



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

setting by Robert Hobby

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 AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON #575

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)



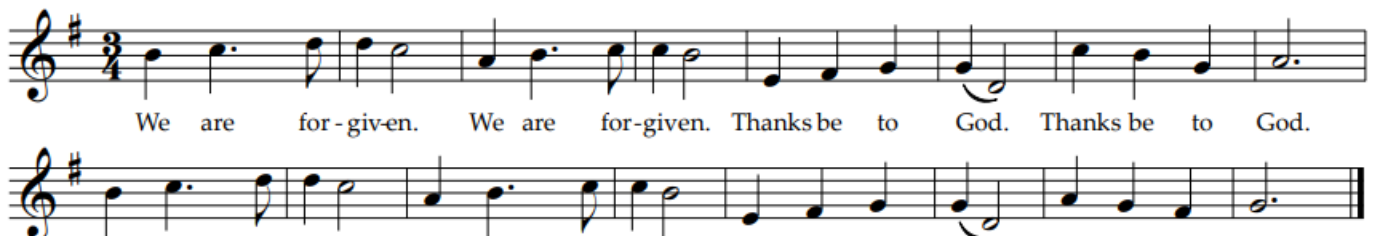
Lord, have mer - cy up - on — us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on — us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on — us.

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

MOMENT FOR STERWARDSHIP

Rock Sumner, PCOC Business Administrator

*HYMN #694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3: 14-21

page 950 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"The Company of Saints"

PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

There Is More Love Somewhere (9:00) Spiritual; arr. Adam & Matt Podd
Antiphon (11:10) Ralph Vaughan Williams
(Let All the World in Every Corner Sing)

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.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI



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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

SERVING OF THE BREAD

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

ANTHEM

Be Still (Psalm 46) (9:00)
 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (11:10)

Joseph Genito; arr. Sandra Eithun
 John Ferguson

SERVING OF THE CUP OF THE NEW COVENANT***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (in unison)

Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**BENEDICTION RESPONSE*****POSTLUDE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

setting by John Behnke

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music	9:00	Credo Ensemble; Mark Kanitz, organ	
	11:10	Alleluia Singers; Jean Brady, clarinet; Mark Kanitz, organ	
Elders serving	9:00	Gary and Marsha Marron, Brenda and Tim Graumann, Roger and Nancy Utman,	
Communion		Mimi and Darold Bauer, Dave and Mary Ann Pederson	
	11:10	Tammy Holdren, Cindy Rieke, Linda and Mike Howland, Chuck Baddley, Pam Otto, Renee Cornett, Julie Driftmier, Alta Empkey, Kathryn Vint	
Ushers	9:00	Dave Berry, Captain; Brad Burch, Cherri Carpenter, Tim and Dawn Zimmerman	
	11:10	Jim Chapin, Captain; Doug and Kim Reid, Inga Wagner, Kim Banat	
Greeters	9:00	North Door: Karen and Owen Saunders	Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
	11:10	North Door: Susan Price	Welcome Center Door: Kris Goodman
Information Center	9:00:	Judy Thomas	11:10: Sharon Walsh
Childcare Ministry		Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster	
Coffee Host		Renee Cornett	

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Announcements

For the week of October 6, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 6 – World Communion Sunday

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary with communion
- 10:00 Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music Class
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Kids & Youth SS classes
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary with Communion and Livestream
- 12:00 JHF Fellowship at the Zoo
- 4:30 SHF at Open Door Mission

Monday, October 7

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Worship and Music Committee
- 6:00 Building and Grounds Committee at Cornett's

Tuesday, October 8

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 5:00 Membership Committee
- 6:30 Mission Committee

Wednesday, October 9

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 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 10

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

Saturday, October 12

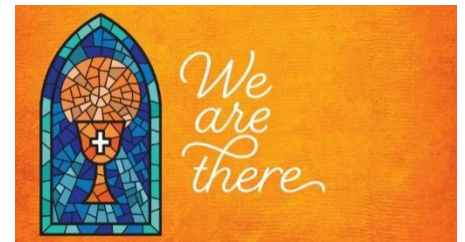
- 9:00 Presbyterian Men Breakfast

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
- 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

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.

Today we collect the Peace & Global Witness Offering, which enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across



the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You may donate online at PCOC, or via the blue pew envelopes.

Joys and Concerns.

Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Karen and Shawn Smith in honor of their 28th wedding anniversary.



PRESBYTERIAN
Church of the Cross

**New Member
Discussion is next
Sunday, October 13.**

If you are interested in joining the church, please attend our next New Member Discussion, at noon following worship on Sunday, October 13 in the Welcome Center. The discussion will last about an hour and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online or call the church office.

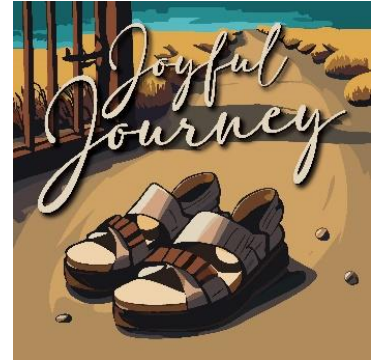
You Are Invited at 10:00 Today in the Sanctuary

In between our worship services, you are invited to join the "Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music" class in the Sanctuary to listen to special musical guests Patty Ritchie, cello, and Kristi Treu, piano. Patty will play "Kol Nidre" by Max Bruch, following some history and an explanation of the piece and its composer by class leader Cindy Sloan. The sanctuary doors will be open; feel free to come in at any time.

Joyful Journey of Stewardship – this week, Sharing Our Time

At Church of the Cross, we believe that stewardship is a vital part of Christian living and worship. We know that often people think stewardship is all about money but let's provide a better understanding of the truths about stewardship.

As faithful disciples, we are called to care for and manage all that God has given us by sharing our time, our talents, and our treasures. Sharing our **time** is a truly wondrous part of stewardship. As we take time from our daily busy schedules to do good works for God, we receive a lesson in caring, loving, and kindness. It is through those lessons that we get a fuller understanding; it truly is better to give than it is to receive. "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." - John 13:15. Together, let's step onto God's path and make a difference with our time.



**American
Red Cross**

**Thank you for participating in the Deacons' Blood Drive last Sunday.
Together, we donated 19 pints of blood.**

The Tuesday Bible Studies have resumed

Join us at either 7am (men) or 1pm (everyone). We have begun our study of the book of Romans. We meet in the Welcome Center classroom – bring your Bible and join us!

Active Minds We are playing Mahjogg and Canasta in October. Every Tuesday, in the lower level Great Room, from 1:30-4:00. If you want to join us for Mahjogg, please let Earlene know - so we will have adequate game sets and cards.

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. on October 3, 10, 17, 24 in the Welcome Center classroom.



Heartland Hope's "The Stars Among Us" Gala October 10

Heartland Hope Mission will be holding their annual fundraiser gala dinner "The Stars Among Us" on Thursday, October 10 beginning at 6pm at the Downtown Omaha Hilton. PCOC has a table for 10 reserved for a fabulous barbeque dinner and short program. If interested in either of these HHM opportunities, please contact John Bennett. Thank you for your continuing support!

Friday Night Gourmet is October 11

The next Friday Night Gourmet Dinner will be on October 11 in the party room of Charlie's On the Lake, 4150 S. 144 Street, Omaha. Social hour is at 6:30 pm with a buffet dinner beginning at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$45 per person (this includes tax and gratuity) which is required at time of sign-up. Checks should be made out to

PCOC, or you can pay with cash. All are welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening. Please sign up at the Information Desk. The deadline is October 7. Our hosts are Susan Price, and Nancy Koehler. Feel free to call with any questions.

Presbyterian Men on October 12

Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 am, PCOC men are invited to attend a continental breakfast and program in the Welcome Center featuring Todd Petrick, Forensic Investigator. Todd will speak about the forensics work he has done with the Omaha Police Department. He will also share the work he does training agencies throughout the country in the use of equipment like GPS, Laser Scanners, and Drones to map crash and crime scenes, then present that data in 3D. You won't want to miss this special program! Please sign up to attend at the Information Desk by Sunday, October 6. Invite someone to attend with you. Contact Jon Boomgaarden with questions.

2nd Grade Bibles on October 13

The second graders will receive their new Bibles at both services on Sunday, October 13. Parents, please let Heather know which service you will attend.



Vesper Concerts Annual Outdoor Concert Sunday, October 13 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!

Dust Off Your Instruments and Join the All-Church Orchestra

Open to all instrumentalists in 7th grade through adult. If you play a brass, woodwind, string, or percussion instrument, we'd love to have you join us. We will rehearse on Wednesday, October 23, from 5:15 – 6:00 p.m., plus an optional rehearsal on October 16 (same time). Then, we'll play at the 11:10 worship service on October 27. Please sign up on the church website as soon as possible. Contact Kristi Treu or Patty Ritchie if you have questions.

SHF Invites Adults 55+ to Bingo and Soup

The SHF youth would like to invite folks who are 55+ for some fun and fellowship on 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 Voss at 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!

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. Confirmants 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:

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 online.

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!

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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