

*Music in This Morning's Worship Service*  
*I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also.*  
*(1 Corinthians 14:15)*

### This Morning's Hymns:

*Crown Him With Many Crowns* was written by Matthew Bridges and is based on Revelation 19:12.

His eyes are like a flame of fire,  
and on His head are many crowns;  
and he has a name inscribed that  
no one knows but himself.

Bridges does not endeavor to name "the Lamb upon His throne." He does, however, supply titles which identify this deity as the ascended Christ. Jesus is "the Lord of Love," "the Lord of Peace," and "the Lord of Years." The text is a magnificent celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death and of his rule in the world. The "crown," which in Revelation refers to both the crown of royalty and the wreath of victory given to an athlete, provides a symbol for both the victory and the rule of Christ.

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* dates to the fourth century and is one of the oldest non-scriptural texts in the hymnal. The text is based on *Corde natus ex parentis*, a Latin poem by Spanish theologian/poet Marcus Prudentius – considered the finest Christian poet of his time. The poem is clearly enough, a hymn of the Incarnation. But it is much more than that. Prudentius composed the poem amidst lingering disputes related to the the Arian heresy. Arius posed the question *Is Jesus unbegotten?* That is to suggest that Jesus was not of one substance with the Father and that there had been a time before Jesus existed. The Arians denied the divinity of Jesus and claimed that Jesus was one of God the Father's greatest creations. Our hymn makes explicit confession of Jesus as the only begotten Son of the Father, the Alpha and Omega, the Creator of all things, who came as promised in the ancient scriptures, took our mortal frame and was born of the Virgin Mary for the redemption of all humankind. The whole poem leads up to the final triumphant doxology in which the whole creation joins in praise to Christ – one in substance with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

*Let All things Now Living* employs Old Testament images to call forth praise from all creatures. It offers that praise to God the Creator. It is God who made us. God who sustains us, God who guides us and God who has delivered and redeemed us. In response, we join our praise to the universal song of "hosanna and praise."

### This Morning's Anthem: Canticle of Faithfulness

Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 89 and  
Hymn text by Thomas Chisholm

Music: Daniel Bird  
Hymn tune by William Runyan

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;  
Thy faithfulness will I proclaim and every age shall know Thy Name.  
I sing of mercies that endure forever builded firm and sure;  
Of faithfulness that never dies, established changeless in the skies.  
The heavens shall join in glad accord to praise Thy wondrous works, O Lord.  
Thy faithfulness shall praise command where holy ones assembled stand.  
In all Thy works and vast designs Thy faithfulness forever shines!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### This Week at First Presbyterian

#### Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast	11:00 a.m. Adult Education Classes
8:30 a.m. Flu Clinic	12:15 p.m. Concert Handbell Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Child Care	5:30 p.m. Genesee Valley Youth Chorale Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Worship Service	7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe
9:45 a.m. 3rd Grade Bible Education	
10:45 a.m. Children and Youth Education	

#### Monday, November 23

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study-Carriage Town	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

#### Tuesday, November 24

7:00 a.m. Renovare	6:00 p.m. Session Meeting
8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting	6:15 p.m. Sr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Neighborhood Thanksgiving Dinner	

#### Wednesday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Renovare	11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
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WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP WILL NOT BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 25. HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!

#### Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Church Office Closed

#### Friday, November 27

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#### Saturday, November 28

No Events Scheduled

*Ministers,*  
Members of First Presbyterian Church  
*Senior Pastor,*  
John L. Musgrave  
*Associate Pastor,*  
Paul Ytterock  
*Commissioned Lay Pastor,*  
Steve Baillie  
*Director of Business Administration,*  
James B. Hugan  
*Director of Children's Ministry,*  
Jaime Powell  
*Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,*  
Andy Armstrong  
*Director of Music and Fine Arts,*  
Mark Riddles

*Director of Women's Ministry,*  
Kim Skaff  
*Director of Youth Ministry,*  
Jim Pope  
*Building/Kitchen Manager,*  
Greg Kelly  
*Community Ministry,*  
Lisa Horne  
*Congregational Care Specialist,*  
Lee Doll  
*Gerholz Staff Counselor,*  
Jerry Walden  
*Organist,*  
Brenda Portman  
*Parish Nurse,*  
Frankie Bonner



*If the only prayer you said in your whole life was,  
"thank you," that would suffice.*

~ Meister Eckhart

**Stewardship Sunday/Christ the King**  
Sunday, November 22, 2009 9:30 a.m.

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# The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## *The Gathering of the People of God*

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

Worship Carilloneurs

Call to Meditation and Preparation

John L. Musgrave

\*Prelude

Canzona and Fugue  
Organ and First Brass

Wolfgang Merkes

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.

Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Grace and peace to you, from Jesus, the Risen One.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you, from the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you,  
from the One who brings the new heaven and the new earth.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you, from Jesus, who is both the lamb and the lion.

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Grace and peace to you, from Jesus, risen to rule with God over all things.

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\*Processional Hymn 151

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Acolyte: Daniel Burkhardt, 4th Grade

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

**Risen Christ, you are Lord of Lords!**

**You are King of Kings, and no one works like you!**

**We proclaim your kingdom with our lips and voices,  
but not so much with our living.**

**Too often the things we want are rulers of our lives.**

**Too often our own needs get all our attention and not the needs of others.**

**This is not what life in your kingdom should look like.**

**Christ our King, you did not come to condemn, but to love.**

**Love us in the power of your forgiveness,**

**and make our lives a witness to your tender kingship. (Silent Confession)**

Kyrie (Congregation and Choir)



*Lord, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy upon us.*

Assurance of God's Grace:

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.*

†Late arrivals may be seated

## *The Service of the Word*

Prayer for Illumination

Don Westcott

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 23:1-7 (Pew Bibles pg. 286 O.T.)

Epistle Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8 (Pew Bibles pg. 230 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*



*Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!*

(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

Paul Ytterock

\*Hymn 309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

John 18:33-37 (Pew Bibles pg. 108 N.T.)

Anthem

Achieved Is Thy Glorious Work  
The Chancel Choir

Haydn

Sermon

Christ Rules

John L. Musgrave

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy

Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cruci-

fied, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again

from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and

the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace of God

(You may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing.)

\*Offertory Sentence

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below,*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\*Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem

Canticle of Faithfulness

Bird

At the direction of the leader, the congregation will join  
in singing stanzas 1 and 2 of Hymn 276.

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided:  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.* Refrain:

Invitation

Concerns of the Week

Those hospitalized this past week were: Ralph Austin, Kathryn Dent, Harriet Mestrezat and Dorothy Cauthen; Hospice: Bill McRorie

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and those distressed by natural and human disasters.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Table and Agnus Dei

Bread of Life

(Please partake of bread

Cup of Salvation

and cup when served.)

Communion Music

Elegie

Wolfgang Merkes

## *The Sending*

\*Closing Hymn 554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

Benediction and Response

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Ash Grove

## PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the service of worship. Elder Joy Briggs will assist after the service.

~ \* Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

*You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for \$3.00 Or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.*

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