REIGN OF CHRIST | CELEBRATION SUNDAY

November 22, 2026 | Order of Worship | *Congregational responses are in* ***bold***

PRELUDE *Patrick Speckamp (he/him)*

WELCOME *Deacon Justin Reid (he/him)*

CENTERING SOUNDS Now Thank We All Our God | arr. Zaninelli
First Church Choir

CENTERING WORDS *Read by Deacon Justin Reid (he/him)*

<u>*Yankee Doodle* by Avi, CityReach Ambassador</u>

I found the heart of kindness in an unlikely place
a mite of service, but the art is in the hidden space
in common, nothing much with Yankees, doodling in my case,
but still, I'm banking on some lessons taught with amazing grace

Transform noodles, firm and unbending, thanking for the time
In spending here your costly seconds, stolen moments (no crimes)
Deep in your mindness, think of feathers and caps, musical chimes
Retrace the narrow path we walk with Him (the journey sublime)

Unearned talk, salvation patient, there for us when we go
if I admit ingratiation, maybe they'll never know
I have heard the call of angels when they come and follow
me to end the rivalry between us, lost row

MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM Canon of Thanks | arr. Hopson
First Church Choir

CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough." -Meister Eckhart

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God's extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

If you choose to make a gratitude gift, please consider using a gratitude heart, located in the pew racks.

WE SOUND THE BELL *Pastor Spencer Law (he/him)*

A MESSAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN OF GOD *The Rev. Emily C. Goodnow (she/her)*

♪ Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the love of God surround you!
Everywhere, everywhere you may go ♪

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY *Read by Deacon Justin Reid (he/him)*

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

- Luke 17:11-19 Inclusive Bible Translation

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN *(please rise in body or spirit)* Be Now My Vision
No. 451 in the Black Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pastor Spencer Law (he/him)*

THE LORDS 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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY *Sarah Kelly Reid (she/her)*

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE COLLECTION Peace Like a River
No. 478 in the Black Hymnal

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Patrick Speckamp (he/him)*

WORDS OF THANKSGIVING *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Praise God, from whom blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that Love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today. Guide us in Your way and use these gifts to make our church and our world even more:
We call out words like "joyful, kind, just" to bless our church and world

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Patrick Speckamp (he/him)*

SERVICE CREDITS

Ignatius of Loyola, Daily Examen (adapted)

1. Come into the presence of God.
   Do this in whatever way you like. Deep breaths, stretch your body, say a prayer, sing a hymn, ring a bell. Do something that puts you in a prayerful space.

2. Review the day with gratitude.
   What happened today? As you remember the day, do so with gratitude – for the day, for your life, for things that unfolded. Ask yourself again and again as you remember, "and what can I be grateful for in that part of my day?"

3. As you're reviewing, pay attention to your emotions.
   How did you feel throughout the day? Sometimes strong feelings are a holy invitation to notice something or someone - what might God be inviting you to notice through your emotions today?

4. Choose one part of your day, and pray from it.
   There's no wrong way to do this - give thanks for the good stuff, ask for help for the hard stuff, pray for someone you saw today who needs blessing, whatever prayer comes up is the right prayer to pray. And, if you don't know what to pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help!

5. Look toward tomorrow.
   As you close your practice, look ahead: what's coming up for you tomorrow? What will you need in order to get through the day with your spirit and heart intact? Ask God for the guidance, blessing, courage, comfort, and hope you might need for the next day.

Announcements

Living Gift Market

All are warmly invited to visit our "Living Gift Market" **TODAY** during Snack & Chat! This is an outreach project of our Sunday School that we have participated in for several years. Buy a gift for a favorite teacher or friend. These make wonderful gifts for the person in your life that has everything. And remember, this is a gift that keeps on giving... And mooing and clucking and oinking and baaaaing!

New Members Gathering & Joining Sundays

If you love it here and are not yet a member but would like to be, please join us on **Sunday, November 29 at noon** for our next new members gathering! The next joining date would be on December 13 during worship.

Snowflake Shop

We want to help make the season even more special for your children by giving them the opportunity to shop (in secret!) for the perfect gift for mom, dad, grandparents, and siblings. Children should bring their nickels, quarters, and dimes to purchase new or gently used gifts for the people they love. The Snowflake Sale will take place on December 5 from 9 am to 1 pm, by appointment. Registration is required, and shoppers will be contacted about a time slot for shopping. See the weekly email for more info!

Missions Committee: Christmas Wish Tree

This Christmas season, our Missions Committee is helping local families through our Christmas Wish Tree! Our tree will be covered in stars, each holding a child's wishes for something they want, need, wear, or read. We invite you to choose a star (or a few!) and share the joy of giving! Prefer not to shop? Donations to Missions are warmly welcomed, and we'll happily shop for you. Thank you for your continued support!

Online Giving

This Week's Email

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First Church Ministry Leaders

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Trustee of the Week

Lorri Rodgers *(she/her)*

Deacon of the Week

Justin Reid *(he/him)*

Greeters-Hospitality

Leslie McAllister, Glen Jukkola, Martha Clark

C.E. Leaders

Jess & Edna Engstrom, Ben & Heather Moreau

Calendar of Events

This Sunday, November 22

- Worship, 10 am
- Celebration Sunday Sundaes at Snack & Chat, following worship
- Living Gift Market, during Snack & Chat
- Council Meeting, 11:30 am, parlor
- Drum Circle, 11:30 am

Tuesday, November 24

- Jeanette's Closet, 9-11 am
- Tiny Tots, 9 am
- Staff Meeting, 10:30 am
- CUKES Rehearsal, 2 pm
- Prayer Group, 1:30 pm, Zoom

Wednesday, November 25

- Bible Study, 10 am

Thursday, November 26

- Happy Thanksgiving; *Church Office Closed*

friday, November 27

- Church Office Closed
- Trustees will be setting up the Christmas tree! All are welcome and dinner will be provided, 5 pm

Next Sunday, november 29

- First Sunday of Advent
- Worship, 10 am with the Rev. Emily C. Goodnow preaching
- Snack & Chat, following worship
- Drum Circle, 11:30 am
- New Members Gathering, 12 pm, parlor

Church office is open 9 am - 12 pm, Mon-Fri
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