



**First Presbyterian**  
Maumee  
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## **November 21, 2021, 10:45 Traditional Service**

Called by God, Blessed to Serve: Promises of Hope

*Christ the King Sunday*

Prelude "Rise Up, O Saints of God" Bingham

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Tolbert

### **GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER**

\*Call to Worship (*Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7*) Gavin Pitt

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.**

One: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

**All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

\*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" No. 142

### **WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD**

\*Call to Confession Gavin Pitt

\*Prayer of Confession

One: Father of Lights, you are pure and holy. We feel embarrassed by our awkward attempts to approach you. Though we are your image-bearers, we often fail to offer a true reflection. We prefer to hide in the shadow of darkness so that your light doesn't expose who we really are. The truth is that your eyes see everything and we can't escape your piercing gaze.

**All: Father forgive us for clinging to darkness. We humbly ask you to break through the shadows of our sin and hasten our entry into your divine light, for it is there that we find true forgiveness and peace.**

*(Silence for personal confession.)*

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace Gavin Pitt

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

**\*Response** **Gloria Patri** **No. 579**

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination Gavin Pitt

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:1-7 p. 687

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Light in the Darkness" Pastor Tolbert

## **WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD**

**\*Hymn** **"In Christ Alone"** **insert**

Prayers for God's People & the Lord's Prayer Pastor Tolbert

Offering

**\*Hymn** **"Rejoice, the Lord is King"** **No. 155**

## **GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN**

\*Charge and Blessing Pastor Tolbert

\*Response

\*Postlude "Epilogue" Gilbert

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

### **Worship Leaders Today**

Senior Pastor: Clint Tolbert

Liturgist: Gavin Pitt

Organist: Wayne Whitten

Hymn Leaders: Barbara Christensen, Anne Brewer, Crawford Strunk

Tech Team: Bill Woodruff, Josh Pollard, Christian Bush

Prayer of Confession: contributed by Chris Pesek

## **Offering**

Please make your tithes and offerings for the work of the church by giving as you depart the sanctuary, mailing a check to the church office, or by using the “give” button at the top right-hand corner of the church website.

## **Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Robert Engwert in loving memory of his wife, Linda Engwert.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in celebration of Nancy Rasmusson's 90th birthday, with lots of love from her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

## **Christ the King Sunday**

At the conclusion of the Christian year, we celebrate the sovereignty of the God who is known to us in Jesus Christ. On this day, as on every day, we give honor and glory to the Lord of heaven and earth, and watch and pray for the coming of God's realm of righteousness, justice, and peace. Above all earthly powers, the crucified and risen Lord alone claims our adoration and allegiance. We proclaim that Jesus Christ is first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega.

*- from the Book of Common Worship*

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## **Sermon Notes**