



**Sunday, November 21, 2021 ~ Christ the King Sunday**  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

### Way of the Week

**25. REJOICE ALWAYS.** The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

*“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again – rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)*

Ideas for Action: Plan a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Songs of Praise

Worship Team

*In Jesus' Name*

*Our God Saves*

### Prayer of Confession

Paul Savage

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to You the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*Time for silent prayers of confession*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Savage

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting; and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

## Way of the Week & Rejoicing with Thanksgiving

*You're welcome to share a brief word of thanksgiving.*

## Offertory

Paul Savage

*Please continue your faithful giving as we look to begin our program year. Your tithes and offerings allow us to fully support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box by the doors. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made from the Church Center app on your smart phone.*

## Praise Song

Worship Team

***10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)***

## Sermon

Rev. Spencer

***The Liars Club***

Scripture Text: [Jeremiah 29:14-23 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: A Letter to Exiles

## Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Spencer

## Closing Song

Worship Team

***Blessed Be Your Name***

## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

<b>Audio:</b>	Taylor Adair
<b>Livestream:</b>	Jonathan Nawrocki
<b>Visuals:</b>	Alice Conley
<b>Worship Team:</b>	Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis-Vocals; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals
<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Gretchen Birdsall and Sally Bishop
<b>Ushers:</b>	Greg and Steve Connlain
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Rich Corbin

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Laurie Valora and Matthew Gravel by the Valora Family.

**Check-ins:** Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

**New Protocols:** Effective November 1, Session approved revised COVID-19 safety protocols effective immediately. Masks are optional for vaccinated adults. Masks are recommended for those unvaccinated. Individuals 18 years or younger are required to wear masks. Congregational singing remains discontinued; singers are masked. We will not serve nor eat food indoors. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

**Adult Education:** Join Lorenzo Eagles and Rev. Wes Allen on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45, in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for our fall Adult Education hour. Each week we will dive headfirst into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week's sermon text. A study guide is provided electronically on the church website.

- Week 8: November 28 – Luke 12:25-30

**Poinsettia Sales** will be held November 21, November 28, and December 5. Look for order forms online and at church.

**Thanksgiving Break:** Wed. Nov. 24 - No kids groups or middle school youth group; Sun. Nov. 28 - No high school youth group. The church office is closed Nov. 25-26 for the holiday.

**Advent Devotional:** *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas* – Give yourself the gift of God's presence in your life this Advent as we read through a collection of writings from classic and contemporary Christians, including Henri Nouwen, Philip Yancey, Bernard of Clairvaux, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and more. The church office has a limited quantity for \$12/each. (Exact change is appreciated.)

**Christian Caring Center:** Please visit [yougivegoods.com/fpcm2021](http://yougivegoods.com/fpcm2021) to go to our personalized event page where you can “shop” and choose items to give. This Wish List includes an array of cold weather accessories, clothing, games, and books. Items purchased will be delivered directly to the Christian Caring Center and distributed to those in need this December. **Please complete online gift purchases by Monday, November 29.** Have fun shopping!

**Longest Night Service** will be held **Sunday, Dec. 12** at 7:00 p.m. to provide peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression, who may not feel the holiday joy. Seminary intern Paul Savage preaches. If you have someone you would like us to invite, please provide their name and address to Alison Mackey in the church office so we may send them an invitation letter.