



Welcome to Worship

August 25, 2024

10:00 in the Sanctuary

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"It seems to me that if you or I must choose between two courses of thought or action, we should remember our dying and try so to live that our death brings no pleasure to the world. We have only one story."
John Steinbeck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84:1-4

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord; My heart sings with joy for the Living God!

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, at your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #626

As The Deer

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(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that while we yet know that you are the bread of life, we so often seek the bread of earth. While we know that you are beyond sight and sound, we seek comfort in what we can see and hear. While we know that we belong to You and each other, we frequently are prone to become complacent and content in our collective division. Forgive us for what we have done and left undone. Help us to live into the Word, to live with the Spirit, and to live according to your will, oh God.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

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 (#240)**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Give praise to his name.

WELCOME

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

***HYMN #839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

ASSURANCE

GOSPEL READING

John 6: 56-69

page 868 of the pew Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

Amy Boesen, co-Moderator of the Membership Committee

Joining PCOC today is new member Alicia Jones.

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

Father, Most Holy

David von Kampen

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6: 10-17

page 952 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"Abide in Me"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the Book of Order: F-1.0302a

Unity is God's gift to the Church in Jesus Christ. Just as God is one and Jesus Christ is our savior, so the Church is one because it belongs to its one Lord, Jesus Christ. The Church seeks to include all people and is never content to enjoy the benefits of Christian community for itself alone. There is one Church, for there is one Spirit, one hope, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all" (Eph. 4:5-6).

***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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Let Us Love One Another

David von Kampen

***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**

Lord Almighty, we know that you are the font of every blessing. We know that what we offer to you, we offer in return. We pray that our gifts are pleasing in your sight, and that with them your will be done. Amen.

***HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,
stead-fast 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. ___

***POSTLUDE**

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

setting by Jeffrey Bleresch

In remembrance of our beloved former choir member Bob Reisser.

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

- Music** Lauren Hofer, soprano; Mark Kanitz, organ
- Childcare Ministry** Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster
- Ushers** Dan Scanlan, Captain; Lowell Wilhite, Sandi Stuckey, Sharon Marvin
- Greeters** North Door: Kathy and Paul Nickel Welcome Center Door: Sharon and Bill Walsh
- Information Center** Nancy Koehler
- Coffee Host** Stephanie Weaver

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Announcements

For the week of August 25, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 25

10:00 Worship
11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

9:30 Staff Meeting
1:30 Active Minds
6:00 Vesper Board

Wednesday, August 28

1:00 International Peacemakers Team
5:30 Chamber Singers
6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, August 29

9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi

Sunday, September 1

10:00 Worship
11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center/Reception/Brunch for Kristi and Rock

Joys and Concerns.

As expected, Bob Reisser's Memorial Service was heavily attended. Thanks to all the Deacons who pitched in to host a lovely luncheon in the Welcome Center for over 100 people.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Arv and Judy Sundberg in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

The rosebud in the chancel is to celebrate the birth of Annemarie Nyawal Tot on August 20. Parents are Victoria and Bidong Tot and siblings Michael, James and Josephine.

Summer Construction Update. The summer renovation of the Fellowship Hall is in full swing and should last through August. The new ceiling is currently being installed! We are also getting new lights and new flat screens. Also, the Circle Drive was just re-surfaced with entirely new asphalt.

Local Disaster Relief. If you wish to offer financial support toward disaster relief in our area you may do so by designating on the memo line of your check to PCOC, "PMRV PDA." To date, we have donated over \$5,000!

All-church Brunch Next Sunday, September 1 to celebrate TWO ten-year service anniversaries at PCOC!

Yes, it's true...Kristi will celebrate her ten years on August 1, 2024, while Rock is close behind with a ten-year anniversary on October 1, 2024. The Personnel Committee of PCOC, in partnership with Pastor Marshall Zieman invite you to brunch on Sunday September 1 at 11:00 a.m. (following the final single service of summer) in the newly refreshed Fellowship Hall. No need to donate to a gift for each - those items have already been covered.

However, please feel free to bring congratulatory cards to the brunch, or if unable to attend, please drop those by the office the week prior to the event. We are so blessed to celebrate these two great individuals who exemplify a servant attitude on a daily basis. Questions? Please feel free to e-mail Jean Lynn or by phone. Hope to see you there!

Card Shower for former member Mary Kern's 90th birthday August 27

You are invited to send a birthday card to Mary Kern for her 90th birthday. Please send your card to her home at 32 Hastings Lane Boynton Beach, FL 33426. Her family thanks you!

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Presbyterian Women's Circle

Just as other groups are gearing up to begin the new year of activities here at PCOC, so is our Presbyterian Women's Circle. All women in the church are considered members and are welcome to attend. We meet at 9:30 on the first Thursday of the month from September through May. This year we plan to meet in the Courtyard Room in the Welcome Center. Our study this year will be "Growing Older and Wiser" by Dale and Sandy Larsen. It features various Bible passages and related discussion questions. Some women in the group volunteer to lead the lessons. If you haven't come before but would like to explore with other women what the Bible says and how it relates to our lives today, we'd love to see you. Please contact our leader, Cindy Nisley, or call her if you're interested.

49ers on September 3

Our speaker will be Kieran Anderson, Director of Information and assistance, along with Mary Parker, from Eastern Nebraska office on Aging. ENOA provides intermittent services for older adults to help remain in their homes, for as long as possible, they will talk about the services they provide, and bring some services to show the group. We meet for lunch at 11:30 am at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older. Come join us. Reservations and/or questions, please contact Mary Ott, or Judy Sundberg. We will have a sign-up sheet at the information center desk in a white 3 ring binder.

Children and Youth Sunday School Begins September 8

Preschool Sunday School

Our Preschool Sunday School Class is designed for three, four, and five-year-olds that haven't attended kindergarten. The class meets in Room 7, which is adjacent to the Childcare Room, in the hallway connecting the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. The class is taught by Anna Flairty and Anne Wattles. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 10:50 a.m. The class will be learning from the curriculum, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*, a publication from the PC(USA).

When your children are in class, they will gather to explore and respond to God's grace and be sent out to love and serve God by being:

- Rooted in the foundation of Presbyterian identity where God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship;
- Invited to discipleship that inspires them to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love; and
- Encouraged to reach beyond Sunday mornings and church walls to live their lives as an expression of God's grace.

If your child is most comfortable with a parent or grandparent attending class with them, we encourage that!

Bible Explorers Sunday School

Our Bible Explorers Program is designed for elementary aged children who are in kindergarten - 5th grade. The children are divided by age into four groups: kinder and 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and 4th and 5th grade. The children enjoy the rotation-based curriculum, *Deep Blue*, which is published by Cokesbury. Children visit

learning stations each week and explore the theme from many different angles: Art, Games, Science, Drama, Missions, Spiritual Practices, and Cooking. Parent volunteers lead the classes.

At 10:00 a.m., the children meet as a group for an opening activity led by Sue Thomas downstairs in the Gathering Space. Then the classes split up and move to their assigned rooms. Each group has a dedicated adult assigned to them called a Shepherd. Shepherds lead their groups to the correct room and stay with them during class. At 10:50 a.m., Shepherds guide the children back to the Gathering Space where parents will pick them up.

Youth Sunday School

Our Youth Sunday School Classes are divided into two classes, 6th – 8th grade, and 9th – 12th grade. Both classes will be using the Feasting on the Word Curriculum. The curriculum follows the Revised Common Lectionary and is published by PC(USA). Holly Baddley will be leading the Junior High Class (6th – 8th grade). They will meet downstairs in Room 8. Dan Kerr will be leading the Senior High Class (9th – 12th grade). They will meet downstairs in the Great Room. Youth are invited and encouraged to attend each week as we dive a little deeper into God's Word and how we can apply the Bible's teachings to our own lives. Can't make it every week? That's ok! Come when you can. You are *always* welcome, no matter how long you've been gone.

Grab a snack & a drink in Fellowship Hall and come on down for class at 10:00 a.m. Feel free to bring a friend!

Mission Mixer - in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 8

Join us on September 8, the first Sunday we return to two services for a mission mixer! This event offers a chance to connect with the Mission Committee and learn firsthand the impact of your mission dollars. Enjoy coffee, treats, and insightful discussions about the missions the committee champions. We'll gather while the kids are in Sunday School for a fun mix of fellowship and mission updates. Come to enjoy coffee and to explore how together we're making a difference locally and beyond!

The Tuesday Bible Studies resume Tuesday, September 10

We will begin our fall session on Tuesday, September 10, studying the book of Romans. Consider joining these two robust groups for an informative and fun fall study! Register online or in the Welcome Center.

Friday Night Gourmets September 13

Friday Night Gourmets will be opening its 2024-2025 dining-out season on September 13 at Farmer Brown's, 2620 River Rd Dr., Waterloo NE (402-779-2353). We will be ordering off their party menu which includes steak/prime rib, chicken, and seafood. Social Hour is at 6:30 pm and Dinner at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for this September "Tradition" of great food, friends, and lively conversations. Check Information Desk for sign-up sheet Please sign up by Sunday, September 8. Hosts: Gene/Verta Pugh and Curt Field/Launie Lambert. Contact hosts with any questions

Sunday Adult Education Begins September 15 – Register Online Now

Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music, led by Cindy Sloan

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. from September 15 – October 27

Let Justice Roll Down, led by Kathy Moore, Patty Ritchie, and Earlene Uhrig

Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on October 3, 10, 17, 24

Agape for All Speaker Series – Guest Speakers TBD

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on November 3, 10, & 17

Coping with Grief, presented by Carl Greiner

Sunday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.

PCOC Book Group on September 18

PCOC Book Group will meet Wednesday, September 18 in Room 13 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. to review Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby VanPelt . All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact Charlotte Hubbard.

Attend the Pow Wow at Fort Omaha September 21

Metropolitan Community College - on the Fort Omaha Campus Parade Ground (5300 N 30th St.) Attend this inspiring and educational gathering! Experience the thrilling entrance of the tribes, in full ceremonial dancing attire at 1:00 pm. Optional - after the Opening Ceremony you can enjoy craft demonstrations, classes, and delicious food. Contact Earlene Uhrig to get details when more become available.

Wednesday Night Cornerstone - Register Online Now

Registration for the fall semester of Cornerstone has begun! For our newcomers, Cornerstone is our mid-week program for all ages. We hope to see you at Bible Study, Confirmation Class, Choir, and of course, dinner! All are welcome, but we ask that you register online by September 1 so we can plan for dinner and class supplies. Cornerstone begins September 11 and ends on November 13.

Choirs

5:15 – 6:00 p.m. Children’s Choir for 1st – 7th graders
5:50 – 6:45 p.m. Chamber Singers
6:50 – 8:20 p.m. Alleluia Singers

Dinner is served between 6 – 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided from 5:30 – 8:15 p.m.

Bible Study

6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Preschool & Kindergarten Class
6:30 – 7:15 p.m. 1st – 4th Grade Class
6:30 – 7:15 p.m. 5th – 7th Grade Class
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (8th Grade) led by Rev. Marshall Zieman
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Adult Education*

***Adult Cornerstone Class**

Nine Essential Things I’ve Learned About Life by Harold Kushner, led by Rev. Kirk Ryckman
Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. from September 11 – November 13

From the Deacons

Attention Parents

If you have a child who is between the ages of 18-23, (whether they went to college, a trade school, or got a job) please call the church office and provide their current address. Your Deacons reach out to them and provide a \$25 Target gift card for Halloween and again for Valentines Day as a reminder that PCOC is thinking of them and keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. We want to remind them that they always have a home at PCOC. We would appreciate this information by September 20, so we have time to purchase these gift cards and get them mailed to your child in a timely manner.