



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Sarabande (9:00)
Rhosymedre (11:10)

François Couperin
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Silent Meditation

(from the Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order)

"As there were in Old Testament times **ELDERS** for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people..."

"The ministry of **DEACON** as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures or anyone in distress."

Call to Worship

(based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Love is patient.

Love is kind.

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way.

Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

Love rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

Praise and Adoration

***Hymn of Praise #767**

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

(*Please stand, if you are able)

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to avoid the news, fearing the worst. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action.

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 (#581)**

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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.

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

Time for Young Disciples

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Ellen Smith, Presbyterian Mission co-worker

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

Earth Song (9:00)
O Love (11:10)

Tyler Arcari
Elaine Hagenberg

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4: 21-30

page 835 of the pew Bible

Sermon

"Lightning Rod"

Dr. Zieman

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

from The Confession of Belhar (South Africa, 1986)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

*Sanctus

Holy, Holy, God Almighty

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Ho - ly, ho - ly, God al - mighty, — Heav'n and earth Your prais - ses sing!
Shout Ho - san - nas to the Sav - iour, Bless - ing, hon - or to - the King.
In the name of the Lord, the bear - er of light tri - umphs o'er the dark of night
ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (9:00)
Lord, Here Am I (11:10)

Wallace & Willis; arr. Pillinger
John Ness Beck

*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

Service of Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning of Officers

- Leader: There are different gifts.
People: **But it is the same spirit who gives them.**
Leader: There are different ways of serving God.
People: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**
Leader: God works through different people in different ways.
People: **But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.**
Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
People: **To use for the common good.**
Leader: Together we are the Body of Christ,
People: **And individually members of him.**

Presentation

At last week's Congregational Meeting, these individuals were elected to serve our church as a new class of Elders and Deacons. Today they are presented for ordination and installation:

Elder (3-year term)

Jimmy Downes	Jon Fritz	Susan Geschwender	Charlotte Hubbard
Gary Marron	Trudy Meyer	Scott Stalnaker	Pam Swenson

Deacon (3-year term)

Russ Beernink	Cherri Carpenter	Anna Flairty	Barbara Haar-Rightmyer
Ann Pearson	Corey Prideaux	Sandy Simpson	Barbara Thompson
Kristine Gasko (1-year term)			

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Laying On of Hands to those Newly Ordained

*Hymn of Dedication #761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Fugue (9:00)	Johann Pachelbel; arr. Turetzky
	How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (11:10)	John Behnke

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music 9:00 Patty Ritchie, cello; Bill Ritchie, double bass; Mark Kanitz, organ
 11:10 Alleluia & Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

Ushers 9:00 Dave Berry, Captain; Brad Burch, Tim and Dawn Zimmerman, Cherri Carpenter
 11:10 Jim Chapin, Captain; Doug and Kim Reid, Inga Wagner, Kim Banat

Greeters 9:00 North Door: Linda Miller Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
 11:10 North Door: Kristine Gasko Welcome Center Door: Nancy Koehler

Information Center 9:00 Kathy Nickel 11:10: Carol Crawford

Coffee Host 10:00 Camille and Jeff Friesen

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Announcements

For the week of February 2, 2025

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 2 - Installation of Officers

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee, Kids & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Theologians, Philosophers, Composers, and the Pursuit of Beauty Class
More Than Words Class
- 11:10 Worship
- 3:00 New Member Reception
- 4:30 SHF Prehistoric Putt
- 4:30 JHF PJ/Movie Night

Monday, February 3

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Worship and Music Committee
- 6:30 Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 11:30 49ers at Wheatfields
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 4:00 Congregational Life Committee

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Carillion Choir

Friday, February 7

- 5-8 JHF Baking Day
- 6:30 Friday Night Gourmet at Farmer Brown's

Sunday, February 9

- 9:00 Worship/Communion
- 9-11 JHF Bake Sale
- 10:00 Coffee, Kids & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Theologians, Philosophers, Composers, and the Pursuit of Beauty Class
More Than Words Class
- 11-2 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 11:10 Worship/Communion
- 12:00 Congregational Lunch
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
No SHF/JHF Fellowship

Joys and Concerns.

Long-time member Ken Lundgren passed away last Sunday. Ken's funeral service was held yesterday at Forest Lawn.

Gary and Marinell Neuhaus are the proud grandparents of Clara Maria Neuhaus, born January 24. Parents are Jay and Maria del Mar Neuhaus of Coral Gables, Florida.

Mission Co-worker, Ellen Smith, visits us today.

Join us at 10:00 during the coffee hour in Fellowship Hall to hear an update from Ellen Smith on her most recent travels in Eastern Europe and how they are re-shaping her vision of what our mission can be in the countries formerly in the Soviet Union. As PC(USA)'s Regional Liaison for Central and Eastern Europe, Ellen has been our guide and friend since we first partnered with the Grace Baptist Church in Gnozдово, Russia in 2009.



Super Bowl Tailgate Celebration at Noon on February 9



Congregational Life will host a congregational lunch serving pulled pork on buns, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, and football cookies! Don't PASS up this opportunity to attend this free event! Let's CHEER as the CHAIN GANG moves forward for another 10 YARDS (or YEARS) for Marshall as our Sr. Pastor. You are welcome to wear your favorite NFL team jersey and cheer our PCOC team on to VICTORY. Then enjoy the HALF-TIME presentation with a few highlights, possible office wagering, and the ever-memorable half-time entertainment. Remember, this is a church gathering, all things are bound by the Book or Order. No need to make a reservation, simply present your gracious smile and extend a hand of friendship for entrance into Fellowship Hall. Enjoy lunch, cheer when our team scores, and HUDDLE up as we plan for the next 10 YARDS (years) to be as SUPER as the past 10 years.

Chancel Flowers. Time to sign up for chancel flowers for 2025! A signup sheet is available at the Information Center or you can call the church office. The cost is \$25.00. This is an excellent way to celebrate a special event or honor someone special.



In the month of February, we highlight the Deacon Fund

Did you know that Deacons are not supported by our regular budget? That's why in February, we encourage everyone to make a gift to our Deacons Fund. Your faithful support helps ensure that our Deacons are able to care for each neighborhood, send cards, make visits, prepare and serve funeral luncheons, and organize the Advent Dinner each year. You are welcome to use the envelope that is included with the regular weekly giving envelope or write "Deacons" on a blue giving envelope (located in the pew racks). Or you may pay online - choose Deacons Envelope as the fund.



Presbyterian Disaster Aid for the Ongoing California Fires – Matching Grant from the Mission Committee

Please support the crucial work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they support the presbyteries and communities impacted by the disastrous ongoing fires in California. Tens of thousands of residents have been forced to evacuate and more than 57,000 homes are threatened.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in communication with the affected presbyteries to offer resources in the aftermath of the fires. So far, we are aware of one Presbyterian church destroyed (Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church) and several more are threatened. We will know more once the fires are contained and evacuation orders have been lifted. Pray for those affected, and for the safety, strength and resilience of the first responders battling these historic blazes, and for the families and communities devastated by unimaginable loss.

The Mission Committee has set aside up to \$5,000 to match your individual contributions. You may donate online at churchofthecrossomaha.org by clicking on the Giving button, then selecting Disaster Relief from the drop-down menu, or via our blue pew envelopes, or send checks to PCOC designating PDA in the memo.

Active Minds in February

Active Minds will be adding Pinochle to our games in February. Newcomers and friends are always welcome. Tuesdays, 1:30-4:00 in the lower level Great Room. We have very patient teachers available every week! Please join us as your schedule allows. You are welcome to join us after Bible Study. Contact Person, Earlene Uhrig.



49ERS on Tuesday, February 4

Our program for Tuesday, February 4, 2025, will be Amanda Stastny: Bumbling Bee Native Wildflowers. She will be presenting information regarding the locally native and pollinator wildflowers and grasses which are beneficial for Nebraska and for our environment at large. She recently was featured in the Omaha World Herald. We are limiting our reservations to 40 individuals due to space constraints. The lunch location is Wheatfields, One Pacific Place, at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott, or Judy Sundberg. We also have a sign-up sheet at the Information Center.



Friday Night Gourmets on February 7. Mike Howland & Linda Matson and Toni Craig invite you all to come celebrate an early Valentine's Day dinner with great food and great company at Framer Brown's Steakhouse! Mark your calendars for 6:00, Friday, February 7th, 2025. We will have individual checks and order from Farmer Brown's Party Menu. There are many yummy favorites to select from. A special Valentine's Day dessert will be provided by your hosts. Farmer Brown's is located at 2620 River Rd Drive, Waterloo, NE. An

individual tab cash bar will be available. Please sign-up at the Information Desk. The last day to sign up will be Sunday, February 2nd at noon. See or call Mike, or Linda with questions.



Bel Canto Duo Performs on February 16 at 3:00 p.m. Vesper Concerts presents Darci Gamirl and David Downing, partners in life and on the stage in the Bel Canto Duo. Darci is an oboe and English horn specialist, composer, and producer who performs as a soloist and orchestral musician with various orchestras and national touring productions. (Interesting fact: Darci played at PCOC with the chamber ensemble and choir last December.) David is a Grammy-nominated cellist and sought-after recording artist who studied at prestigious schools such as the

Interlochen Arts Academy, the Harid Conservatory of Music, and the Cleveland Institute of Music. Darci and David formed the Bel Canto Duo in 2016. The duo was awarded Outstanding New Artist by the Omaha Entertainment Awards (2023) and was a finalist (American Prize) for chamber music composition and the Ernst Bacon Prive for the performance of American music.

The Bel Canto Duo's concert is entitled "Visions of Love," a fitting theme for a concert near Valentine's Day. The concert is free, and everyone is invited to attend. Stay after the concert for cookies!

Adult Education Classes Have Begun – Join One Today at 10:00

10 Values for the Modern Family at 10 a.m. led by Emily and Josh Murray. The values we live and raise our families by are grounded, first, in love. Contrary to many of today's so-called family values, our values go beyond one or two loaded social issues to a wholehearted lifestyle of practicing compassion, hospitality, justice, peace, and belonging. This class is geared towards parents that are currently raising children in their homes. Grandparents are welcome to join us, too! This class meets in Room 15.

Theologians, Philosophers, Composers, and the Pursuit of Beauty at 10 a.m. led by Cindy Sloan - Beauty is essential to our understanding of God and can be a path to God. Dostoevsky claimed that "beauty will save the world". There are many philosophers in the past ten years who have put forward the idea that beauty is essential in the restoration of the sacred (Sir Roger Scruton) and its importance to our world, well-being, and culture. Dana Gioia, former California Poet Laureate and Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, has lectured and written extensively on the arts and their importance for the church and spirituality. He believes that "in the presence of beauty" we "feel a deep human hunger being satisfied". Through the music of Beethoven and Britten we will experience beauty and hopefully sense "the beauty of the Lord." This class meets in the Courtyard Classroom in the Welcome Center.

Summer Fun for Children and Youth

Registration for summer camps and activities in our community has begun, but we don't want you to miss out on our activities here at Church of the Cross.

Put these dates on your calendar now:

Senior High Mission Trip – June 1 – 7

Junior High Mission Trip – June 27 – 29

Vacation Bible School – July 15 - 17, 9 a.m. to Noon

Senior High Youth Triennium – July 28 - 31

2025 Bible Reading Adventure. In the January Cross Currents, Rock published a daily guide to begin reading the Bible in a year. It is not too late to begin. Together, we begin in Genesis and Matthew, the Old and New Testaments and from there the adventure begins. We may gather periodically throughout the year for support. Join the adventure of a lifetime. Join us as we continue the readings each week in the New Year. **So, Let's Get**

Together Sunday, February 2, 10:10 am, coffee in hand, anyone who wants to meet and discuss the ups and downs of reading the Bible in a year and how it is going is invited. Let's meet in the Hearth Room. Let's support and encourage others throughout the year.

Calling all knitters! Our supply of Prayer Shawls that are taken to our hospitalized and shut-in members is running low. If you are a knitter, please consider making one for the Pastors and Deacons to distribute to our members. They are greatly appreciated. You may leave your finished shawl on the counter in Room 15 and I will attach a label stating that it was crafted with love by our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Thank you for using your creative talent for this project. Any questions? Contact Ginger Petersen-Britt.

GALS on Saturday, February 22

Join GALS as we take a guided tour of the Joslyn Museum from 10:30 - 12:30. It will be a morning of fellowship, beauty, and learning. We will meet inside the main entrance of the museum, with the guided tour starting at 11:00. Following the tour, you are free to enjoy lunch at the onsite café, visit other museum exhibits, or proceed with your other Saturday events. There is no cost for the tour, but the museum accepts donations, if you choose. Any Questions? Contact Anne Wattles or Staci Voss.

2025 Lenten Study is March 9 – April 13 – Register Now

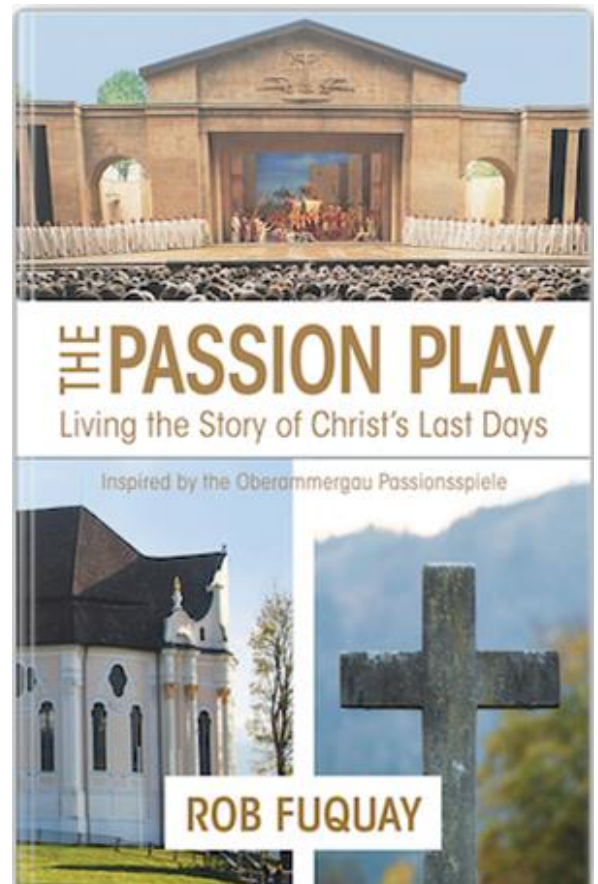
One of our most meaningful churchwide activities is starting soon – The Lenten Study! Small groups will begin a 6-week study on March 9 and end on Palm Sunday, April 13. Rob Fuquay's book, *The Passion Play, Living the Story of Christ's Last Days*, has been chosen as this year's study.

"Perfect for this Lent, this study takes you on a journey to the origins of the Oberammergau Passion Play and helps you understand how the play has been used both as a ritual of praise and, later, as a weapon. The play covers the final period of Jesus' life from his visit to Jerusalem to the journey to the cross. This study helps readers feel a sense of connection to the play while recognizing their own place in the story of Jesus."

The Lenten Study is a great opportunity to get to know others in our church family while preparing for Easter. We hope you will join us!

Classes will be offered on the following days and times:
Sundays at 10 a.m., Sundays at 5 p.m., Mondays at 1:30 p.m.,
and Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom

Please register online so that we will know how many books to order. If you need assistance registering, stop by the Information Desk in the Welcome Center and someone will be happy to help you, or contact Heather in the Church Office.



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