

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements**Prelude** *Now Thank We All Our God from Cantata No. 79*

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship**Prayer of Praise****Prayer of Confession****Silent Confession****Assurance of Pardon****Prayer for Illumination****New Testament Reading** Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Sermon “What Kind of King”

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Anthem *We Gather Together*

David W. Music

Margaret Bardin/piano and Ron Ollis/organ

Pastoral Prayer**Benediction****Postlude** *Marche-Sortie in G Major*

Theodore Dubois



Tithes, offerings, and pledge cards may be dropped in the basket by the baptismal font. To show love for one another, please remember to exit the sanctuary by row from the rear and maintain six-foot distance from those not in your household.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Imelda Carrillo; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; Ron Grimes (Thelma Jean Paradysz's son-in-law); Mary Knapik; Larry Parks; Joyce DeLoach; John Rarden, Sr.; Lyles Burke; Michael Wharry; Jamie Jamison; Camp Clemmons; Health care workers and all those struggling with the coronavirus.

Upcoming Events @ FPC - *more details at fpcpasadena.org*

Today, November 22 - sanctuary worship with a live streaming option. (See in-church worship protocols below.)

Upcoming Worship Services: 11/29-First Sunday of Advent, virtual worship; 12/6-Second Sunday of Advent, sanctuary worship with a live streaming option; 12/13-Third Sunday of Advent, sanctuary worship with a live streaming option.

Prayer Shawl Group meets every Tuesday via Zoom at 1:30 pm. To join this group contact Johnnie Haltom or Barbara Davis.

Brown Bag and Bible Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. (Brown Bag will not meet this week, 11/25.) Make your lunch, grab your Bible, and click the link for this Zoom meeting. If you are not on Fairfax's email list and want to be a part of the Bible study, please email Fairfax at revfair@fpcpasadena.org to add your name. If needed, contact the church office for Zoom link at office@fpcpasadena.org.

Annual Reports due from each ministry by January 8.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Announcement from Presbyterian Women

After being told that Wreaths Across America Houston would not be selling wreaths, the decision has since been made to sell the wreaths for 2020.

PW WILL NOT have a fund raiser this year selling the wreaths. However, if you received a form in the mail from Wreaths Across America and wish to purchase wreaths, PW will still receive credit for the purchase.

Wreaths cost \$15 each and PW receives \$5 from each wreath sold. Just a reminder, PW uses the money for our VA hospital party and visit.

Some of you may have received a form in the mail from WAA asking for your contribution. If so, this form may be filled out and mailed with your check, but must be **received by December 1st** for it to count on this year's order. **Do not mail your order to the church or to Melba Slaven! Checks are to be made payable to "Wreaths Across America - Houston" and mailed to the address provided on the same form.**

Those wanting to purchase by credit card, please go on-line to **Wreaths Across America Houston and click on "donate to fundraising team"**. Type in **Presbyterian Women Pasadena** and this will take you to the page for credit card information.

If you want your wreath to go to a particular grave and you do not know the site or grave number, please call Melba Slaven and she will give you the information you will need in order to do this.

Thanks to everyone for your support!

Melba Slaven

Chairman for WAA Fundraiser

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena In-Church Worship Protocols

For at least the next year, we anticipate our lives will be shaped by the timeline set by COVID-19. We face difficult choices between conflicting needs, wants, and imperatives. We anticipate that we will be continuously evaluating what worship and all other church functions look like.

Despite our best efforts to provide a safe worship experience, conditions may again require the closing of the building. The pastor, in consultation with church leaders, will use CDC, Harris County, and PCUSA guidelines and good judgment to determine how to promote safety in reopening FPCP while actively monitoring local transmission rates of COVID-19. To preserve the health of our members, if circumstances change and worshipping together is not wise, services will again be virtual only.

We recognize that some of our members have underlying health issues or risk factors. Their health and safety must be at the forefront of our considerations. Persons with a high morbidity risk from COVID-19 are urged to stay home and continue to worship virtually. We will nonetheless strive to promote safe, in-person worship experiences for all that do not discriminate against persons with disabilities or high-risk conditions.

Church Physical Set Up:

- Doors will be left open so no one has to touch a door handle. This includes the designated entry door [the front door under the porte-cochere] and the doors into the sanctuary.
- No-Touch Hand Sanitizer dispensers will be installed in the Narthex.
- Offering plates will be placed by the baptismal font.
- Pews will be marked so people space themselves safely and avoid contact.
- Hymnals, Bibles, friendship folders, offering envelopes, Kleenex, etc. will be removed from pews.
- Signs will be posted that only one person at a time is to be in the restroom and additional signs will be posted to wipe handles touched with sanitizing wipes.
- The Church kitchen will remain closed.
- Signs encouraging hand washing and mandating face mask use (covering nose and mouth) will be posted in the Narthex.
- Signs encouraging social distancing will be posted in the narthex as well as the sanctuary.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available as needed.
- Gloves will be available in the Narthex and at the back of the church.
- One microphone per speaker will be set up.
- Camera will be set up to provide option of live streaming the service

Worship Procedures

- Everyone in the building and on the church grounds must wear a cloth or medical mask. Members are strongly encouraged to bring their own. We may have some available, while supplies last. Individuals uncomfortable wearing a face mask or with a medical condition that makes wearing a mask problematic may continue to participate in our on-line services.
- Social distancing of a minimum of six feet must be observed at all times, with the exception of members who live in the same household.
- Non-contact infrared thermometers will be used to take temperatures upon entry. Anyone with a temperature of 100.2 and higher will not be allowed into the building.
- Names of worshipers will be recorded as they enter to keep track of who has been part of the worship experience in the event that they need to be contacted.
- Greeters will be asked to stand back a minimum of six feet and welcome folks verbally.
- Bulletins and announcements will continue to be available online for the live streamed service.
- Bulletins will not be distributed to participate in the service in the sanctuary. Information will be projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- We will present shortened services to minimize risk.

Worship Procedures continued...

- Live streaming on YouTube or recorded services will continue for those who are not comfortable returning to 'in-person' worship
- Soloist may sing from behind a three-sided plexiglass shield.
- There will be no congregational or choral singing. It has been determined that singing is among the riskier behaviors for spreading droplets/aerosols which can carry the virus a significant distance and remain suspended in the air.
- Worshipers will leave by row, as directed.

Other Changes to Normal Practices

- Online (ZOOM) continues for Brown Bag, Session and ministry meetings, PW, Book Group, Wonderful Wednesday, etc.
- Office open by appointment. As on Sundays, masks required for staff and visitors.
- Forego November celebration of communion.
- Use of building by outside groups remains suspended.
- Congregants who are sick or who have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 are to stay home.
- Local health officials will be contacted if a person diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the church and this information also will be communicated with members so they are aware of potential exposure. The Clerk of Session, with the assistance of the church office, will be responsible to make the communications.

DISCONTINUE:

- Children's Sermon
- Passing the Peace, hugs, handshakes, elbow bumps, etc.
- Physical use of Bibles and Hymnals
- Nursery
- Coffee
- Use of water fountains