

Upcoming Events

November 27th, 12:30pm, **Hanging of the Greens**
All are invited to prepare the Sanctuary for the Advent season.

December 4, 4:30 pm, **Hymn Sing** followed at 5:30 pm with a **pot luck dinner**

December 11, 5 to 6 pm, **Come O Lord, Prayers for Advent**

December 13, Noon, **Womens Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon** at the home of Debbie Niederer

December 18, 6 pm, **Caroling and hot chocolate**

Christmas Eve Worship, 6pm

Christmas Day Worship, 10 am. Noon to 4 pm, Dinner and fellowship at the West Trenton Community Center.

Order of Liturgy

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn/Opening Prayer
Confession
—call, prayer, assurance, Gloria patri
Scripture
Message
Hymn
Apostles Creed
Prayers of the People
Offering & Doxology
Hymn
Benedictions

The chancel flowers are given by Judy Niederer to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

Titusville Presbyterian Mission Statement

The multifaceted mission of the First Presbyterian Church, Titusville, NJ is:

(1) as worshippers, to grow in our love for, and express our love to, our Trine God, in worship, prayer, devotion, music stewardship, and Sabbath-keeping (observance of the LORD's Day);

(2) as servants with Christ, to show god's love to our neighbors through intentional works of love and deliberate acts of kindness;

(3) as heralds of the gospel, to proclaim the good news concerning forgiveness, reconciliation, salvation, and eternal life in Christ to those in need of hope and the new spiritual birth;

(4) as living stones, to build up the church of Jesus Christ by building honest, caring, and encouraging relationships with one another as members of his united body, which we treat with tenderness and compassion;

(5) as disciples, to preserve and pass on the revelation of the divine truth of god in Christ as revealed by the Holy Spirit through the holy scriptures to people of all ages and from generation to generation, and to build one another up in this truth that we may be identified by perseverance and by our discovering our competence in the LORD;

- all this we aim to do with hope in the spirit of truth and love, so as to show the world what life under the lordship of Christ looks like, and, in so doing, to glorify the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Session:

Class of 2016
Kristin Schmidt, Clerk

Class of 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Deacons:

Class of 2016
Tom Kennedy, Moderator
Chris Manz, Vice-Moderator

Class of 2017
Judy Niederer, Secretary

Class of 2018
Gail Butterfoss
Lettie Ritner

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Good
Worship Assistant: Tim Shaub
Ministers: All members of Titusville Church

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, Pastor Emeritus
Barbara Matlack, *Office Administrator*
Jon and Helen Eastburn, *Music Directors*

November 20th, 2016



Today we celebrate Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords. On the Church calendar, it is **Christ the King Sunday**, the last week of the church year. Today is also the first week of The Extraordinary story of Scripture. We start our story with the final chapter: Jesus Christ is Lord and King. This is indeed good!

THE EXTRAORDINARY

GOD'S MAJESTIC WORK of REUNIFICATION & ADOPTION

Call to Worship

Our Great God speaks: I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise to him!

Day and night around God's throne, the song never stops:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

Notes on Psalm 116

Psalm 113-118 are the Hallel (hymns of praise). They were sung at Passover, Pentecost and the Feast of Tabernacles.

116 is a song of praise to God for rescuing the singer from peril.



Scripture

Psalm 116 (page 435)
Revelation 22 (page 879)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Celebration Hymnal
#797
#682
#788

Prayer of Confession

Book of Common Worship

Righteous God,
You have crowned
Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and 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. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(pause for silence)



Notes on Revelation 22

Vs 1-5 Continue the vision of the Heavenly city described in chapter 21.

Vs 6-11 John attempts to worship an angel only to be rebuked

Vs 12-20 The invitation from Jesus to life, and the warning from the Spirit to not add to God's word

Vs 21: Come, O Lord. (Advent is about the two comings of Christ)
Scripture's Benediction.

Web Links for Christ the King Sunday

<http://www.churchyear.net/ctksunday.html>

<http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/christ-the-king-sunday-worship-planning/>

<http://www.aquinasandmore.com/blog/christ-the-king-sunday/>

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/arts-culture/the-glorious-history-of-handels-messiah-148168540/>

New City Catechism

A 52 question catechism developed by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. For an introduction to this catechism, visit: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/intro.php>

Part 1: God, Creation and Fall, Law

Week 1 *What is our only hope in life and death?*

That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

To learn more about Question 1, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/q-parent/q1.php>

Editorial: The Kingdom of God

Recent movements within theological circles have attempted to replace the word kingdom with realm. Mind you, realm is not a bad word. Realm is defined as "a field or domain of activity or interest", and the synonym is kingdom.

The attempt to replace kingdom with realm is because of failed human kingdoms and morally corrupt kings throughout history. The logic is because there have been bad kings and kingdoms, that we should not attach God's reign to a word that evokes failure, hurt or sin. This feels very unsatisfying to me.

Ultimately, Jesus Christ is king: a good and gracious, merciful and majestic king. The Scripture declares it will be his title throughout history and eternity. Scripture also reminds us that kings will bow to Jesus, for he is King of kings.

Just as God would not cease to be our Heavenly Father just because some people have had bad earthly fathers, so God will not cease to be King because of bad earthly kings.

There is opportunity as Christians to declare that our King, the King, (and ultimately, the only king that will endure throughout eternity), rules in a holy way that brings life, goodness, healing, grace, beauty and wholeness into this world, as well as into our hearts.

Acknowledging the Lord as King is our best and only hope. To deconstruct this term takes away the blessing that can be ours. That Jesus is King of kings is good news!

"The time has come," Jesus said, "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15

Dear Tabby,
Raising Life (issues) Acts 9:36

Dear Tabby,
This past election season got into my head. I found myself anxious, on pins and needles with people, having trouble sleeping and afraid to see the next post on my facebook account. What should I do?
—Tired in Titusville

Dear Tired,
Today is Christ the King Sunday. It reminds us that all human government (even good expressions) is temporal. We will one day see Christ's reign in full. Place everything at the feet of the King, and bow before the King of kings with prayer, humility and reverence. He will guide you through your anxiety. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life
(offered in 11/20 worship by the congregation)