

Holly Presbyterian Church  
Reign of Christ  
November 21, 2021

**Stewardship Sunday**

*Welcome* We welcome all visitors, whether this is your first time with us, or you've been here often.

*Greeting and Pennies from Heaven* - A voluntary small change offering for new building projects. Basket is on the table by the AV desk.

*Announcements* At this time there will be a moment for sharing announcements.

*Prelude*

*\*Call to Worship*

Jesus, Teacher, this is what you want us to learn, not the world's wisdom, but God's. And so we pray, awaken us to our need of you in our lives,

**And you will give us your life.**

Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world, and help us to stand with and support the broken and those who suffer,

**And you will give us strength through our collective tears.**

Give us the humility to admit our failures,

**And you will bring treasure out of them.**

Help us to see others through your eyes,

**And you will show us ourselves with love.**

*\*Prayer of Confession*

Confession is a beautiful occasion for truth-telling. We don't confess our sin in order to be forgiven: we confess because we are forgiven.

Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Only you, God of all, know our deep places where hurt and harm linger. Only your grace can wash over us and move us in the direction of love. For when we have been unloving- towards others, towards ourselves, towards your creation- we ask for your forgiveness.**

*\*Silent Confession*

*\*Assurance of Forgiveness*

See what great love God has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

-1 John 3:1

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Come as a Child*

*(We set apart this time specifically for children as we reflect upon the words of scripture for the day. There is no need to move from where you are, unless you find it helpful to come closer. Adults, too, are invited to listen as a child might and to participate.)*

**First Reading**                      Revelation 1:4b-8 Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 230

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Gospel Reading**                      John 18:33-38a Pew Bible (NT) Pg. 106-107

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**Sermon**

The Rev. Brooke Pickrell

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

(While still in the midst of the pandemic, we will be listening only and not singing. However, follow the words along with the music if you are so moved.)

### ***Prayers of the People***

Lord, as you hung on a cross, your first thought was for others. You forgave the ones who ridiculed and tortured you, you accepted the criminal who hung beside you. And it was you who made a mockery of the sign they placed above your head, for little did they know that they did, indeed, gaze at a king. It is because we have seen the unlikely become reality; because we have witnessed you in the unexpected, and because we believe in truths honed by a carpenter's son, that we dare to hope that your kingdom has come among us and continues to come, day after day, among the poor and the lonely, the sick and the weary, the abused, and the peace seekers. And so it is for those and others whose lives are touched by grief and greed, injustice and injury, emptiness and endlessness that we pray now, trusting in the goodness and the grace that retrieved lost sheep and wayward sons; that consoled grieving mothers and weeping women at a tomb; that fed aching stomachs and eager minds; that soothed the open wounds of untouchables and the throbbing scars of hatred; that laid open itself to pain, rejection and abandonment so that we might know healing, acceptance and belonging.

God, in your mercy.

**You hear our prayer.**

**Silent and Spoken Community Prayers**

*Lord's 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Invitation to the Offering and to the Pledge  
Offering

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Charge

\*Blessing

Postlude (Working together to help maintain safety during this time of Covid, please exit the sanctuary quietly during the Postlude.)

- \*The Call to Worship is modified from Kathy Galloway, ed., *The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition* from the Iona Community (Glasgow: Scotland, Wild Goose Publications, 1996).
- \*The Call to Confession is from words written by Peter Marty.
- \*The Prayers of the People are provided by the Church of Scotland.

Serving in the celebration of worship this week:

A/V Setup: **Karen Haneline**

Sound/Camcorder Operator: **Randy Cook**

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Immediately following today's worship service, there will be a short congregational meeting, for the following purposes:

- 1) To vote on proposed bylaws changes.
- 2) To elect elders for next year's session.
- 3) To elect members to serve on next year's nominating committee.

The main purpose of the bylaws changes is to reduce the number of elders on session from ten to eight; to combine the Care and Fellowship teams into one team, and to eliminate the Personnel Team (with the session as a whole taking over that team's functions). A copy of the bylaws can be obtained at Sunday worship service, or a copy can be e-mailed or mailed to you from the church office upon request.

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### **Baby Pantry News**

The Baby Pantry has reopened. Masks are required for entry. If you would like to help

please see Cathy or Donna.

The Baby Pantry will be the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

***From the Care Team***

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***Prayers of Comfort -***

Prayers of comfort for Julie Parish and family as her mother-in-law passed away last month from COVID.

***Prayers of Joy –***

Mandie Banks' grandma is doing well and came home from the hospital last week after her surgery to remove bile duct stones.

***Other Prayer Concerns -***

- For those who are suffering from natural and man-made disasters.
- For all those sickened and threatened by the COVID-19 virus here in the United States and around the world.
- For healing, strength, comfort and peace for: **Mather (Pastor Brooke's son)** who has Covid; **Frank Kasparek** (Jan Bradshaw's brother in law) who contracted COVID three weeks ago; **Barb Brown** (testing concerning nodules on her lungs); **Steve in FL** (Friend of Cathy & Bob Killewald) who has stage 4 bladder cancer; **Debbie Mikolowski** (Penny Schettling's sister), who is battling cancer and having a difficult time; **George Dzahristos** (a friend of Randy Cook's) who has suffered an aneurysm in his brain and has a long recovery; **Mary Renico** who continues with wound treatment; **Melinda** (Elizabeth Kici's daughter), who was diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatment; **Jim Pelton**, who has Lewy Body Dementia and in decline; **Diana** (friend of Cathie Killewald) who is facing health issues with her lungs and continues with medical tests; **Mandie Banks** who has not been feeling well and is going through medication adjustments for Lupus; **Mandie's mom, Laura**, who will be having back surgery on November 16; **Jim Killewald** (Bob & Cathie's son) who has a lot of pain; ongoing prayers for **Hadleigh Banks, Keaton Banks** who still is having kidney issues and will be on medication for six months; **Fran Olson** and **Terry & Julie Parish**.
- For those serving, or who have served, in our military.
- For our country, its leaders and for world peace in a troubled time;
- For all the churches in our Presbytery that are in transition.
- And for our church during these difficult times.

***Finance Team***

<b>Weekly Summary</b>	<b>Average budgeted needs</b>	<b>Income received</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Nov 14th	\$2,268.01	unknown at printing time	26