his name.

People: We come in joy, trusting that God's kingdom grows through our words, work and action.

Leader: As the apostles went from Judea into Samaria to proclaim the Gospel:

People: Let us prepare to be ministers of Christ's compassion, and go forth to witness the good news of God's love.

****Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.



Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, merciful and mighty, you call us to seek good and not evil. You call us to establish justice, that all may live in peace. But we trample the poor and oppress the weak. We walk by the needy, unconcerned. We take what is not ours, ignore the words of prophets, and silence voices of truth. Forgive us, O God. Restore us to a brighter hope for all your children. Make us compassionate and caring, filled with love for all people; that justice may roll down like rivers and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (responsively)

Galatians 6:2

Leader: You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, but do not use your freedom for self-indulgence.

People: **In love, serve one another. The whole law is summed up in one single commandment: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Leader: Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

People: **Never grow weary in doing what is good, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

****Gloria Patri**

#581

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.

****Receiving of the Peace** (responsively)

Leader: Through faith in Christ, we are offered life in the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, and patience. The fruit of the Spirit is kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. The

peace of Christ is alive and at work in this congregation. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem O Come, Every One That Thirsteth (from Elijah) Mendelssohn
*O come, every one that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him.
O hear, and your souls shall live forever.*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “The King’s Challenge”
Seminarian Brian Louis, preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

****Hymn** Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table #186

186 Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table



1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble," said Je - sus
 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y? When were you
 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren, when you gave
 4 Christ, when we see you out on life's road - ways, look - ing to



Christ to the righ - teous a - bove. "When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and
 home - less, a strang - er a - lone? When did we see you sick or in
 shel - ter to war's ref - u - gees, when you re - mem - bered those most for -
 us in the fac - es of need, then may we know you, wel - come, and



home - less, sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
 pris - on? What have we done that you call us your own?
 got - ten, you cared for me in the small - est of these."
 show you love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

****Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

The Apostles' 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 on 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Solo

Come, Ye Blessed

John Prindle Scott

Corinne Wallace-Crane, soloist

Then shall the King say unto them upon His right hand: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. I was an-hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was a-thirst, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("debts")

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.

Prayer Response

I Hunger and I Thirst

H. Smart

I hunger and I thirst; Jesus, my Manna be: ye living waters, burst out of the Rock for me. Amen

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

****Hymn**

Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples

#757

****The Charge and the Benediction**

****Benediction**

Prayer of St. Patrick

Richard Voorhaar

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in friend and stranger.*

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Diane Bish

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service

Liturgists

Pastor Neff and Leslie Deslauriers

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission Statement: We are a diverse and inclusive community bringing people to Christ through the power of service, education, hospitality and compassion.

Vision Statement: Second Presbyterian Church seeks to be a diverse, vibrant and passionate Christ-centered community of hospitality and outreach actively serving the South Loop, the city of Chicago, and the world. We accomplish this through inspirational worship in our historic sanctuary, educational ministry to all ages, and the power of compassionate service to our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome regardless of ethnicity, economic group or sexual orientation to share together in the joy and power of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Due to the recent orders of Mayor Lightfoot and Governor Pritzker, the Session has discontinued "in-person" worship for the foreseeable future. The service can be viewed online each Sunday morning at 10:55 a.m. by logging on to www.2ndpresbyterian.org. Please join us for worship each Sunday!

Liam's Table, hosted by the Milan family, will be passing out bags of groceries on Thanksgiving Day between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (noon). If you know of a family who might need groceries, please direct them to the church.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Richard and Jeannine Warner; wishing everyone a blessed, safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Worship is live-streamed on our website www.2ndpresbyterian.org each Sunday morning. Join us at 10:55 a.m. for the worship. Copies of sermons and bulletins will be mailed and emailed to all who request them.

The Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, November 29th at 12:30 p.m. E-mails and letters were sent out earlier this week. The zoom information and call-in number will be available next week. Please join us for this important meeting!

Today we celebrate the 34th year of our Lunch Bag program. Begun by Deacon Lucille Whitworth, the program continues to share food with our neighbors four times a week. We are grateful for our volunteers and give thanks for this incredible ministry in the community and all who support it.

Chinny Adugba	Rowena Balogun	Nate Battle
Genevieve Bernard	Sylvia Bridges	Michelle Brinson
Michael Brown	Denise Conway	Susan Evans
Barbara Floyd	Jan Gerhardt	Elizabeth Gilman
Darnell Grayson	Roslynn Gully	Amy Haack
Dr. Lisa Henry-Reid	Rich Havard	Paula Herrin
Eileen Holloway	Geraldine Jackson	Paula Kelso
Ozzie Kinnard	Elle Korengel	Molly Lauraine
Stephanie Lazarus	Elaine Lampkin	Eugene Leonard
Kathy Li	Annette Lombardi	Jack & Rachel Lowe
George and Linda Mattes	Angela Owen	Julie Pfeiffer
Darlene Pollard	Sam & Barb Psimoulis	Gus Psimoulis
Ken Reeder	Vicki Reynolds	Melissa Schumacher
Toni Simmons	Lorraine Singleton	Nancy Speaker
Sue Suchy	Beth Vogel	Maria Wicks
Seth Williams	Mary Yohannan	Kristin Zandstra

Faith Matters. Giving Matters. Our 2021 Pledge Drive is underway. Members and friends are asked to make a pledge (or estimate of giving) to support our mission and ministry. Please submit your pledge cards with your offering, mail your pledge cards into the church office or submit your pledge online at <https://forms.gle/Z3ConvZbH1vpNyjp9>. Please make your commitments prayerfully and intentionally. Thank you!

We are near our goal of funding our new Audio-Visual Equipment. This new ministry enables our church to reach out and provide worship to hundreds of people. Please submit your gift today! Send your check or give your donation online through our secure website at www.2ndpresbyterian.org.

If pastoral care needs arise, please contact the church office at (312) 225-4951. Pastor Neff and Pastoral Assistant Deslauriers are available for pastoral counseling and prayer.

We are still taking prayer requests but now you can submit them by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/72RzSMc9tAA7y5st8> so that we can pray with you and for you. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff, Pastoral Assistant Leslie and our Office Administrator Ashley. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

Bible Studies:

Advent Bible Study: Prophecy and Fulfillment: Pastor Neff will be leading a bible study on the prophecies of the Messiah and Messianic Kingdom on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m. We will study the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel and find their scriptural fulfillment in Matthew, Mark, Luke and the letters of Paul. **Please call the church office or Pastor Neff for the phone number.**

Topic: Advent Bible Study: Prophecy and Fulfillment

Time: Dec 2, 2020 06:00 PM

We will be using phone calls for bible studies and Zoom for other groups. For bible studies, use the number below.

New Conference Call number: **(312) 248-0036**. No PIN required.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday Second Corinthians 1:30 p.m.**

Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group: will be led by Doug Walters until January will continue to be monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays starting with the New Testament with the first half of Matthew. New Conference Call number: **(312) 248-0036**. No PIN required. For more information, please contact Flea Parker at flea@golden2.net or (210) 861-6988.

RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee

Movie Group: On December 18th, we will discuss *Daughters of Destiny* episodes 3 & 4. *Daughters of Destiny* (original Netflix documentary series) was shot over seven years, and follows a group of girls from rural India who are denied education because of their caste. Please note that the dates were bumped up a week in November/December due to the holidays. Each person will watch the movie on their own and then we will gather on Zoom to discuss it. This event is brought to you by the RIM committee.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87830257932?pwd=alNtMUh6eFpNNlpobWZ0WFIDRTNodz09>

Time: December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Central Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 878 3025 7932

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Book Group: Our next book of discussion is Begin Again by Eddie Glaude. This will take place via Zoom on December 20th at 9:30 a.m. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at annabelle620e@aol.com.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82595103879>

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Community Interests:

The Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 a.m. All are needed to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We anticipate concluding by noon.

Coat Drive: Second Presbyterian Church is hosting its annual Winter Coat Drive November through February. Donations of warm clothes, socks, sweat shirts, hoodies, sweaters, coats, gloves, caps, scarves and mittens will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Donations are received Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We regret that we must decline clothing donations other than warm winter clothing.

Barbara's Basement Resale Shop: As we draw closer to the holidays, Barbara's Basement Resale Shop is beginning to decorate for Thanksgiving and Christmas with pumpkins, Christmas tree ornaments and floral arrangements. Our store is stocked with a large assortment of

new and used ladies and men's watches, bracelets, earrings, necklaces and rings. Do you need extra dinner plates for the holidays? Check out our stock. Gift wrapping is available this year, beginning December 1st (by appointment only). Please provide boxes if needed. New Store Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. All proceeds go to fund the mission and ministry of Second Presbyterian

Support Our Mission and Ministry

The work of the church is critical in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. You may now give your offering on the Second Presbyterian Church website at www.2ndpresbyterian.org. Look for the “Donate” button and scroll down, following the prompts. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Connect with Us

Dr. Neff's sermons, poetry and reflections on ministry can be found in his blog: www.davidneff.me. To obtain copies of sermons for our Pastoral Assistant Leslie Deslauriers, please go to her blog lesliefollowsgodthroughchicago.blogspot.com

PRAYER REQUESTS (please pray for the following)

Ashley McLean – my grandparents; Guy, Bella and JB; the pursuit of happiness; understanding and wisdom

Leslie Deslauriers – B. Chinchilla; A. Cintron; L. Escobedo; A. Williams; L. Williams; S. Williams; J. Shouse; C. Hinton; Raiford Family; R. Hinton

Nate Battle – Sister Addie Ford; Elaine Weston; Owen; Sandy; Vernon; Renee

Pastor Neff – the Presbyterian Synod of Cameroon; for all pastors, elders and churches living under persecution

Tracy Cargo – the need of the pandemic; peaceful transition; my mom, sister and children

Ann and Mike Belletire – Bill and Linda; Lilly, Sandy Baer; Nate Battle;
the Gilcrist family

The Session

Reverend Dr. David M. Neff, Pastor
Darlene Pollard, Clerk

2020

Eric Annafi
Lisa Henry-Reid
Dr. Argie Johnson

2021

Dr. Cliff Crawford
Anthony Ochiabutor
Vicki Reynolds

2022

Darlene Pollard
Howard Tiffen
Amy Haack

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Jane Tiffen, President
Jeremy Nichols, Secretary

2020

Nate Battle
Barbara Crawford
Mary Tibbs

2021

Denise Conway
Catherine Soberekon

2022

Jeremy Nichols
Francis Osazuwa
Jane Tiffen

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Leslie Deslauriers, Pastoral Assistant
Michael Shawgo, Music Director
Ashley McLean, Office Administrator
Marco Alberto, Sexton
Brian Louis, Seminarian

Second Presbyterian Quartet Choir

Sherry Watkins, soprano
Corinne Wallace-Crane, alto
John Concepcion, tenor
Vince Wallace, bass



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