



Welcome to Worship

October 13, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Fugue on "St. Anne"

J.S. Bach

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

SILENT MEDITATION

The trouble with being rich is that since you can solve with your checkbook virtually all of the practical problems that bedevil ordinary people, you are left in your leisure with nothing but the great human problems to contend with: how to be happy, how to love and be loved, how to find meaning and purpose in your life. In desperation, the rich are continually tempted to believe that they can solve these problems too with their checkbooks, which is presumably what led Jesus to remark one day that for a rich man to get to Heaven is about as easy as for a Cadillac to get through a revolving door.

Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (11:10)

Psalm 150

John Harper

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE #716**
(*Please stand, if you are able)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus to make us right with you. Yet, we still establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON #575

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on_ us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on_ us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on_ us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO SECOND GRADERS

Charlotte Clerk	Xander Huff	Sam McClain	Adalyn Spielman
Kaitlynn Evers	Emma Kalkwarf	Brody McGuire	Michael Tot
Liam Frampton	Charlie Knight	Bryant Schiessler	Shepard Versaw
Greyson Grady	Liam Kort		

***Congregational Response (to the Second Graders):**

We rejoice with you as your church recognizes this step in your religious growth. We pray God’s continued guidance for you and your family as you use this Bible in the years to come. We are already proud of you, and we look forward to helping you grow in faith.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Sam Rennick
Elder, Member of the Finance Committee

***HYMN #714**

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

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

Psalm 150 (9:00)
Prayer of St. Benedict (11:10)

John Harper
Bob Chilcott

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10: 17-31
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

page 822 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"When Jesus Looks at You"

Dr. Zieman

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA, 1991)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

***GLORIA PATRI #581**



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - - men, a - - men.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (9:00)
All Things Bright and Beautiful (11:10)

arr. Michael Cox
John Rutter

***DOXOLOGY (#607)**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

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**

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. Amen.

Announcements

For the week of October 13, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 13

- 9:00 Worship, 2nd Grade Bibles in Sanctuary
- 10:00 Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music Class
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Kids & Youth SS classes
- 11:00 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 11:10 Worship, 2nd Grade Bibles in Sanctuary
- 12:00 New Member Discussion in Welcome Ctr.
- 12:00 JHF Hand Up for Housing Walk
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
- 4:30 Outdoor Vesper Concert
- 4:45 SHF Games

Monday, October 14

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 5:30 Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 16

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:15 All Church Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Bible Study and Adult Education
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, October 17

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Carillion Choir
- 6:00 Let Justice Roll Down Class

Friday, October 18

Cross Currents Deadline

Saturday, October 19

8:30 - 1:30 JHF at Heartland Hope Mission

Sunday, October 20 Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship
 - 10:00 Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music Class
 - 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Kids & Youth SS classes
 - 11:00 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
 - 11:10 Worship
 - 5:00 SHF Soup and Bingo with 49ers
 - 5:00 GALS Gratitude and Giving
- No JHF**

Joys and Concerns.

Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Paul and Kathy Nickel in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary and also by Diane and Kevin Wetuski in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary on October 15.

New Member Discussion is TODAY at noon

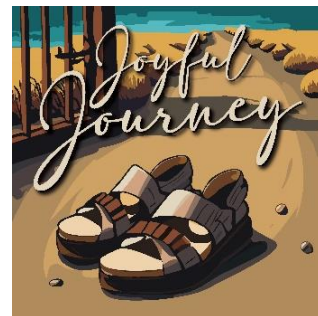


PRESBYTERIAN
Church of the Cross

If you are interested in joining the church, please attend today's New Member Discussion, at noon in the Welcome Center following worship. The discussion will last about an hour and a light lunch will be served. Feel free to join us even if you haven't signed up yet.

Joyful Journey of Stewardship – Using our Talents

We believe that it is the church's responsibility to educate and equip the followers of Jesus Christ to become good stewards, faithfully growing in gratitude, acknowledging the many blessings we receive daily from God.



God entrusts each of us with multiple **talents** and abilities to be used for God's purposes. As we come to understand stewardship, we are challenged to look inward, to acknowledge our own skills and talents, and apply those things to our daily life for God. "To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away." - Matthew 25:15

To date, Church of the Cross has received 40 pledge cards totaling \$173,272 pledged to our 2025 budget. Together, we can make each step count. Thank you.

Today is a PCOC Don & Millie's Caring & Sharing Day.

Stop by Don & Millie's at 108th & Center to grab lunch from 11-3 today. Tell them you're with PCOC, and 20% of your bill comes back to us to support next year's JHF Mission Trip.

Vesper Concerts Annual Outdoor Concert

Today at 4:30 p.m. - a Mariachi Festival!



Bring your lawn chairs and your appetite and join us on the East Lawn for our annual outdoor concert. This year's musical guests will be Alexis Arai y Sus Caballeros, who will entertain us with an afternoon of Mariachi music. Javi's Tacos will bring their food truck and serve tacos, quesadillas, churros and ice cream. The first fifteen children under the age of 12 will receive a free churro!

Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts. Our Mission Committee will match donations of up to \$3,000 total from the congregation to send to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid in the massive relief efforts which will be needed. Write your check to PCOC with PDA in the memo line. To date, the congregation has already given \$7,930.00!



PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering

Thank you for your gifts to this annual offering which goes towards addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Part of the offering goes to help programs like the International Peacemakers, which provided for the recent visit of Dumitru Roibu from Moldova. Our Mission Committee gets to use 25% of our offering for local peacemaking efforts.

Thursday Evening Adult Class in October

Let Justice Roll Down is led by Kathy Moore, Patty Ritchie, and Earlene Uhrig. The class meets Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. and will continue on October 17 & 24 in the Welcome Center classroom.

SHF Invites Adults 55+ to Bingo and Soup

The SHF youth would like to invite folks who are 55+ for some fun and fellowship NEXT Sunday, October 20, from 5 – 7 p.m. We will start out by sampling an assortment of soups and desserts, then we'll play some Bingo. This is a great opportunity for both generations to get to know each other better. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Heather or sign up on the sheet at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center.

GALS Giving & Gratitude on October 20

Come together in Fellowship for Gratitude and Giving on Sunday, October 20 at 5p.m. This event will include a snack potluck, gratitude craft and a donation to support women in our community. Please sign up to bring a sweet or savory snack to share online. We'll talk about the importance of gratitude in our lives and create a craft to enhance this in our lives. Please bring a new gently used bra to donate. We will do a blessing of the bras and donate them to a local charity. Please contact Staci with any questions.

Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 27

Join us in Fellowship Hall and on the east lawn on Sunday, October 27 at 3 p.m. for food, games, and trunk or treating. Be sure to wear your costume and bring a bucket for your treats. We encourage everyone in the congregation to participate by hosting a trunk. All you have to do is decide on a theme, decorate your vehicle, dress up (come on, it's fun!), and provide treats or toys to hand out to the children. It's that easy and so much

fun! Help us make this the best Trunk or Treat ever for our church family. If you plan to host a trunk, please let Heather know. We are also accepting candy donations. Please donate individually wrapped candy or treats. You may drop them off in the bin in the Lobby. Thanks!

Piecemakers Fabric Sale on October 27

The Piecemakers are having a “sale” of fabric and quilting accessories on Sunday, October 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our entire inventory of fabrics, scraps, notions, patterns, and accessories will be available for you for your own personal projects. Your free-will donations for these items will go to support our summer Youth Mission Trips. After 23 years of providing over 250 baby quilts, as well as making over 35 bed quilts for our partner church in Russia, the Piecemakers are changing the way we do things. Now, instead of meeting as a group, we invite all quilters in the congregation to make their quilts at home. Thus, we no longer need to keep an inventory stored at church. As always, if you wish to donate a hand-made baby quilt to add to our supply for newborns, contact Karen Moery or Linda Miller.



Children’s Christmas Pageant Registration

The Children’s Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 8 at 5 p.m. All children (preschool – 5th grade) will be wearing costumes and singing. Confirmands will be reading Bible verses. Junior and senior high youth will be helping with the set. All are invited to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Heather.

Use this QR code to register by November 1:

The Tuesday Bible Studies will resume on October 29.

We’ll continue our study of the book of Romans, picking up in chapter 5.

And Coming in November...

Embracing Community Connections Speaker Series

Held on Sundays November 3, 10 and 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard Classroom. Our Agape for All team is hosting a Speaker Series with guest speakers Albert Varas, Echohawk Lefthand, and Itzel Lopez. Read more about this opportunity and register on



Fall Clean-Up is Saturday, November 9, from 9 am to NOON!

All members are invited and welcome to participate! Bring your garden gloves, pruners, rakes, shovels, and trash barrels! If you have a chain saw that would be helpful this year as well. We will rake leaves and debris to spruce up our landscaped areas to prepare our grounds for the winter season ahead. TREATS, juice and coffee will be available for fellowship. Your help will be very much appreciated! Thank you!



A Saturday Evening Vesper Concert on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Nebraska Brass Band (NEBB), together with Alleluia Singers and Mark Kanitz, organ, will present "A Festival of Praise" on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. Founded and directed by UK transplant Glenn Greet (also founder and owner of Chippy's Omaha), the NEBB is the only British-style brass band in the local area. Consisting of

thirty-four musicians, the NEBB has attracted professional players from all areas of the state and even beyond. Nebraska's premier brass band has a unique sound capable of playing whisper-soft passages and powerful fortissimos. Don't miss a fantastic opportunity to hear great hymns of the faith with brass, choir, organ, and percussion.

One Worship Service on Sunday, November 10 at 11:10 only. The Nebraska Brass Band will provide special music for worship on November 10. So that all may enjoy the special music, we will have only one worship service that day, at 11:10.

New Chairs in the Choir Loft. Last spring, the Building and Grounds Committee and Worship & Music Committee members began exploring the possibility of updating the choir loft with new chairs. After working

with a local office supply company and gathering input from choir members and the congregation, the decision was made to purchase sixty choir chairs with a generous gift from Gift & Memorial funds. The new chairs should arrive and be in place by late October or early November.

We must find ways to repurpose or donate the old choir chairs. After the new chairs arrive, congregation members are welcome to take as many chairs as they'd like to donate or use in their homes. If you know of another church, school, or other organization that could use the chairs, don't hesitate to get in touch with Kristi or Rock.

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