



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude on "Thaxted"

arr. Michael Helman

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

Silent Meditation

"Lord, give us weak eyes for things of little worth, and eyes clear-sighted in all of your Truth."

Soren Kierkegaard

Call to Worship

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

For they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

For great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;

But the haughty he perceives from far away.

Do not forsake the work of the Lord's hands,

For his steadfast love endures forever – let us worship God!

Praise and Adoration

*Opening Hymn #170

(*Please stand, if you are able)

You Walk Along Our Shoreline

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Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, You speak to us in so many ways: in gracious opportunity and sacred fellowship; in ancient commandments and steadfast love. Your Word is more than the language we hear and the letters we see. You are always calling us to something new. And yet we convolute or ignore Your holy call. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to get it right. Help us not to miss the boat.

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**

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Chris Voss, Deacons' Blood Drive

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.

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

page 836 of the pew Bible

Sermon

"Pardon the Interruption"

Rev. Garry

Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Acclamation in G Minor

Karen Thompson

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

Prayer

*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

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.

The Words of Institution

Serving of the Bread

The pastors will walk down the aisles with gluten-free bread.

Anthem

How Beautiful

Twila Paris; arr. R. Lyndel Littleton

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth.

How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

How beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

Serving of the Cup of the New Covenant

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and Loving God, we know that you are the source of all goodness in this world. Just as you have given to us, we give back to you. We pray that those who are blessed by our tithes and offerings see Your hands at work, and not our own. In all our labor we pray that Your will be done. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

TUNE

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Minuetto

G.F. Handel; arr. Jean Pasquet

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music

Carillon Choir; Larry Frederickson, director; Mark Kanitz, organ

Elders serving Communion

9:00 Gary Lynn, Jean Lynn, Brad Burch, Anna Sumner, Kathy Moore, Jeff Boyum, Garron Marron, Marsha Marron, Don Metzger, George Morgan
11:10 Josh Murray, Cindy Rieke, Susan Geschwender, Sue Meusey, Pam Otto, Trudy Meyer, John Morey, Beth Maxwell, Alta Empkey, Neal Hubbard

Childcare Ministry

Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

Ushers

9:00 Jim Miller, Captain; Linda Miller, Gary Marron, Marsha Marron, Frank McMullen
11:10 Tim Goodman, Captain; Kris Goodman, Mary Ott, Dave Berry, Lowell Wilhite

Greeters

9:00 North Door: Karen and Owen Saunders Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
11:10 North Door: Kristine Gasko Welcome Center Door: Dodie Bellus

Information Center

9:00 Kathy Nickel
11:10: Nancy Koehler

Coffee Host

10:00 Carla Fritz

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Announcements

For the week of February 9, 2025

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

Monday, February 10

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 6:30 Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

- 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 13

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 12:00 Serve Lunch at OSS
- 6:00 Carillion Choir

Saturday, February 15

- 9:00 Deacon's Retreat

Sunday, February 16 Pantry Sunday

- 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 Vesper Concert
- 4:45 SHF Fellowship
NO JHF

Joys and Concerns.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Ginger Petersen-Britt in loving memory of Charles W. Petersen, Jr. and Charles W. Petersen, III.

Super Bowl Tailgate Celebration at Noon Today



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.

Coffee Fellowship is held in the Welcome Center today, since the Fellowship Hall will be set up for the lunch at noon.

Junior High Bake Sale is this morning in the Welcome Center

Come satisfy your sweet tooth AND support the Junior High Mission Trip at the same time! Your donations will be accepted in exchange for delicious baked goods in between services. The Junior High Mission Trip is to Sioux Fall, SD June 27-29.



Rescheduled Presbyterian Women February 13th

Due to the icy conditions, the Presbyterian Women will meet on Thursday February 13th at 9:30 am in the Courtyard room we will continue our studies from *Growing Older & Wiser* by Dale & Sandy Larsen. Jacquie Kluck will share Lesson 5 "Wiser by Faith" from Genesis 24: 1-9. All church women are invited to

join us. Please contact Cindy Nisley with any questions.

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 envelopes, 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 now 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



The Tuesday Bible Studies Have Resumed. Our Tuesday gatherings continue in our study of Romans. Newcomers are always welcome; just bring your favorite Bible and join us in the classroom in the Welcome Center at 7:00 a.m. (men's only) or 1:00 p.m. (everyone).



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 Prize for the performance of American music.

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.



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.

Cornerstone Has Begun – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Spring Semester of Cornerstone's Adult Education Class is "Blessed Are You, The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life," led by Kirk Ryckman, Jan 15 – Mar 19. We hope you will join us for dinner and then this Kerygma Program Bible Study. Please let Heather know if you are interested in attending.

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.



Ushers Needed

Extra Ushers and Greeters are Needed.

The usher teams serve one Sunday per month, and we have a few openings. You may sign up to be a permanent member of a team, or you may sign up to usher on individual Sundays that work with your schedule. Sign up online. We're also looking for greeters on Sundays to welcome folks on Sunday morning.

Choose your preferred Sunday and door (North door or Welcome Center door).



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.

PCOC Blood Drive is Sunday, March 2

The Deacons Health and Wellness Committee is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive at PCOC on 03/02/2025. The drive will be from 0900-2pm in the PCOC lower level Great Room. Please see Chris Voss or Carla Fritz if you need assistance registering or you may sign up using the Red Cross App or this address redcrossblood.org. All donations come with a \$10 gift card and HGB A1C testing. The Hemoglobin (HGB) A1C test is a diagnostic blood test to help diagnose and track Type 2 diabetes more commonly called adult onset diabetes.



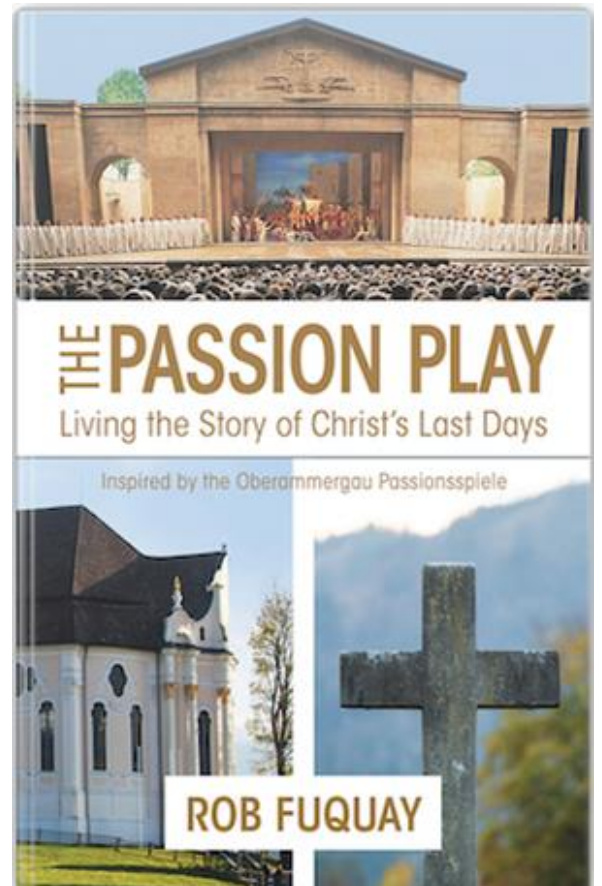
2025 Lenten Study is March 9 – April 13. Sign up now!

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 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

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.



49ERS on March 4

Our program for Tuesday, March 4, 2025 is Joy Battling of Scatter Joy Acres. Joy Bartling is a native of Nebraska and has 4 children 7 grandchildren. She was raised on a dairy farm in Herman, Nebraska. In 2006 Scatter Joy Acres (SJA) was founded by Joy Bartling Omaha, Nebraska to provide a new home, new life, and new meaning by rescuing abused or neglected animals. In 2022 the ranch was relocated to 15 acres inside the city limits of Omaha. The lunch location is Wheatfields, One Pacific Place, at 11:30 a.m. Every one 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 and you can find out more about Joy on the sign up shee as well.