



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 1, 2023

9:00 & 11:10 a.m.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"This Is the Day" (9:00)
"I Have Found My Peace" (11:10)

Bob Moore

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"We will never change the world by just going to church. We will only change it by being the church."
The Celtic Christian Tradition

CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world people gather to break bread together.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body, we join in its unity.

We, who share in the banquet come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity, but we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON (#551)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

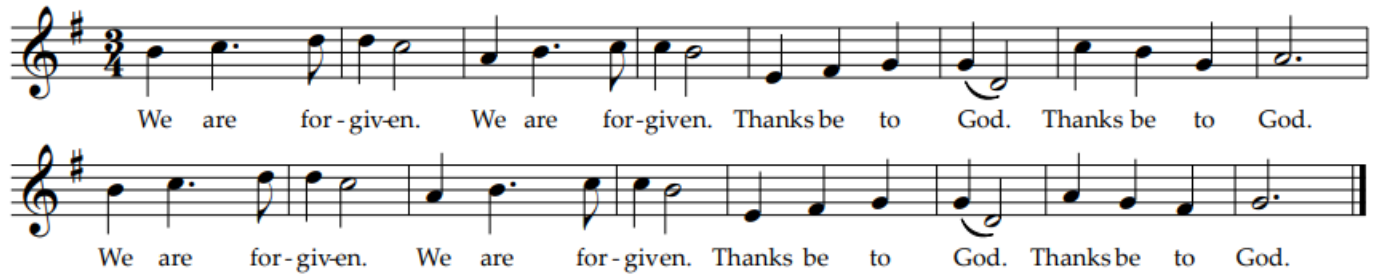
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#447)

“We Are Forgiven”

WE ARE FORGIVEN



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "We Are Forgiven". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes: "We are for-giv-en. We are for-given. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The second staff is a duplicate of the first.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Rock Sumner, PCOC Business Administrator

OLD TESTAMENT READING (9:00)

Psalm 78: 1-8

page 468 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:10)

Stella Mae Karges, child of Matt and Sunny Karges, born on May 13, 2023

Congregational Affirmation:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Stella Mae Karges into Christ's Church to share with us in the one ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Him.

BAPTISMAL HYMN #483

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LIEBSTER JESU

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

“I Have Found My Peace” (9:00)

Bob Moore

“O Taste and See” (11:10)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21: 23-32

page 802 of the pew Bible

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Depart in Heavenly Peace" (9:00) Robert Hobby
 "Anthem of Unity" (11:10) John Ness Beck

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The elders will serve you in the pews. All baptized Christians are invited to partake.

We ask that you hold on to the piece of bread or the cup until all have been served, so that we may partake as one body.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

God's people, called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street, and across our city, to around the world, today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones, to youth and parents, to elders with overflowing hearts:

God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 54-55

I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member. The communion of saints - believers one and all—as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

*SANCTUS (#572)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(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.

SERVING OF THE BREAD

Dr. Zieman will walk down the center aisle with gluten-free bread

ANTHEM

"My Soul Thirsts for You" (9:00)
 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" (11:10)

Bob Moore
 Howard Helvey

SERVING OF THE CUP OF THE NEW COVENANT

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us be one with each other as we bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare in A flat Major”

Charles Ore

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist	Anne Wattles, elder on Session	
Music	9:00	Folk Ensemble: Laura Gardner and Mary Lyn Bennett, flutes; Larry Frederickson, guitar; Bill Ritchie, double bass; Kristi Treu, piano Mark Kanitz, organ
	11:10	Alleluia Singers, Folk Ensemble, Mark Kanitz, organ
Elders serving Communion	9:00	Darold Bauer, Mimi Bauer, Jacquie Kluck, Ken Kluck, Jean Lynn, Linda Miller, John Sparks, Patti Sparks, Roger Utman, Nancy Utman,
	11:10	Keith Allen, Paula Allen, Dennis Boesen, Amy Boesen, Jermy Cunningham, Karen Morey, Pam Otto, John Stalnaker, Anne Wattles, Stephanie Weaver
Ushers	9:00	Gary Lippstreu, Captain, Dave Berry, Brad Burch, Tim Zimmerman
	11:10	Jim Chapin, Captain, Paul Holubeck, Doug Reid, Inga Wagner, Kim Banat
Greeters	9:00	North Door: Kathy Nickel Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
	11:10	North Door: Neal Hubbard Welcome Center Door: Nancy Koehler
Information Center	9:00: Mary Ann Pederson	11:10: Kris Goodman
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher	
Coffee Host	Inga Wagner	
Flowers	The flowers this morning are given by Ken and Ardell Penney in honor of their 65 th wedding anniversary.	

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Announcements

For the week of October 1, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 1 – World Communion Sunday

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary with communion
"We Are Americans" class in Room 15
- 10:00 Children's/Youth Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary with Communion and
Livestream
- 12:10 New Member Discussion
- 3:30 JHF & SHF at Skinny Bones until 7:30 p.m.

Monday, October 2

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Worship & Music Meeting
- 6:30 B&G Meeting

Tuesday, October 3

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study in The Courtyard Room
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study in The Courtyard Room
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 4:00 Congregational Life Meeting

Wednesday, October 4

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Adult Education, Bible Study, and
Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, October 5

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
- 9:30 PW Morning Circle
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Carillon Choir

Sunday, October 8

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary with 2nd Grade Bibles
"We Are Americans" in Room 15
- 10:00 Children's/Youth Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary with 2nd grade Bibles,
Livestream and Congregational Meeting
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
- 4:15 JHF & SHF go to Vesper Concert
- 4:30 Vesper Concert – Back Alley Brass Band
with Corn Dog Company food truck starting
at 4:00

Today Is World Communion Sunday. The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 and was adopted as a denominational practice in 1936. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world.



Joys & Concerns. Sandi Stuckey has a new great granddaughter, Murphy Jane Mallisee, born on September 21, 2023. Parents are Matt and Amber Mallisee. Congratulations to Zack and Abbie Sempek on the birth of their son David Robert on September 17. Big Brother is Michael, and big sister is Daciana. Grandparents are Diane and Kevin Wetuski.

JHF/SHF at Skinny Bones Today. If you RSVP'd for this event, we will meet at the church at 3:30, go to Skinny bones from 4-7, and be back at the church for pick up at 7:30 p.m.

2023 Stewardship Campaign. Our campaign is now underway. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider how you and your family may participate. Commitment Sunday is October 22, and we ask that you return your Commitment Card by then.

New Classroom New Name. At last week's Session meeting, our elders voted to change the name of the large classroom in our new Welcome Center. It is now known as The Courtyard Room! The Welcome Center's various rooms are now the Courtyard Room, the Hearth Room, the Quiet Room, and the Kitchenette.

Congregational Meeting for Next Sunday, October 8 during the 11:10 service. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to vote on the nominees to serve on an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to search for our next Associate Pastor. The nominees are Keith Allen, Jeff Boyum, Jerry Cornett, Brenda Graumann, Don Metzger, Trudy Meyer, Emily Murray, Sheri Sessions, and Mike Shannon.

Active Minds in October. Active Minds will continue playing Whist for the month of October. New participants are always welcome. Come watch, learn about this fun card game, and then decide if you want to conquer the rules! Hope you will join us for this drop-in fellowship time on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. in the lower-level Great Room. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig.

Serve at Siena Francis House on October 8. Next week is our Sunday to serve dinner at Siena Francis House from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. Just follow the link on the church website's online sign up page to register for a serving date and time. Note: Anyone who wishes to serve dinner with PCOC at the Siena Francis House needs to create an account at their VolunteerHub. When you choose one of our PCOC volunteer dates, it will ask you to sign into your VolunteerHub account to finish the sign-up process. If you don't have a VolunteerHub account, you can create one from that page. Creating a VolunteerHub account does not automatically commit you to serve; it just makes it so you can sign up to serve whenever you wish. **Join our last minute SFH volunteer list!** We typically need 4-6 volunteers each month to serve dinner, and sometimes we run short on volunteers. As a result, we are also building a list of last minute volunteers. If you are willing to be contacted by Keith Allen (Coordinator) when we are particularly short on volunteers, please indicate that at sign up. You can always respond that you are not available. Questions? Contact Keith Allen.



PW on Thursday, October 5. Come join us as we continue studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. We will meet on October 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 15. Karen Saunders will present Lesson 2, The Exorcism in Geraga: Legion, the demon-possessed man. Our group has a project this year to assist Heartland Hope Mission's lady clients each month. In October, we are collecting feminine products and will have a box by the current food gathering bin. We would appreciate any donations for our project. Questions? Contact Cindy Nisley.

2nd Grade Bibles on October 8. All second graders will receive a Deep Blue Bible during worship on October 8. If you have a second grader and are unable to attend worship that day, please let Heather know, so other arrangements to deliver your child's bible can be made.

Vesper Concerts Annual Outdoor Concert on October 8. Join us for a party on the East Lawn on October 8! The Back Alley Brass Band will have you up on your feet with their New Orleans-style jazz, but you should still bring your lawn chairs. This event will be a party for the entire family.

Bring Your Appetites! The Corn Dog Company food truck will be here! Certificates for a FREE Mini Corn Dog will be given to the first 50 children ages 12 and under (a \$5 value)! Check out their tasty menu at www.thecorndogco.com/menu.html.



Matthew 25 Hand UP for Housing Walk on October 8. This is an Annual Fundraising Walk-a-Thon hosted by/at First Presbyterian Church (34th & Farnam) to support housing assistance through Youth Emergency Services (YES) and InCOMMON Community Development. Due to other obligations, our Agape for All group is not hosting an official team for this event, but we encourage anyone interested to register and “walk with a purpose” on a beautiful fall day. Registration is from noon to 1 p.m., and the walk begins at 1 p.m. with block party following. Sign-up forms can be found at the Information Desk.

49ers on October 10 - Note the special date (2nd Tuesday in October). Our speakers will be Paula Allen and Jeanne Smay, co-leaders of the PCOC refugee resettlement team, who will update us on the progress of the refugee family that is being sponsored by PCOC. We meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join us! For reservations and/or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up at the Information Desk.



Presbyterian Men Outing on October 12. All PCOC men are invited to a free, 90-minute guided tour of the “CLAAS Factory” at 8401 S 132nd St. at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 12. Please arrange carpooling with guys who live near you. We plan to have lunch afterwards at 11:00 a.m. at Shirley’s Diner, 13838 R Plaza, and enjoy food & fellowship (pay for your own lunch). Sign up at the Information Desk by Sunday, October 8. Bring a guest, and new members, join us! Questions? Contact Gary Fitch.

Friday Night Gourmets on October 13. Join us for a spooky Friday Night Gourmets on Friday, October 13, at the Pink Poodle in Crescent, Iowa. We will order from a limited menu that includes prime rib, chicken, and more. Sign up online or at the information desk. Drinks will start at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. Please indicate at signup if you would like to carpool. Hosts are Mary Reid and Charlene Meyer.

Book Group on October 18. PCOC Book Group will meet Wednesday, October 18 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. to review *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonya Purnell. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact June Fettig.

PCOC GALS on Sunday, October 22. Join our fellowship group for a cozy themed fall potluck and craft evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Voss home (4925 S. 197th Street, Omaha). Sign up by October 10 online to bring a beverage, potluck course, and vase/pot for the craft. Questions? Contact Staci Voss.



Albert Schweitzer – A Modern Saint. Carl Greiner will teach this class on Sundays, October 22, 29 and November 5, 12. Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) was an accomplished organist, writer, musician, physician, and missionary. This class will review his autobiography *Out of My Life and Thought* and address two basic questions: How did he put his faith into practice? How did he put his faith into reflection? Sign up online.



Trunk or Treat on October 29. Join us on the East Lawn on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. for fun, games, and trunk or treating. Be sure to wear your costume and bring a bucket for your treats. Please sign up online, so we have an idea of how many to expect. We are also accepting candy donations. Please donate individually-wrapped candy or treats. You may drop them in the bin in the Lobby.

BURM Conference in November. Church of the Cross is hosting the 2023 Annual BURM Conference (Belarus, Ukraine, Russia) on November 2-4, 2023, and YOU are invited to participate! We also need volunteers to help us host. Sign up online to attend the conference or to volunteer!

It's Time to Start Thinking About Advent! We are barely into October, but some of our Advent events involve a deadline. We are sharing these items now, so you don't miss out.

Children's Christmas Pageant – Sign Up by November 1. The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. All children (preschool – 5th grade) will be wearing costumes and singing! Registration is required to participate, and the deadline is November 1. There are 3 mandatory rehearsals: Wednesday, November 29 from 6 to 7 p.m., Saturday, December 2 from 2 to 4 p.m., and Sunday, December 3 from 10 to 11 a.m. Please register your child's participation before November 1.



Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 19. Our Senior High Youth Group will prepare and serve lunch after late worship, then the crafting begins. Be sure to register online by November 1 to reserve your crafts and lunch!

Poinsettias for Advent – Orders Due November 8. You may order poinsettias for our Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone you love. All poinsettias will be red. The cost for each plant is \$17. Order forms are available at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center, or you may order online on the church website. You may pay online with a credit card using the button on our website, or give your payment to the church office. Make checks payable to Presbyterian Church of the Cross. Orders and payments must be received in the church office no later than Wednesday, November 8, 2023. **NO ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.**



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