

Gathering in God's Name

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

Silent Meditation

Think of a time when you experienced courageous hospitality. What was that like for you? How might God be calling you to show courageous hospitality to others?

Call to Worship

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

We tremble at God's awesome works!

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness!

The Lord is our guard and protector!

Light dawns and joy fills our hearts!

Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!

Praise and Adoration

***Hymn #299** You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (*Please stand, if you are able)

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you desire that the world might see your light shine through us. Yet we confess we are often too blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve, in our action and our inaction. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. We fail to see your righteousness and champion greed and discord in the name of power and popularity. Forgive us. Melt us and mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking your light, reflecting your mercy, and sharing your grace.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison (#551)

51) Lord, Have Mercy Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. HANOVER

LAND OF REST

based on Psalm 97

Assurance of Pardon



Welcome

During the Welcome, children are invited to come forward.

Time for Young Disciples

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Bruce Froendt, AllPlay Miracle Baseball League

*Hymn #733

We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

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"Laudate Dominum" from Vesperae Solennes de ConfessoreW.A. MozartO praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye peoples. For his loving kindness has been bestowed upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16: 9-15

page 900 of the pew Bible

Sermon

"When the Lord Opens Your Heart"

Dr. Zieman

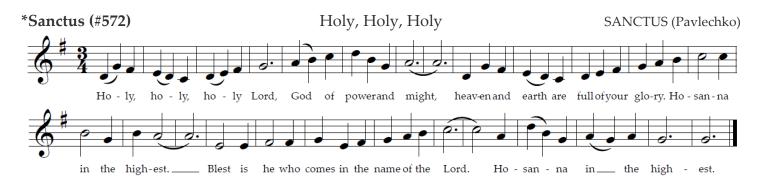
Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith from The Confession of Belhar, South Africa, 1986 We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe ... that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory	"I know that my Redeemer liveth" from Messiah	G.F. Handel	
*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 Generous God, all that we are and all that we have comes from you. Take these gifts, multiply them, and make them blessings for your people in this community and beyond. Amen			
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*Hymn #307	God of Grace and God of Glory	CWM RHONDDA
*Charge and Benediction		

*Benediction Response

Go Now in Peace



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Announcements

For the week of June 1, 2025

The Week at a Glance

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Church of the Cross

Sunday, June 1				
7:00	Senior High Mission Trip Begins			
10:00	Worship			
11:00	Pancake Man and Coffee Fellowship			
Monday	Monday, June 2			
10:00	Tai Chi			
6:00	Worship and Music Committee			
6:30	Building and Grounds Committee			
Tuesday, June 3				
7:00	Men's Bible Study			
9:30	Staff Meeting			
11:30	49ers at Wheatfield's			
1:00	Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study			
4:00	Congregational Life Committee			
Thursday, June 5				
10:30	Presbyterian Women Bible Study			
10:00	Tai Chi			
Friday, June 6				
8-4	Presbyterian Men at Calvin Crest			
Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost				
10:00	Worship with Communion			
11:00	Coffee Fellowship			
11-3	Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's			
4:15	Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House			
Summer Schedule May 25 – August 31				
Single Worship Service at 10 a.m.				
Coffee Fellowship at 11 a.m.				
No Sunday school				
Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday				

Joys & Concerns.

Gladys Kuster passed away recently at the age of 98. Her Memorial Service is set for Thursday, June 12 at 11:00 at the Westlawn-Hillcrest Funeral Home.

Patricia Harrington passed away last week. A family Memorial Service is being planned for later in the summer.

Flowers in the Chancel this morning are given by Russ Beernink and Dianne Witmer in memory of Bob and Margaret Dickmeyer.

Do I Smell Pancakes? Yes, you do! Today, The Pancake Man visits PCOC. Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. The cost is \$5.00 per person and \$20.00 maximum per family. Proceeds will go to supply children's clothing to Foster Love, a group which supports foster families. Anne Nagosky and her fiddlers will provide lively music and entertainment as well!

SHF Mission Trip is June 1-7. Last Sunday, we commissioned our Sr. High students for their mission trip. They departed this morning for Estes Park, CO, where they will be doing work projects at Christine Dempsey's church, Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies.

Active Minds in June. Active Minds Fellowship invites all JHF and SHF youth to join us for cards in June. We will be playing 10-

point pitch and Five Crowns; we can teach you how to play these games. Youth need to have a parent register them online. This is a drop-in fellowship so come when you



can---but all youth please register if attending any of the June Tuesdays, from 1:30-4:00. We meet in the Great Room. Transportation drivers are welcome to stay and play cards with us. Questions? Please contact Earlene Uhrig.

Vesper Concerts Season 37 REVEAL is today. Have you been wondering about the exciting, inspiring, and electrifying performances in store for our next season? We'll reveal it all on June 1 in our email newsletter, on Facebook and Instagram, and on our website at vesperconcerts.org, Make sure you're on our email list by signing up on our website. Would you like a brochure mailed to you? Send Kristi your mailing address at kristi@pcoc.us.



Coming Staff Changes

The month of June brings the retirement of Julie Hansen, our wonderful, long-time Office Administrator. Coming to PCOC is Annika Shaw, to fill the role of Office Administrator and occupy the newly-created role of Community Engagement Coordinator. This new role will manage our growing communication efforts – print, digital, social media, website, and more. Read more about it in the upcoming June edition of Cross Currents.

We are so thankful for the many ways Julie has served our church for 32 years! Julie says she is "really ready" to retire now and is happy to have Annika coming on board. They both will overlap in early June, so you might hear either of their voices on the phone for a few weeks.

49ers on June 3.

Our program for Tuesday, June 3 will be Amanda Stastny. Amanda owns and operates Bumbling Bee Native Wildflowers where she grows native, pollinator friendly garden plants from seeds out of her home. These plants are Nebraska or regionally native and existed here before the European settlers arrived, which means they have important interactions with our insect populations, for example, serving as host plants for butterflies. Amanda has been featured in the Omaha



World Herald for her expertise. 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.



Presbyterian Women on June 5.

It's time for our annual salad luncheon. Charlene Weyand will lead us in lesson 9 from Growing Older & Wiser titled "Lifelong Trust", based on Psalm 71: 14-24. In praise and joy of our 9 months of Bible Study, we will share lunch. Please bring a salad to share at our Thursday, June 5th last meeting until September. Reminder: The time is later – 10:30 a.m. – in the Courtyard Classroom. Contact Cindy Nisley if you have any questions.

Presbyterian Men – Friday, June 6 Workday at Camp Calvin Crest from 8am – 4pm

Each year we help Camp Calvin Crest to get ready for summer camps by performing a few projects. This year they need us to help with these projects: 1) Replace & staple screens in 6 bunkhouses at Ranch Camp.

2) Replace flexible ductwork under Cabin 8 in a crawl space. 3) Split the firewood and stack in piles. If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center in the Welcome Center or Reply to Jon Boomgaarden. We will carpool (more details later) and have a no-cost lunch. Wear your Mission T-Shirt, if you don't have one, contact Jon with your size & he'll get you one. - Jon Boomgaarden.



Summer Fun for PCOC Children and Youth. We don't want you to miss out on our summer activities!

Vacation Bible School is July 15 - 17, 9 a.m. to noon Art & Music Camp is August 5 – 8, 9:00 – noon & 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.



Register Now!

Heartland Hope Mission June 7.

Please consider volunteering on the first Saturday of each month to work at the HHM West pantry at 15555 Industrial Road from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Several members of our church will be there with

you and it is a great way to meet the staff, other volunteers and help local clients for a short period of time on one Saturday each month. Please contact John Bennett if interested in volunteering. Thank you for continuing to support Heartland Hope Mission.

It's Time for Summer Choir on June 15

Summer Choir is an opportunity for singers of all ages to raise their voices together in song. If you've ever been interested in singing in the choir, this casual, fun choir is for you. There are three Summer Choir dates: June 15, July 13, and August 10. We'll meet in the choir room at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse a few simple and fun pieces to sing at the 10:00 worship service. Drop Kristi an email to let her know you're coming at kristi@pcoc.us.

PCOC Book Group Meets on June 18.

The PCOC Book Group will meet June 18 in The Courtyard Room from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. to review The Warm Hands of Ghosts by Katherine Arden. All readers are welcome! Ouestions? Contact Charlotte Hubbard.

Friday Night Gourmets June 20

Friday Night Gourmets will meet on Friday, June 20, at 6:30 PM at Tim and Kris Goodman's home: 17206 Fairway Drive in the Tiburon South Subdivision. Please sign up at the Information Desk for what you would like to bring. We will supply Burgers, Brats, Tea and Water. Please bring your own bottle. For questions call Kris or AJ and Judy Sundberg. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Make an impact for young people through the Pentecost Offering April 21 – June 8, 2025

Support young people nationally, internationally and even in our own community through ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). PCOC youth retain 40% of the offering our congregation receives to help children, youth and young adults in our own community. Nationally, this offering supports The Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which is happening this summer for youth all across the country, as well as other programs, such as PCUSA's Young Adult Volunteer Program and the Educate a Child Transform the World, a national

initiative which seeks to improve the quality of public education for children in the U.S. and globally so that all God's children may grow into the fullness of life. You can use a blue pew envelope for your offering, making your check out to PCOC and writing Pentecost Offering in the memo line.



Summer Ushers are Needed!

During the summer, we offer our regular usher teams time off and encourage others to help out. You can sign up at the Information Desk for any Sunday that you would like to help.

Ushers Needed







Additional AV Team Members Needed

Are you interested in how our Church livestream and sound system work? Do you want to be a meaningful part of our worship service each week? Are you looking to improve your technical know how? We have a spectacular volunteer opportunity for you! We are looking to add more members for our Audio and Video team on Sundays. We need assistance with running sound and audio, moving and running cameras during the service, as well as the livestream itself. If you are interested in any of these positions,

contact Christian Fritz. We will be happy to train you during the 10:00 services over the summer.

Mighty Kids Meet Giving Goals!

\$300 Keep Hunger At Bay With The "Egg A Day" Pledge. Pledge to give a Family of Chickens every month for a year! Make a difference in the lives of those who don't have easy access to a healthy and nourishing diet. Eggs can also be a valuable source of income, providing money to purchase other food for the table

Egg a Day Pledge



The first few months of 2025 found our youth givers donating their weekly offerings towards bunnies and hutches and then fishing equipment. That being said, the Mighty Kids have given over \$350 towards those two efforts already. Our next pledge effort is to raise another \$300 for the Egg a Day Pledge. This offering will give a Family of Chickens every month for a year and make a difference in the lives of those who don't have easy access to a healthy and nourishing diet. Eggs can also be a valuable source of income providing money to purchase other food for the table.

Our youth are amazingly generous each week as they understand they help others they have never met. Each week as Sunday School begins this is a talking point. If you have a young person in your family, simply use a blue envelope, write their name, and mark "youth giving."

Behold the Beauty of the Lord Series Continues

We are thrilled by the incredible turnout last Sunday for our first presenter, Lloyd Meyer. We hope you plan to join us on December 28 and January 4 at 9:30 a.m. when Charlotte Hubbard and Dave Gardner will address the questions, "How does your artistic creativity inform your faith?" and "How does your faith manifest itself in your creative pursuits?" Register online.

What is Synod School?

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. Held on the campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, from July 20-25, 2025, the week is designed for laity, clergy, individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth and children. People come from all over the country with their friends and families to share in this week of worship, study, play and life together. It is an opportunity to learn something new to continue conversations begun by key speakers with others over meals or a board game, to share talents of creativity



and music, to worship without being in charge, to be energized for service and enjoy not having to cook for a week! To learn more about Synod School go to www.lakesandprairies.org/synod-school or contact Annie Wattles

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