



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, November 2, 2025

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

## All Saints Day

*from the website of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

"All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the glorious company of the apostles . . . the noble fellowship of prophets . . . the white-robed army of martyrs. It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation."

Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year."

## Gathering in God's Name

### Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Robert Hobby

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

### Silent Meditation

Jesus comes not for the super-spiritual but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together, and who are not too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace.

Brennan Manning

### Call to Worship

The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures:

**Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.**

The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello:

**Lord, your creation boasts of your love.**

Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

## Praise and Adoration

\*Opening Hymn #326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

(\*Please stand, if you are able.)

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us, and help us. We call on you, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now...

### Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition

#### Kyrie Eleison

#### Lord, Have Mercy

Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Congregational Response (#581)

#### Glory Be to the Father

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 and Announcements

#### Adult Members Unite with the Congregation

Brenda Graumann,  
Co-Moderator of the Membership Committee

Joining today are new members:

Erika Felstead and CJ Collins-Durant

Ruth and Jeremiah Frahm

Gwen Graves

Chris Melick

Lisa Sekundiak

Tonya Wilkinson

Josh Graalfs and Cayce Wilkinson-Graalfs

#### \*Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

# Fellowship of Prayer

## Joys and Concerns

*We remember our church members who have passed away since All Saints Day 2024*

Howard Anderson	Wayne Bauer	Kathleen Cain	John Conley
Joe Eckman	John Hall	Carolyn Hansen	Ruth Haycraft
Velma Juarez	Mary Kern	Gladys Kuster	Ken Lundgren
Betty Mack	Carol Mason	Chet Mason	Shirley Payne
Janis Phelps	Ron Roeder	Frank Watt	Doug Wells
Betty Woodhull			

## 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

It Is Well with My Soul (9:00)

Philip Bliss;  
arr. Todd Marchand  
John Ness Beck

Offertory (11:10)

## Proclamation of God's Word

### Scripture Lesson

Luke 19: 1-10

page 854 of the pew Bible

### Sermon

Zacchaeus' Problem Wasn't His Height

Dr. Zieman

## Our Response to God's Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith, 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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### \*Sanctus (#562)

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Schubert)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

# Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

<b>Offertory</b>	In the Sweet By-and-By (9:00) Pilgrim Song (11:10)	Joseph Webster; arr. Ivan Brand arr. Ryan Murphy
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<b>*Doxology (#607)</b>	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD HUNDREDTH
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*Dedication of All the 2026 Pledges**

*We pause to look to 2026 and ask God's blessing as we plan for the future.*

*If you haven't already returned your 2026 pledge card, you may drop it in the offering plate today or mail it to the church office asap!*

**\*Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

**You have entrusted us with gifts - time, talent, energy, money - and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise, we respond to your call.**

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**Bless these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Bless our lives, as we joyfully participate in your kingdom's work. Amen.**

<b>*Hymn of Dedication #649</b>	Amazing Grace	AMAZING GRACE
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**\*Charge and Benediction**

<b>*Postlude</b>	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart	Johann Krebs
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**Serving in Ministry Today**

<b>Music</b>	9:00 Trinity Brass; Mark Kanitz, organ	11:10 Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ
<b>Childcare Ministry</b>	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster	
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00: Dave Berry, Captain; Brad Burch, Tim Zimmerman, Cherri Carpenter, Dawn Zimmerman 11:10 Jim Chapin, Captain; Doug Reid, Inga Wagner, Kim Banat, Kim Reid	
<b>Greeters</b>	9:00 North Door: Mary Ann Pederson	9:00 Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
	11:10 North Door: Barb Haar-Rightmyer	11:10 Welcome Center Door: Kathy Gross
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00 Kathy Nickel	11:10 Pam Swenson
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Trudy Meyer	

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# Announcements

For the week of November 2, 2025

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, November 2

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School
- 11:10 Worship
- 4:00 Remembrance Service
- 4:45 JHF & SHF Fun and Games

### Monday, November 3

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

### Tuesday, November 4

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

### Wednesday, November 5

- 5:15 Children's & Credo Choirs
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Bible Study & Adult Education
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

### Thursday, November 6

- 9:00 Music and Movement
- 9:30 PW Bible Study & Meeting in Room 15
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 11:00 Music and Movement
- 11:00 Doug Wells Memorial Service with lunch
- 6:00 Bell Rehearsal

### Friday, November 7

- 9:30 GO SOLO Coffee & Conversation, Whole Foods Market Cafe
- 7:00 Vesper Concert

### Saturday, November 8

- 9-12 Fall Clean Up with JHF and SHF

### Sunday, November 9

- 9:00 Worship with Communion
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School
- 10:00 Mission Presentation in Fellowship Hall
- 11:10 Worship with Communion
- 11-3 Caring & Sharing Day at Don and Millie's
- 4:15 Siena Francis House Volunteering
- 5:30 Presbyterian Men's Shrimp Boil

Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:10 a.m.  
Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m.  
Office Hours: 9:00 to 4:30 Monday-Friday

## Joys and Concerns

Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Charolotte Hubbard in celebration of Neal's birthday and by Linda Dobry in memory of Dr. Charles Dobry. The rosebud this morning is in celebration of the birth of Naomi Elaine Pirnie to Michael and Sarah Pirnie. She was born on October 25. Mitch and Lori Pirnie are celebrating as grandparents.

**Remembrance Service is today at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**

## Remembrance Service

*A personal invitation for you to come and remember your loved one*



Our church's Cross Care Connections ministry is reaching out to members and families to come and remember your loved one during our annual afternoon service in our Sanctuary. You are invited to stay after the service for continued fellowship at a reception in the Welcome Center.

## Love in Action

During October, our stewardship drive has had a great response for members returning pledge cards to my office. I would estimate that we are 67% of the way there. I have recorded 180 pledges and more than 42% of those continue to be increased giving from the previous year. THANK YOU for your strong support of Presbyterian Church of the Cross' ministry and mission plans. Pledge cards are available at the Information Desk. You are welcome to place your pledge into the offering plate this morning. – Rock Sumner, Business Administrator



### Children's Sunday School Classrooms

We are excited to announce that the Children's Sunday School classroom renovations in Rooms 1-5 are nearly complete! We are looking forward to our new doors and windows that will be installed in early November, but everything else is done. We will be holding classes in Rooms 1-5 beginning this Sunday! We still plan to meet in the Gathering Space at 10:00 a.m. for a short time with Sue Thomas, then move to the newly renovated classrooms. Parents may still pick up their children in the Gathering Space at 10:50 a.m.

### Adult Sunday Morning Class

**Finding God in the Abyss - The Holocaust**, led by Cindy Sloan – meets in Room 15 at 10:00 am.

Today is the last class.

### Presbyterian Women November 6

This month only we meet in Classroom 15 (near the church office) at 9:30am. We will study the Presbyterian Women's Bible study, Lesson 3 from "Images of the Spirit" by Dale & Sandy Larsen, which is titled "Fire." Diane Kratz looks at how the Holy Spirit comes to us in Acts 2: 1-4, 14-18. In this "Season of Thanks," we are grateful to have this opportunity for informal Bible discussion with PCOC church women. We encourage you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Nisley.



### Vesper Concert This Friday, November 7

Violinist Cristian Fatu returns to Vesper Concerts, this time alongside collaborative pianist Lolita Lisovskaya-Sayevich. Together, they will present a violin and piano odyssey titled "Echoes of Eternity," featuring works by Beethoven, César Franck, Weinberg, Williams, and Bach. The concert takes place on Friday evening, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the PCOC sanctuary.

### Order Christmas Poinsettias by Friday, November 7

The sanctuary is so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas seasons, especially with the addition of the many poinsettias purchased by church members. This year, orders are due by Friday, November 7, and will arrive in time for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent on December 14. Order forms can be found at the Information Desk or online. The cost for each poinsettia plant is \$17. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Church of the Cross.



### Fall Clean-Up is next Saturday, November 8, 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!

### Presbyterian Mission Presentation, Sunday, November 9, at 10 am Fellowship Hall

Join our Serbia/Bosnia and Moldova mission teams for coffee fellowship between services. Each group will have photos and stories of their trips to share. We thank you for your many prayers for our safety as we traveled to meet with new opportunities for ways our church might better serve this world.

## Presbyterian Men's Classic Shrimp Boil Dinner & Fundraiser is Sunday, November 9

Presbyterian Men are once again hosting an old-fashioned shrimp boil on Sunday, November 9 in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. The entertainment will be Josh Powell playing his guitar and singing. Come and enjoy scrumptious 'JUMBO' fresh shrimp (or chicken cordon bleu) served with all the fixins! The suggested donation is only \$20 per person or more if you wish. ALL proceeds will go to purchase baby formula for Heartland Hope Mission. Sign up and pay in advance (checks to Presbyterian Men) at the Information Desk by Sunday, November 2. Questions? Contact Jim Miller or Frank McMullen.

## Active Minds on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

We will be teaching and playing Mahjongg for all of November and the first 2 weeks of December. To ensure that we have enough game sets & cards for all, please sign up online or in the binder at the Information Desk.



## 'Tis the Season SHF Fundraiser is November 16 at Noon

You don't want to miss this SHF fundraiser! This event has been a tradition at PCOC for many years. It is one part lunch fundraiser for our youth, one part quality time with your family, and one part showing our shut-in members that we are thinking of them during this holiday season. If you can only stay for lunch, crafting to-go kits will be available. Join us for this fundraiser and family friendly crafts to welcome in the holiday season! Register online by November 1 so we can plan for food and craft supplies.



## Register Now - Children's Christmas Pageant

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. All children preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be wearing costumes and singing. Junior and senior high kids will help with the set and the Confirmants will read the Bible verses. **Please put on your calendar these mandatory rehearsals:** Wednesday, December 3, 6-7 p.m., Saturday, December 6, 2-4 p.m., and Sunday, December 7, 10 -11 a.m. Please register by November 1 if your child would like to participate.



**The Preschool Sunday School Class** for three-, four-, and five-year-olds that haven't attended Kindergarten meets in Room 7 on Sundays, at 10:00 a.m. Anna Flairty and Libby Whitlow love teaching this age group and invite your children and grandchildren to join them. The PCUSA curriculum, Growing in Grace and Gratitude, is so much fun and the perfect introduction to learning about God's love. No need to register ahead of time, just drop in. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Berry, Director of Christian Education.

## Join the Omaha Street School Crew!

A group of PCOC volunteers serve lunch to the OSS students and staff once a month during the school year. Each member of the crew is assigned a food item or two to bring each month. We are famous among the students for our menu consisting of nachos, tacos, fruit and dessert. Two members of our crew moved away last spring to be closer to their families, so we are now in need of one more volunteer to be in charge of dessert. Dessert can be brownies, cookies, cupcakes or whatever your specialty might be. We serve 35-40 people each month and you can be reimbursed for the cost of the items you bring. The time commitment is small - only 1 1/2 hours to serve plus prep time for your food items. We serve on the second Thursday of each month. For more information contact Tina Morgan.

## Nominate an Officer Today!

In the Presbyterian Church, we have the privilege and responsibility of nominating and electing our own congregational leaders. Now is the time to nominate a new class of Elders and Deacons. Your input is both appreciated and necessary! Forms are available online, in the Church Office, and at the Information Desk. The deadline is December 14. Questions? Contact a member of the church nominating committee: Darold Bauer, Kris Goodman, Gary Lynn, Marietta Morhardt, Mary Ott, and Brenda Graumann.



## Job Opportunities at PCOC

Presbyterian Church of the Cross (PCOC) is now hiring for two new part-time positions, both reporting to the Senior Pastor and offering limited benefits.

PCOC is seeking a reliable and detailed person to support the church's ministry by managing and maintaining its financial records, ensuring accurate and timely financial reports, and supporting and serving on various church committees.

PCOC is seeking a reliable and detail-oriented person to manage the general maintenance, safety and cleaning of the church building and grounds; arrange for contractors and/or volunteer support as needed and serve on various church committees.

For more information, including a more detailed Job Description, contact Frank McMullen at [fdmiii3@aol.com](mailto:fdmiii3@aol.com) or the church office. The application deadline is October 31, 2025.

## Happy Thanksgiving



**Thanksgiving Offering.** Through the end of the month, we will collect funds to support our annual PCOC Thanksgiving offering that benefits families in need through our mission partner Completely Kids. We provide Thanksgiving baskets that will be distributed to families the week of Thanksgiving. Please use the blue pew envelopes for this donation, or write Thanksgiving Donation on the memo line of your check. All funds will go towards next year's baskets.

## Names for the Messiah - An Advent Study by Walter Brueggemann, led by Laura Duncan

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. - November 23, 30 & Dec 7, 14

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Names for the Messiah ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfil the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. Christians have claimed from the beginning that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: What were these expectations? And Did Jesus fulfill them? Perfect for individual or group study, a study book includes prayers and questions for reflection that can be used each week. Register now!

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