

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Andantino César Franck

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

Silent Meditation

"'That to which your heart clings and entrusts itself is… really your God.' As Luther goes on to explain, our god may in fact be money, possessions, power, fame, family, or nation. What happens when those who say they believe in God stop asking whether what their heart really clings to is the one true God or an idol?"

Faith Seeking Understanding, The Task of Theology, Daneil M. Migliore, 1991

Call to Worship Psalm 105

O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually; let us worship God!

Praise and Adoration

***Hymn #396** Brethren, We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

(*Please stand, if you are able)

1. Men 2. Women 3. All Sing 4. All Sing

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

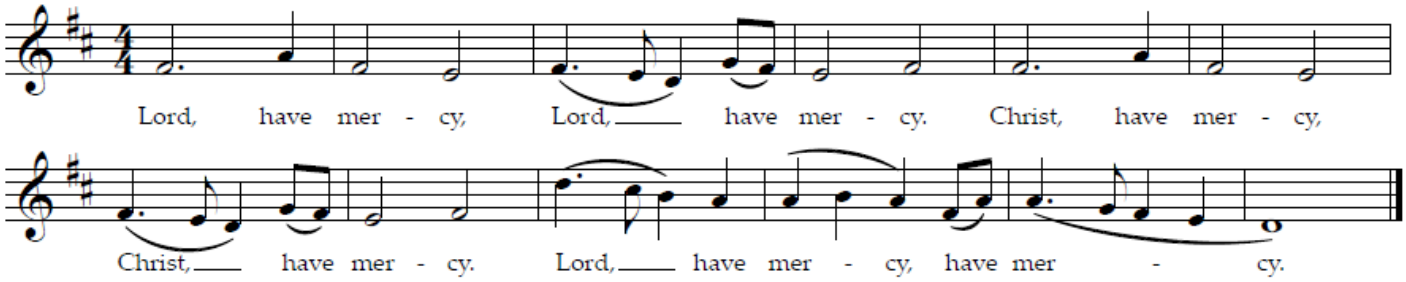
Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You call to us at every hour: "come and see." Yet we sit and wait, or we wander off. You call us to a life better than we know. You call us to a bounty beyond what we deserve. Yet, in our weaker moments, we turn and hide, or we follow our desires. Hear us, O Lord.

Forgive us for believing we know better. Forgive us for listening to our desires, instead of Your voice. In the sacred prayerful silence of Your House this morning… we ask for Your forgiveness: that You would create in us a clean heart and renew our spirit…

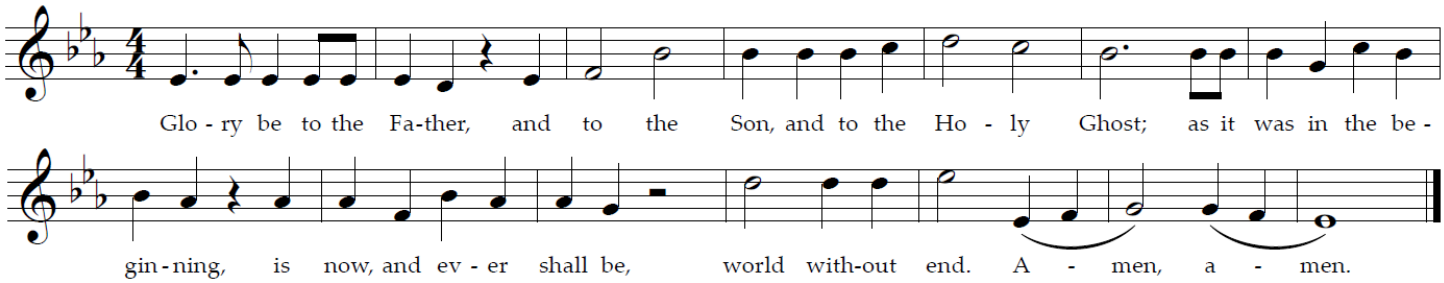
Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition

Kyrie Eleison Lord, Have Mercy SCHUBERT



Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response (#581)** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)



***Welcome**

Announcements

Moment for Mission PCOC's Fall Blood Drive, Carla Fritz, Deacon

Fellowship of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer (11:10) Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Rebecca Raber

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 My Heart Would Ever Wander (9:00) David von Kampen

Come Home (11:10) Jennaya Robison

Kara Penniston & Noah Reestman, solos

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lesson Matthew 20: 1-16 page 801 of the pew Bible

Sermon "Whatever is Right" Rev. Joshua Garry

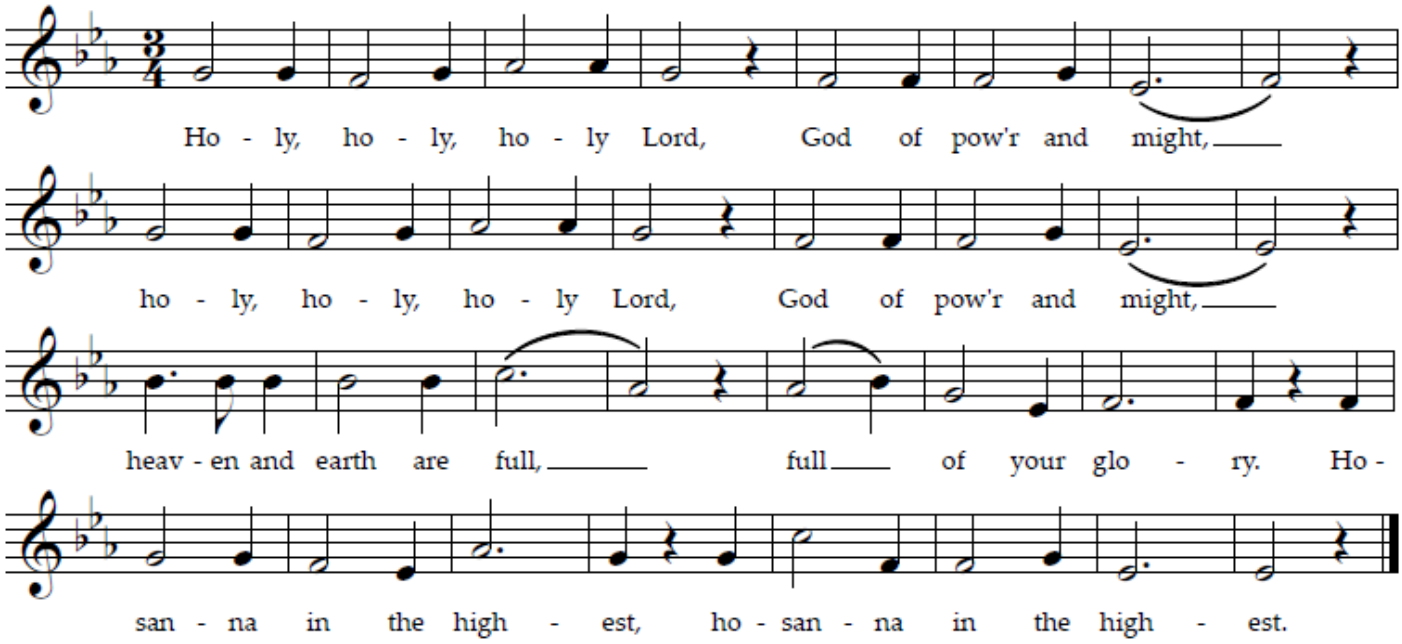
Our Response to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *Book of Confessions:* The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 31; [4.031]

Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief prophet and teacher, who fully reveals to us the secret council and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest, who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of His body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom He has won for us.

Thanks be to Christ. Amen.

***Sanctus (#562)** Holy, Holy, Holy SANCTUS (Schubert)



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory The Perfect Wisdom of Our God (9:00) Townend; arr. Getty
Psalm 150 (11:10) Peter Anglea

***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**

God of all that is, we thank You for the opportunity to give to others. We thank You for the opportunity to be generous. We thank you for the opportunity to be grateful. That we may give at all is a gift. We ask only that in our giving to others what they would really receive is You, Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Dedication #719**	Come, Labor On	ORA LABORA

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude	Festival	Healey Willan

Serving in Ministry Today

Music	9:00	Anna Harveson, soprano & Noah Reestman, baritone; Mark Kanitz, organ	
	11:10	Alleluia Singers; Cayce Wilkinson, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ	
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster		
Uhers	9:00	Tim Graumann, Captain: Brenda Graumann,Kathy Moore, Jeff Boyum, Brad Miner	
	11:10	Josh Murray, Captain; Joe Weaver, Julie Buehler, Kathy Gross, Max Rieke	
Greeters	9:00	North Door: Sue Meusey	Welcome Center Door: Carol Futhey
	11:10	North Door: Millicent Myres	Welcome Center Door: Linda Grohs
Information Center	9:00	Barb Haar-Rightmyer	11:10 Stephanie Weaver
Coffee Host		Patti Sparks	

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Announcements

For the week of September 20, 2026

PRESBYTERIAN
Church of the Cross

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 20 – Pantry Sunday
9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
10:00 Kids and Youth Sunday School Classes
11:10 Worship

Monday, September 21
9 & 11 Music and Movement
6:30 Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, September 22
7:00 Men's Bible Study
9:30 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
1:30 Active Minds
5:00 Cross Care

Wednesday, September 23
5:15 Children's Choir and Credo Choir
5:50 Chamber Singers
6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
6:30 Confirmation Class
6:30 The Acts of the Apostles Class
6:30 Genesis Class
6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, September 24
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi

Saturday, September 26
8:00 Habitat for Humanity Event

Sunday, September 27
8:00-1:00 Deacons Fall Blood Drive
9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Kids and Youth Sunday School Classes
10:00 Falling Upward Class begins
11:10 Worship
12:30 Pageant Rehearsal
5:00 Anxious Generation Class

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. The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Russ Beernink and Diane Witmer in memory of uncle and friend, Vernon Beernink.

Please know that James Wise passed away this past Tuesday, September 15th. Please keep his wife, Yvonne Wise, and their family, in your thoughts and prayers; service details pending.

We have returned to our Fall Schedule We have returned to worship services at 9:00 & 11:10, with the Sunday School hour and Coffee Fellowship Hour at 10:00. The church office is open 9:00 – 4:30, Monday – Friday.

Coming next Sunday - Deacons Blood Drive on September 27.
The Red Cross will be at PCOC from 8:00 – 1:00 on Sept. 27 for a Blood Drive sponsored by our Deacons. Help us reach our goal of registering 25 donors! Sign ups are available at: the table in the Welcome Center, going online at PCOC, or on the Red Cross website at redcross.org. Contact Carla Fritz with any questions. The Sr. High Sunday School Class will meet in the Library on September 27.

American Red Cross

Active Minds – Tuesdays in September Active Minds will be a choice of games for 2 or 4 players. Backgammon (easy to learn), Cribbage (love math), or Mancala (game of strategy). Come enjoy the fellowship and learn something new this month. If you have any of these 3 games at home, please bring yours to share!

A fond farewell - This week we bid a fond farewell to Annika Shaw, who for the past 15 months has served as PCOC's Office Administrator and Community Engagement Coordinator. Annika has accepted a position as the Manager of Digital Marketing for The United Way of the Midlands in Omaha. We wish Annika all the best as she embarks on this new journey. We are glad that we will still see her around PCOC as she continues in her role as Marketing Strategist for Vesper Concerts.

Office Help Needed! With Annika's departure, we are in search of a part-time secretary, working Mon-Fri, 9:00 – 1:00. Duties include general clerical, maintaining church records, and supporting the worship services through printing bulletins and sending email reminders to volunteers. For a detailed job description, or to find out more, contact either Marshall Zieman or Personnel Committee

Moderator, Jim Miller. We are thankful that as we search for a new secretary, Julie Hansen will return to help us "hold down the fort."



PROJECT Trio Performs at the Annual Outdoor Concert - Join us for this much-anticipated annual event! Vesper Concerts presents PROJECT Trio on Sunday, October 4, at 4:30 p.m. on the East Lawn. Bring your lawn chairs and an appetite, because the Corndog Co. food truck is back! PROJECT Trio is a dynamic and innovative music group known for their genre-blending performances and captivating stage presence. With virtuosic musicianship and contagious energy, PROJECT Trio has gained worldwide acclaim for their electrifying performances that defy categorization and captivate audiences of all ages. You can find out more information about the group at vesperconcerts.org.

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday mornings - Falling Upward, led by Keith Allen
Sundays at 10:00 a.m. from September 27 – December 27

In ***Falling Upward***, Richard Rohr (A Franciscan priest and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation) takes us on a journey to give us an understanding of how the "Falling" in life – the heartbreaks, disappointments, and first loves - are actually stepping-stones to the "Upwards" in life – the spiritual growth that the second half of our life has in store for us. Join us this September for a 13-week study of **Falling Upward** with Richard Rohr as our guide. Led by Keith Allen, the class will follow Rohr's book, chapter by chapter, and will also incorporate reflections, questions and experiential exercises that have been pulled from Rohr's companion journal that accompanies the book. Suggested Book Donation $15.

Sunday afternoons - The Anxious Generation, led by Quinn McGuire
Sundays at 4:45 p.m. from September 13 – October 25

Together we will explore Jonathan Haidt's research on the rise of anxiety, depression, and loneliness among children and adolescents while discussing how Christian families can intentionally cultivate resilient, connected, faith-filled children in a digital world. This study is designed to encourage conversation—not debate—and to leave each session with practical ideas families can begin using immediately. Register Online. Suggested Book Donation $15.

Tuesdays - Tuesday Bible Studies, led by Dr. Marshall Zieman

Feel free to join in, either at 7:00 a.m. (men) or at 1:00 p.m. (everyone). Just bring your favorite Bible and come to the Welcome Center.

Wednesday nights - The Acts of the Apostles, led by Dr. Kirk Ryckman
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. from September 16 – November 18

This fall the after-dinner adult ed class will be looking at *The Acts of the Apostles*. We will be using this study for both Fall and Winter. The author of the student's guides, Carol Miller, is a gifted and insightful writer and teacher. This is the second book of our Bible written by Luke. This is the best history of how those eleven remaining disciples took the Good News Jesus taught and the wonder of the Resurrection and took it to the world. This is the story of how Paul, the author of 1/3 of our New Testament, went from persecuting the early church to being a major factor in its growth and success in the Roman world. Fun times. Lots of discussion. All questions are welcomed. Join us! Suggested Book Donation: $30.