



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, January 28, 2024

11:10 a.m.

WORSHIP AND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like,
it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself." – Augustine

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 86

Teach me your way, O LORD,

that I may walk in your truth;

give me an undivided heart to revere your name

and I will glorify your name forever.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

W ZLOBIE LEZY

(*Please stand if you are able)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace, that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us become. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

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

We are for-giv-en. We are for-given. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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WELCOME

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 111

page 490 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sondra K. Tucker

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 21-28

page 812 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

***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 crucified, 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.

***SANCTUS (#572)**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

arr. Zebulon Highben

***DOXOLOGY (#607)**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION (see packet)

Elections

Reports

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*****BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

God Is Good

Gene Grier & Lowell Everson

***POSTLUDE**

Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him

John Behnke

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist	Trudy Meyer, member of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee
Music	Alleluia Singers; Dave Gardner, oboe; Mark Kanitz, organ
Ushers	Dennis Boesen, Captain; Amy Boesen, Bidong Tot, Elta Empkey, Darold Bauer, Sherryl Shannon
Greeters	North Door: Judy Arms Welcome Center: Susan Price
Coffee Host	Bidong Tot
Information Center	Kathy Nickel
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher
Flowers	Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Sue and Arlin Kiel in honor of Arlin's 80 th birthday on February 2.

Sign up for Chancel flowers at the Information Center. Cost is \$25.00. This is a great way to acknowledge and honor special events.

For your convenience during worship: Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and yellow prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential.

Please note: If you would like to have an item included in the Bulletin Announcements, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday night each week as space allows. Send your information to communications@pcoc.us. Thank you!

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Announcements

For the week of January 28, 2024

The Week Briefly

Sunday, January 28

- 10:00 Children's & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Bach's St Matthew Passion Class
- 11:10 Worship
Annual Meeting
Luncheon
- 4:45 JHF/SHF Fellowship

Monday, January 29

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 6:00 Carillon Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 9:30 Presbyterian Women Bible Study
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 7:00 Nordic Choir Concert

Friday, February 2

- 7:00 JHF Lock In

Saturday, February 3

- 9-12 Deacon Board Retreat

Sunday, February 4

- 9:00 Worship/Install New Officers
- 10:00 Children's & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Bach's St Matthew Passion Class
- 11:10 Worship/Install New Officers
- 12-6:30 JHF PMRV Youth Outing
- 12:15 APNC Committee
- 2:30-5:30 SHF Bowling

Joys and Concerns. The rosebud in the chancel is to celebrate the birth of a new great-granddaughter to Tim and Kris Goodman, Aria Rosemary Goodman, born January 19. Her Parents are Pat and Michelle Goodman and they live West Des Moines.

Today Is Our Annual Congregational Meeting. So that all members may attend, there is only one worship service, at 11:10. The meeting begins near the conclusion of the worship service. Everyone is invited to stay for the meeting, although only PCOC members may vote or participate. A soup luncheon follows the meeting. An Information Packet is available, which includes the Docket, 2024 budget, committee summaries, congregational statistics, and staff reports. Besides receiving this information, the congregation will vote on a new class of elders and deacons, the new Nominating Committee for next year, and any changes to the pastor's salary package. The meeting should be brief but informative. The following PCOC members have been nominated:

for Elder:

Jeff Friesen
Laurie Kerr
Beth Maxwell
Don Metzger
Sue Meusey
Cindy Rieke
Earlene Uhrig
Kathryn Vint

for Deacon:

Paula Allen
Jane Burch
Larry Frederickson
Carla Fritz
Tim Jerry
Jacquie Kluck
Shanna Mathia
Patti Sparks

Those nominated for next year's Nominating Committee are Dennis Boesen, Karen Saunders, Rob Bailey, and Staci Voss, with Kara Versaw & Ethan Bennett serving as alternates.

After the meeting, an all-church soup luncheon will follow, provided by the Congregational Life Committee. No sign up is needed!



Nordic Choir Concert. The Nordic Choir from Luther College is coming to PCOC on Thursday, February 1st, to perform a concert at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased online in advance (link to purchase is on the PCOC website) or at the door the evening of the concert. Don't miss hearing one of the top college choirs in the U.S.

49ers February 6. Our speakers will be Katie Broman, Boys Town, Director Brand & Community Marketing Director, speaking about Boys Town today, along with Tom Lynch, Historian from Boys Town, speaking about the history of Boys Town. We meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). 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.

Friday Night Gourmets on February 9. Mike Howland and Linda Matson, and Tony Craig invite you all to come celebrate an early Valentine's Day dinner at Johnny's Café at 6:15 located at 4702 S 27th Street, Omaha, NE. Entrée choices are listed on the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk. Please make checks out to cover your entrée selections addressed to "PCOC" with "FNG" in the memo line. Please sign up and pay in advance via the envelope with the sign-up sheet at the Information Desk. The last day to sign-up will be Sunday, February 4th at 12:15 p.m. See or call Mike or Linda if you have questions.

Vesper Concert on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. The Heritage String Quartet Omaha, comprised of four fantastic Omaha Symphony string players, will present music by Joseph Haydn, Franz Schubert, and Anselm Hüttenbrenner. Notably, Franz Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" is known as one of the most difficult compositions for string quartet. Join us for another memorable concert.

Presbyterian Men on February 17. On Saturday, February 17th at 9:00 am, PCOC men are invited to attend a continental breakfast & program in the Welcome Center featuring Bryan Slone, President of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Bryan will speak on "Nebraska's Brain Drain" and the impacts it has on the economy. He is an attorney and a CPA. Sign-up at the Information Desk by February 11. Contact Darold Bauer.

Humanitarian Aid for Israel and Palestine Donations Ends Today. The Mission Committee will send \$5000 from their current budget to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for humanitarian aid in Israel and Palestine. Working through partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA's response efforts will encompass an array of vital humanitarian interventions, including medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items, and delivering crucial psycho-social support to individuals. If you would like to join in supporting relief efforts, the church will collect donations through the end of January. Write PDA Israel/Palestine on the memo of your check, or you may give online via the church website by choosing Disaster Relief as the fund.

Lenten Study for 2024. This year's churchwide Lenten Study will begin February 18. We'll be studying Magrey DeVega's book, Savior, What the Bible Says about the Cross. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others and strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus. Register online by February 1 or stop by the Information Desk if you need assistance registering.

PER CAPITA – What is it, and Why? All members should be aware of the Per Capita Assessment that our church pays each year. This money goes to offset the administrative cost for the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. This year our per capita is \$40.80 per member. What that means is our church will pay \$30,559.20 by February 15, 2024, for our membership at Church of the Cross. If you decide to give a special gift to cover the per capita cost for your family, it will help the church offset our assessment. That would be: **\$40.80 for a single family member, \$81.60 for a two-member family, \$122.40 for a three-member family, and \$163.20 for a four-member family.** Please use the blue pew envelopes. You may drop it in the offering plate or mail your gift to Rock Sumner, Business Administrator at the church office.

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