

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2020

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley --Insert

*Prayer of Confession: **O Lord our God, hear our prayer. Christ came to the earth to rule as King, but the world refused his authority. We confess that much of the time, we are no different. We refuse his reign and grasp his authority as our own. We can begin to live as faithful subjects of Christ the King; but we are unwilling to give him full reign in our lives. Forgive our selfish challenge to His authority in our lives, and teach us to relate to him in simple trust and obedience. May his kingdom be realized in us today.**

*Assurance of God's Pardon

*Alleluia! Alleluia! **Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1–12 --Insert

Anthem: *Lamb of God* --Ralph Kramer

Sermon Text: Matthew 22:34–46

Sermon

*Hymn: *Ye Servants of God*

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol: his kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still he is nigh, his presence we have; the great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!” Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right – all glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

*Creed: The Scot's Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Steve Lorge, Nat Schroeder, Linda Peterson, Karyn Daft; family of Deena Pietrantonio (*sister of Lorrie Vross*)

*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

*Response: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise his name – I'm fixed upon it – name of God's redeeming love.

Hither to thy love has blest me; thou hast bro't me to this place; and I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, bo't me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen Drive-thru

Wednesday: 7:30p.m. Prayers in the Sanctuary

Operation Christmas Child: Pick up a box or two to fill and return by Sunday, November 15th. They are on the sign-up table in the Fireside Room. Or, call the Church office (774-4211) to pick one up during the week.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1–12

- 1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- 3 You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, as a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- 6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**
- 7 For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.
- 8 You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**
- 9 For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**
- 11 Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**