# First Presbyterian Church

Alpena, Michigan November 22, 2026 10:30 A.M.
Christ the King Sunday

*Please place your offering in the plate next to the door when you enter the sanctuary.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful* *Kathryn Elting*

Our Call to Worship moves us from the commonplace, directing us toward God.

Liturgist: The Lord God is our Shepherd.
**People: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.**
Liturgist: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.
**People: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.**

**Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *151*

Responsive Reading of Selected Verses from Psalm 100

Liturgist: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.
**People: Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**
Liturgist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.
**All: For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.**

We are Called to Confession to recognize our fallen state.

Liturgist: With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.



In the Sermon the Word of God is proclaimed.
*God's Standard of Judgement* *TRE Scott Edgar*

Prayer for the Day

**Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* *155*

Benediction

Postlude *Fantasia on CORONATION* *Edward Broughton*

## *Participating in Today's Worship*

*The Friends and Members of First Presbyterian Church*
*Liturgist: Heather Hammerquist*
*Ushers: Dennis & Nancy Harris*
*Greeter: Val Fuhrman*
*Fellowship:*
*Pastor: TRE Scott Edgar*
*Pastor Emeritus: Sanford K. H. Wright*
*Organist: Suelyn Bartz Choir Director: Gordon Snow*
*Administrative Assistant: Laurie McRoberts*
*Church Custodian: Kyle Robb Prayer Group Contact: Connie Louis 989 340-1492*

## *News and Announcements*

*** Indicates standing if you are able.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of James Arbuckle and were given by Andrea Arbuckle.*

*Please pray for the First United Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie, their missions and their community.*

*The 2026 per capita amount is $42.00 per member. Please indicate this on your check.*

*11/24/26 3:30 p.m. Choir*
*11/25/26 12:00 p.m. Chatty Crafters 2:15 p.m. Prayer Service*
*11/26/26 2:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner*

In our Prayer of Confession we enumerate our faults and ask for forgiveness.

**All: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

We feel the weight of our sins lifted as we receive the Assurance of Pardon.

Pastor: However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Gloria Patri *579*

Time for Children and the Young at Heart

Lighting of the Care Candle

Pastoral Prayer *(For privacy, please use first names only for personal concerns.)*

Pastor: *. . . in your mercy, or* Pastor*: . . . praise to you, O Lord,*

**People*: Lord, hear our prayer.*** **People*: Thanks be to God.***

Lord's Prayer *(We say "debts" and "debtors.")*

In response to God's love, you are invited to give of yourself in the Offering.

Liturgist: In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.



**We sing a Doxology in praise of our God. *592*

**Our Prayer of Dedication asks for God's blessings upon the gifts we have given.

**All: Holy God, use us and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* *144*

Our Prayer for Illumination asks God to open our perceptions to the Word of God.

Liturgist: Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray.

**All: Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16 & 20-24

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Thankful Evermore We Be* *Mark Weston*

The Second Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Pastor: The Word of God.

**People: Praise to you, O Lord.**