



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

10:00 a.m.

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate
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“For my part, I am almost contented just now, and very thankful. Gratitude is a divine emotion: it fills the heart, but not to bursting; it warms it, but not to fever.”

Charlotte Brontë



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PRELUDE—*Show Yourself*

Robert and Kristen Lopez

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT—*We Believe*

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce

One: Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom.

All: By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

OPENING HYMN—*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Hymn #367

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.
(time for silent confession)

RESPONSE—*At the Name of Jesus*

Hymn #264, vs 1

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty word.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE—*At the Name of Jesus*

Hymn #264, vs 4

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson—Psalm 95:1-7

Second Lesson—Colossians 3:12-17

RESPONSIVE SONG — *Whom Shall I Fear*

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY—*Simplicity*DOXOLOGY—*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THANKS

CLOSING SONG—*Reckless Love*

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

One: As we faithfully live our lives in this coming week, what does God call us to do?

All: We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.

BENEDICTION and CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #643, vs 1

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

POSTLUDE—*Now Thank We All Our God*

Bach/Fox

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

*The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory and honor of God
in loving memory of our beloved parents, Frank McCrea, Beverly Atkinson, and Margaret LaBeff,
by Beth & Donald LaBeff.*



Our Church Family & Friends

Our prayers of sympathy and support: To Tim & Jane Stoepker and family on the November 14th death of Tim's mother, Dorothy M. Stoepker.

Prayer requests: Brian Anderson and Joan Tandler, Betty Berg, Mary Lou Bender, Mary Fullerton, Anne Guimond, Marilew Helmers, Stan Johnson, Beth Maschewske, Joe McCrea, Beverly Purcell, Barbara Race, Lisa Stoner, and Sandy Teunis

Your ongoing generosity with the church is appreciated! A drop box has been installed between the set of doors at the Clinton Street entrance where you can securely drop off your offering while maintaining "social distancing." You can also mail your offering: 508 Franklin Ave, GH 49417, give online using onrealm.org or text **FPGH** to **73256**. We are working hard to keep the church strong, serving, and ready to relaunch as soon as we are able.

December's Spiritual Practice-Build Your Own Advent Wreath: Advent begins November 29th and this next spiritual practice is designed for all ages to reflect on the moments of hope, peace, joy, and love that were present throughout this tumultuous year, and how we can seek these out in the coming year. Wreath kits and reflection questions are now available for pick up at the church Clinton Street vestibule Monday-Friday 8 am until 4 pm.

Called Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 22, 2020 11:15 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Nominating Committee members-at-large. Please join us at 11:15 in the church parking lot (stay in your cars). Tune your car radio to 87.7 FM so you can hear us, and we'll vote by flashing our lights or honking. We need to have at least 50 of our members attend the meeting, so please plan to come if you are able.