

**First Presbyterian Church – Lake Charles**  
*Christ the King Sunday – November 22, 2020*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

+ *Come, Thou Almighty King* #139 (Presbyterian Hymnal)  
*“The Lord is the great God, the great King.” (Psalm 95:3)*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) **Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; Come into his presence with singing.

**We know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;**

**We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

+ *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* # 171 (PH)

+ **Prayer of Adoration:** Tender, comforting Shepherd, your steadfast love is present in this place, and resides within each of us. But sometimes it is hard, so very hard, to open ourselves to your love. We can feel like scattered sheep, frightened and alone. Our vision is limited to the struggles we see in our own lives. Help us to see your loving presence as we live as your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called... hope made best known in Christ our King, by whose name we pray. Amen.

**Call to Confession and Prayer**

Holy God, we are indeed like so many lost sheep that stray from your fold. And in our wandering, we confess that we can be so preoccupied with our own concerns, we can fail to be sensitive to others who are hurting; those we are called to feed and give drink... to clothe... to visit when sick and imprisoned... the strangers we are to welcome. Yet we too hunger, ever in spiritual need. We are the naked, with wounds exposed and bleeding. We are the sick, fevered, chilled, and in pain. We are the strangers, separated from others and even from ourselves. Hear us now as in silence we confess our brokenness and our need to be both healed, and to be a healer...

Friends, believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ, who was wounded that all might be healed, we are forgiven! Amen!**

**Prayer of Illumination:** Holy God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that our eyes may be enlightened and our hearts opened to know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

**Pew Bible, O.T., p. 803**

**Matthew 25:31-40**

**Pew Bible, N.T., p. 29**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Message

**“Countdown: Shepherd(s) of the Sheep”**

Rev. Chan Willis

**+ We Believe...**

*Ephesians 1:15-19; 20-23*

“... with the eyes of your heart opened, may you know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

**God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.**

**And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”**

**Dedication of Our Offerings**

**+ Doxology**

*“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

**# 422 (PH)**

**Prayer of Dedication: Holy One, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. Through these gifts for today... our pledges for the future... and most importantly, in our everyday lives... help us to be the shepherds and healers and lovers that you are calling us to be... in and through the holy Name of the Great Shepherd of the sheep, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Sharing of Prayer Concerns**

***The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***

**Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution**

**Distribution of Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and “The Lord's Prayer”**

**+ Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

**# 145 (PH)**

**+ Charge and Benediction**

**The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures;**

**He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;**

**He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;**

**For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;**

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**

**+ Postlude**

Rev. Chandler M. Willis, Pastor    Ben Taylor, Worship Leader

Samantha Holland, Accompanist    Emily Lognion, Song Leader

Bam Arceneaux, Percussionist/A-V

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