

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Waltz in G Major Matt Walters

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

Silent Meditation

Christianity is not a set of beliefs or doctrines one believes in order to be a Christian, but rather Christianity is to have one's body shaped, one's habits determined, in such a way that the worship of God is unavoidable. Stanley Hauerwas, American theologian

Call to Worship

Why do you come to this place?

We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

Do you come ready to hear and learn, giving attention to God's Word?

We come with open hearts and minds, seeking to learn from the One whose authority is founded on God's love.

Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God's house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness. Let us worship God!

Praise and Adoration

***Hymn #65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

(*Please stand, if you are able)

Confession and Pardon

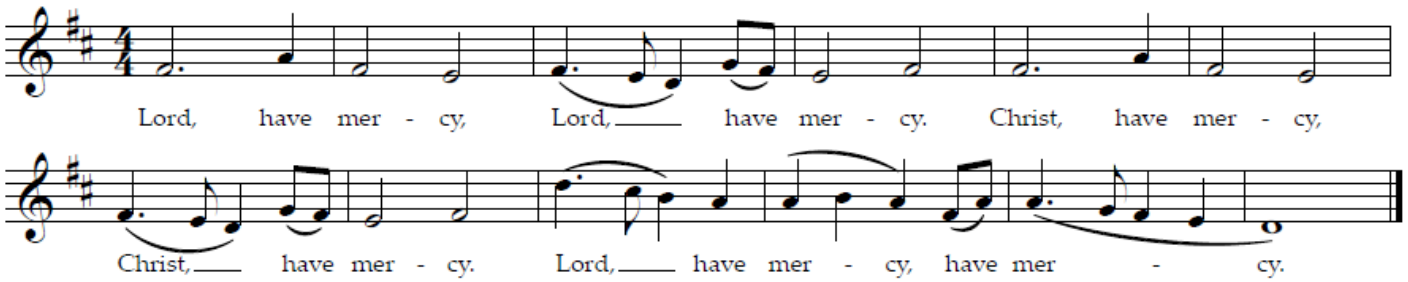
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news with our lips but don't change our actions. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live out the words we say. Amen.

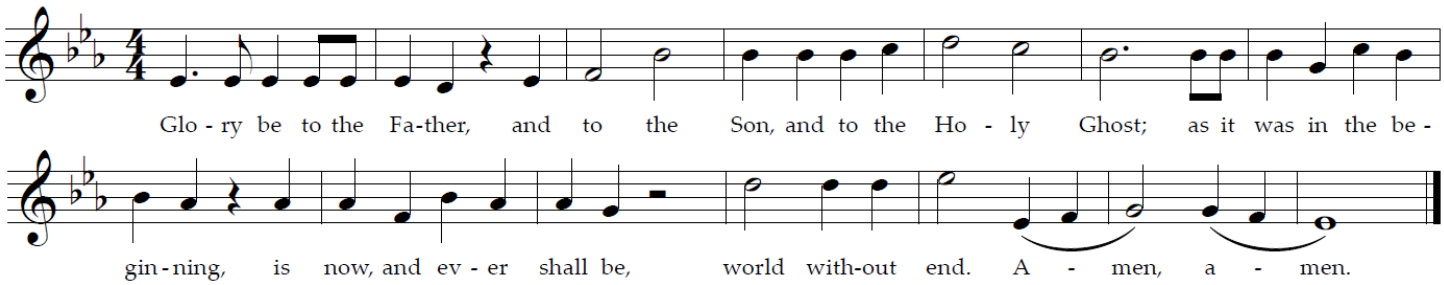
Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition

Kyrie Eleison Lord, Have Mercy SCHUBERT



Assurance of Pardon

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



***Welcome**

Announcements

Fellowship of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer (11:10) Call to Remembrance Richard Farrant

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 More Love to Thee (9:00) Camille Saint-Saëns
Open thou mine eyes (11:10) John Rutter
Jayne Frederickson, solo

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lessons Psalm 78: 1-8 page 468 of the pew Bible
Matthew 21: 23-32 page 802 of the pew Bible

Sermon "Changing Your Mind and Changing Your Course" Dr. Zieman

Our Response to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** from The Confession of Belhar, South Africa, 1986

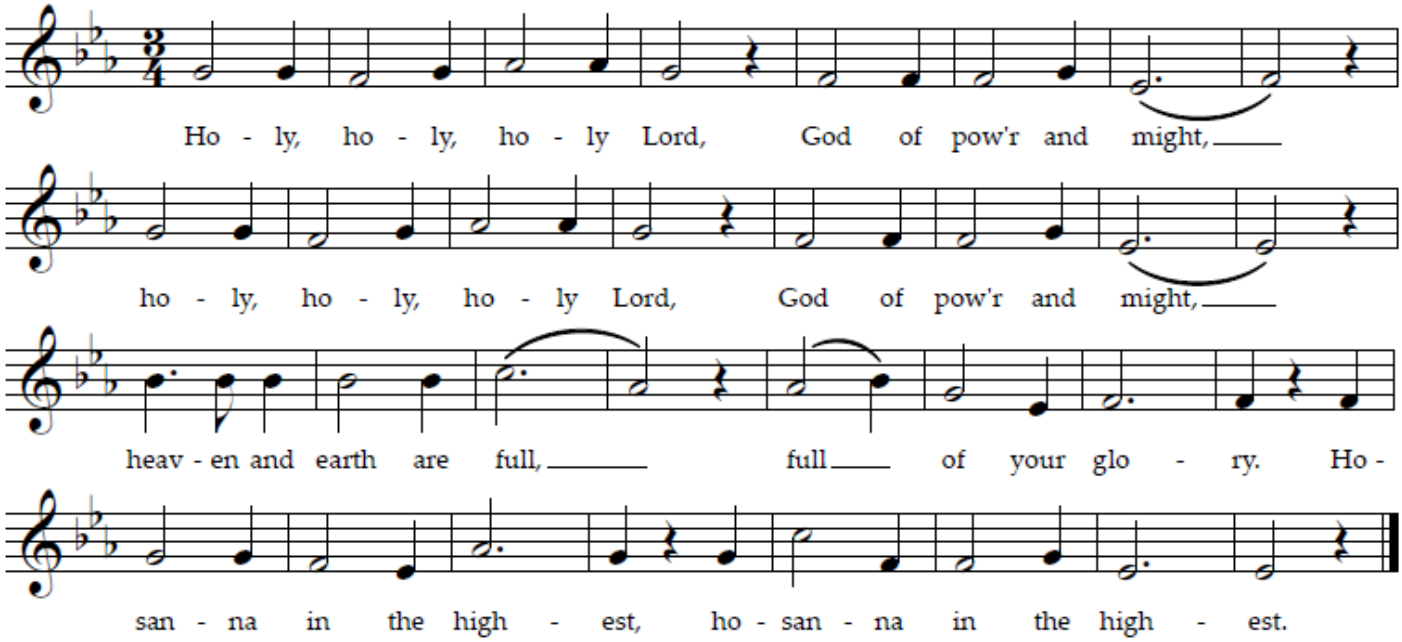
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe … that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

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.

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



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Laudamus Te (9:00) Antonio Vivaldi; arr. Sieving

We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.

Jubilate Deo (11:10) Peter Anglea

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

***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**

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

***Hymn of Dedication #630** Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADERS' HYMN

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude God of Grace Paul Manz

Serving in Ministry Today

Music	9:00	Sarah Frederickson & Kristi Treu, sopranos; Mark Kanitz, organ
	11:10	Chamber Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster	
	9:00	Darold Bauer, Captain; Mimi Bauer, Mike & Sherryl Shannon, Doug Rathman
	11:10	David Berry, Captain; Penny Dehner, Zach Metzger, Millicent Myers
Greeters	9:00	North Door: Barb Haar-Rightmyer Welcome Center Door: Nancy Koehler
	11:10	North Door: Sandy Simpson and Dwight Peterson
		Welcome Center Door: Pam and John Swenson
Information Center	9:00	Linda Miller 11:10 Susan Price
Coffee Host	Kathryn Vint	

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Announcements

For the week of September 27, 2026

PRESBYTERIAN
Church of the Cross

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 27
8:00-2:00 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
3:00 JHF to Skinny Bones
4:45 SHF Field Day
5:00 Anxious Generation Class

Monday, September 28
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 29
7:00 Men's Bible Study
9:30 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
1:30 Active Minds

Wednesday, September 30
5:15 Children's & Credo Choirs
5:50 Chamber Singers
6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
6:30 Confirmation Class
6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, October 1
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi

Sunday, October 4
9:00 Worship with Communion
10:00 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 "Falling Upward" Class
10:00 Kids and Youth Sunday School Classes
11:10 Worship with Communion
4:00 Outdoor Vesper Concert

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

PCOC Red Cross Blood Drive is today from 9am – 2pm. While many have signed up online, walk-ins are also being accepted. Come to the lower-level Great Room. The Sr. High Sun School Class will meet in the library this morning to accommodate the blood drive.

American Red Cross

Friday Night Gourmet this Friday, October 2. Friday Night Gourmet will meet on October 2, at Pasta Amore in Rockbrook Village. We will order off the menu. Gathering at 6:30 with ordering at 7:00. Space is limited to 30. Questions: Call Charlene Meyer. Hosts are Lloyd and Charlene and Mary and Butch.

FRIDAY NIGHT Gourmet

Next Sunday - 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. Learn more at vesperconcerts.org.



Active Minds in October. We are looking forward to having guest teachers Brenda Graumann and Darold Bauer help us learn/review the card game North Dakota Whist. All are welcome! Every Tuesday in the lower-level Great Room, 1:30-4:00 pm. Bring a sweater. Feel free to join us after Bible Study.

Upcoming New Member Discussion Lunch - Interested in learning more about membership at PCOC? Join us for a discussion class on October 11, 2026, at 12:15 pm. This one-hour session starts after the late service in the Courtyard Room of the Welcome Center. The class will offer information from our Pastors and address questions by anyone attending. Sign up from the church website or by calling the church office.

49ERS on October 6. Our program for Tuesday, October 6, 2026, will be a dynamic trio of Presbyterian Church of the Cross volunteers, Sandi Stuckey, Charlene Meyer and Frank McMullen. These three individuals volunteer at the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, as one of their activities. They will enlighten us as to some of the many volunteer opportunities available for anyone interested in getting involved in our community. 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.

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 Jim Miller, Personnel Committee Moderator.

Presbyterian Women on October 7. Join us on Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 am in the Courtyard classroom. Presbyterian Women will continue our Horizon's study as Carolyn Will leads us in lesson 2, "Connected in Christ" from 1 Corinthians 3-4.

Calling all Second Graders! You are invited to join us on Sunday, October 11 at 11:10 a.m. to receive your Deep Blue Kids Bible. If you are unable to attend, please contact Heather to arrange another time to deliver your Bible.

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Presbyterian Men On Saturday, October 17 at 9:00 am, PCOC men are invited to attend a continental breakfast and program in the Welcome Center featuring Jay Miralles, a co-founder of the 50 Mile March Foundation, Inc. He will speak about how this nonprofit directly assists veterans facing mental health challenges and homelessness through the annual fund-raising 50-mile walk from Lincoln to Omaha since 2020. Please sign-up at the Information Desk by Sunday, October 11.

New Sunday morning class - Falling Upward, led by Keith Allen

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. from September 27 – December 27 **BEGINS TODAY**

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 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. Register Online.