



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, January 22, 2023

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
Church of the Cross

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE

“Theme and Variations”

Samuel Scheidt

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

The church is church only when it is there for others... not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell people in every calling what a life with Christ is, what it means “to be there for others.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Letters and Papers from Prison

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:10)

from Revelation 15: 3-4

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #361

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

AURELIA

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON (#434)

“Restore in Us, O God”

BAYLOR

Restore in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#447)

“We Are Forgiven”

WE ARE FORGIVEN

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'We Are Forgiven'. The first staff is in treble clef, key of G major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: 'We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.' The second staff is identical to the first, with the same lyrics: 'We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.'

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:00)

Pam Otto, Moderator of the Membership Committee

Rich and Brenda Hamilton, Tim and Kathy Jerry

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The 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.

ANTHEM

“Cantique de Jean Racine” (9:00)

Gabriel Fauré

“Fairest Lord Jesus” (11:10)

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Psalm 120

page 497 of the pew Bible

Hosea 14: 4-7

page 739 of the pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18: 21-22

page 800 of the pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Finding our Way”

Ellen Smith, PCUSA co-mission worker

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Now we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

*SANCTUS (#572)

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na
in the high-est. — Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Rise, Shine!” (9:00) arr. Marques Garrett & Tom Trenney
 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (11:10) arr. Tim Rumsey

* DOXOLOGY (#609)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ’s offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #295

“Go to the World!” SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE“

Go Now in Peace” (9:00) Don Besig
 “Amen” (11:10) John Rutter

Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,
 steadfast strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you be - lieve.
 Reach out to oth - ers so all the world can see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in
 faith, and in love. — A - men. — A - men. — A - men. —

About Our Special Guests - Ellen & Al Smith

As regional liaison for Eastern Europe, Ellen Smith facilitates Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) support for partner programs, relationships and activities and will implement Presbyterian World Mission strategy. She also supports PC(USA) mission personnel in communications, information sharing, mentoring/guiding, and missiological reflection. Ellen has now taken on Alan’s work with the Roma people and indigenous peoples. Ellen’s husband, Alan, retired from mission service in September 2020. In addition, she facilitates a congregational twinning program, pairing U.S. Presbyterian congregations with congregations in Russia. Ellen and her ministry partners are committed to breaking down barriers that divide people.

For several years, Ellen’s ministry in Russia has included facilitating relationships between U.S. Presbyterian congregations and Russian congregations. This program of twinning congregations has strengthened congregations in both countries, they say. It also makes a positive statement about the gospel’s ability to overcome barriers.

“When we come together across so many boundaries, the unity we have in Christ is transformative,” Ellen says. “The witness we share with non-believers when Russian and American Christians work together as servants in camps, orphanages, outreach, drug rehabilitation, family ministries and other projects is powerful.”

Prior to entering mission service, Ellen was a secondary school teacher in North Carolina. She earned an undergraduate degree from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. Ellen is ordained to the ministries of ruling elder and deacon and she is a member of MacPherson Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Ellen and her husband, Alan, are the parents of three adult daughters, Allison, Margaret, and Emma.

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music	9:00 Chamber Singers; Kristi Treu, director; Annette White, organ
	11:10 Trinity Brass; Kristi Treu, director; Annette White, organ
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
Ushers	9:00 Darold Bauer, Mimi Bauer, Mike Shannon, Sherryl Shannon, Julie Buehler
	11:10 Tim Goodman, Kris Goodman, Bidong Tot, Patty Ritchie
Greeters	North Door: 9:00 Mary Ann Pederson 11:10 Doug Larson
	South Door: 9:00 11:10 Alta Empkey
Information Center	9:00 Judy Thomas 11:10 Pam Swenson
Coffee Hosts	Jerry Cornett

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Announcements

For the week of January 22, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
10:00 Sunday School & Forum on Ukraine with Al Smith
11:10 Worship
Noon Lunch with Ellen Smith
4:15 JHF at Bowlero
4:45 SHF fun & games at church

Monday, January 23

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
10:00 Tai Chi

Tuesday, January 24

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
9:30 Staff Meeting
1:00 Afternoon Bible Study
2:00 Active Minds

Wednesday, January 25

- 5:15 Children's Choir
5:50 Chamber Singers
6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
6:30 Bible Study preschool-7th grades, Confirmation Class, & Parables Class for adults
6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, January 26

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
10:00 Tai Chi
6:00 Bell Rehearsal

Saturday, January 28

Set up for annual meeting/lunch

Sunday, January 29

- 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship
11:10 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
Noon Annual Meeting & Lunch w
4:45 JHF & SHF

Mark your calendar: The Communion class that was cancelled last Wednesday has been rescheduled for March 15.

Joys & Concerns

The chancel flowers today are given by Nadine Jenkins in loving memory of her husband, Dick. Florence Howell is in the hospital. Marjorie Huff is recovering from surgery.

Ellen & Al Smith, Presbyterian Mission Workers and long-time friends of PCOC, are with us today. Ellen is preaching at both services, and her husband Al will lead an informal forum in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. about the history of Eastern Europe and how that history has brought the region to the present moment. After second service, a light lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall, and Ellen will describe the people and places she has encountered in her recent travels, and how they give her hope.

JHF Today at 4:15. JHF will meet at Bowlero (formerly known as The Mark) at 20902 Cumberland Drive, Omaha, NE 68022. Drop off is at 4:15 and pick up is at 6:15 - Both at Bowlero NOT at the church. We will bowl for 1 ½ hours and play in the arcade. The cost for bowling/arcade is covered. If you want food/drinks, bring money to purchase those yourself. Wear socks! For assistance on Sunday, contact one of the adults attending (Jeremy, Sara, Ashley, or John).

SHF at 4:45. SHF will meet at the church for fun and games.

No College Bible Study Tonight! We'll resume on Zoom on Jan. 29.

New Elder and Deacon Nominations. The following members have been nominated as officers in the church. We will vote on these nominations at our annual meeting.

Elders

Keith Allen
Renee Cornett
Brenda Graumann
Tammy Holdren
Linda Miller
Josh Murray
Mary Ott
Roger Utman

Deacons

Holly Baddley
Sue Barger
Betsy Conway
Toni Craig
Carl Greiner
Andrew Ebert
Karen Smith
Chris Voss

Those nominated for next year's Nominating Committee are John Bennett, John Fettig, Sue Geschwender, and Pam Swenson. Jean Lynn is nominated to be the congregation's representative on the Personnel Committee.

Annual Meeting — Sunday, January 29. We will have a single service at 11:10 a.m. with our Annual Meeting immediately following in the Sanctuary. A soup & salad lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Study 2023 - Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross. In this study, author Susan Robb looks at Christ's final words on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. This book brings a hopeful and contemplative take on the cross during the weeks of Lent.

2023 Per Capita Assessment. The church will soon pay our yearly per capita assessment to offset the administrative cost for the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. As a connectional church, we need to maintain effective channels of communication and coordination so that our ministry as Presbyterians works well and so that all Presbyterian programs, missions, and ministries may function better. This year our per capita is \$40.85 per member. Our church will pay \$31,577.05 by February 15, 2023, for our membership. If you decide to give to cover the per capita cost for your family, it will help the church offset our assessment. Per capita is \$40.85 for a single family member, \$81.70 for a two-member family, etc. You may use the envelope that is included with the weekly giving envelopes or pay online - choose Per Capita Contribution at the fund.

49ers on February 7. Our speaker for Tuesday, February 7, 2023, will be Carol Foreman, Ticket Manager, College World Series of Omaha, Inc. Carol will discuss a brief history of the Men's College World Series in Omaha along with topics affecting the championship, such as the lasting effects of COVID (mobile ticketing and outfield reserved seating), gender equity, and NIL (Name, Image and Likeness). Lunch will be at 11:30 at Wheatfield's at One Pacific Place in the Garden Room, and we will order from a special menu. Sign up at the Information Desk. Questions? Contact Judy Sundberg or Mary Ott.

Friday Night Gourmets on February 10. Mike Howland and Linda Matson & Ken and Cindy Nisley invite you all to come celebrate an early Valentine's Day dinner with great food and great company at Farmer Brown's Steakhouse! Mark your calendars for 6:15 on Friday, February 10. We will have individual checks and order from Farmer Brown's Party Menu. There are many yummy favorites to select from. A special Valentine's Day dessert will be provided by your hosts. Farmer Brown's is located at 2620 River Rd Drive, Waterloo, NE. An individual tab cash bar will be available. Please sign-up at the Information Desk. Sign up by noon on Sunday, February 5. See or call Mike or Linda, if you have questions.

Agape for All Lunch and/or Tour on February 11. Join us for a tour of the Malcolm X Museum at 2 p.m. (3448 Evans Street). The tour lasts about an hour and is free. Donations are welcome (suggested \$15). You may want to have a delicious lunch at Big Mama's Kitchen, at the Highlander Building, 2112 N. 30th St. Suite 201 before the tour. If you are interested in carpooling to the museum, meet in the north parking lot at 1:30. If you are interested in carpooling for lunch at Big Mamas and the museum, meet in the north parking lot at 12:00. Sign up for the museum tour and/or lunch online, at the Information Desk in the Narthex, or by emailing Patty Ritchie. Please coordinate carpooling with Patty, too.

First Vesper Concert of 2023 Is Sunday, February 19, at 3:00 p.m. Our guest performer is the dynamic and multi-talented pianist Barron Ryan with a program that is titled "Classic Meets Cool." Barron's program features some of the greatest piano music ever made, including groovy classical works, renditions from great jazz pianists, pop tune arrangements, and original compositions. Barron will weave a story with his music and words that's sure to leave you speechless. This is a great concert for the young piano students in your lives!



Monday Morning Kitchen Crews. We need help after the 4th and 5th Sundays. Each 2-person crew completes a "Weekly Maintenance" checklist. This non-strenuous job requires about an hour of your time. Contact Annie or Rock in the church office during regular hours with questions or to sign up to help. Thank you!

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