

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Father, We Praise You John Behnke

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

Silent Meditation

The Christian man is nothing else but a faithful and good citizen and the Christian city nothing other than the Christian church. Huldrych Zwingli, Swiss Reformer

Choral Call to Worship (9:00) Shout with Joy! Mark Patterson

Call to Worship (11:10) Adapted from Psalm 33

By the Word of the Lord the heavens and the earth were made.

All of God's work is done in faithfulness!

The Word of the Lord is upright, loving righteousness and justice.

And so, our souls wait for the Lord in all places and at all times – let us worship God!

Praise and Adoration

***Hymn #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

(*Please stand, if you are able)

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God who calls us to serve the world together,

We confess that we have let ourselves be driven apart.

God who loves everyone as a beloved child,

We confess that we fail to see You in others; as our brothers and sisters.

God who makes a way for us despite seemingly impossible obstacles,

Forgive us of our sins and replenish our souls when we hit walls and give up.

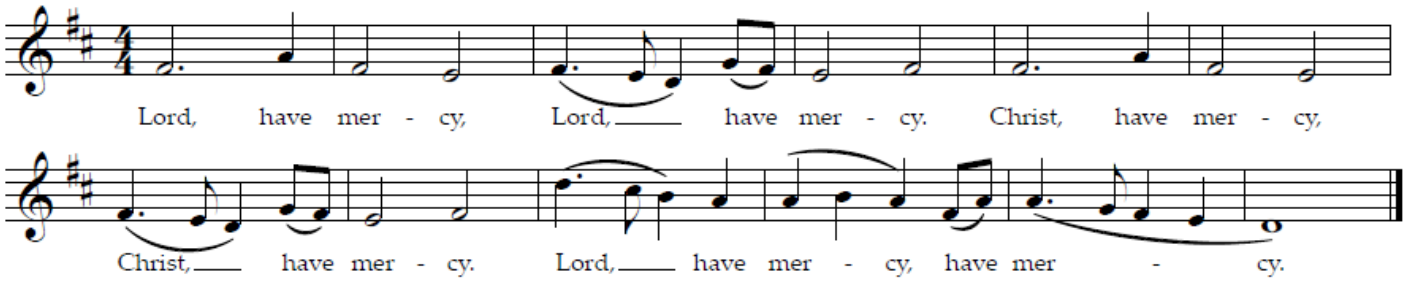
God of all commandments, covenants, and Holy Writ,

Write Your Living Word upon our hearts that we may begin to live rightly once more.

Let the old life be gone – let the new life begin.

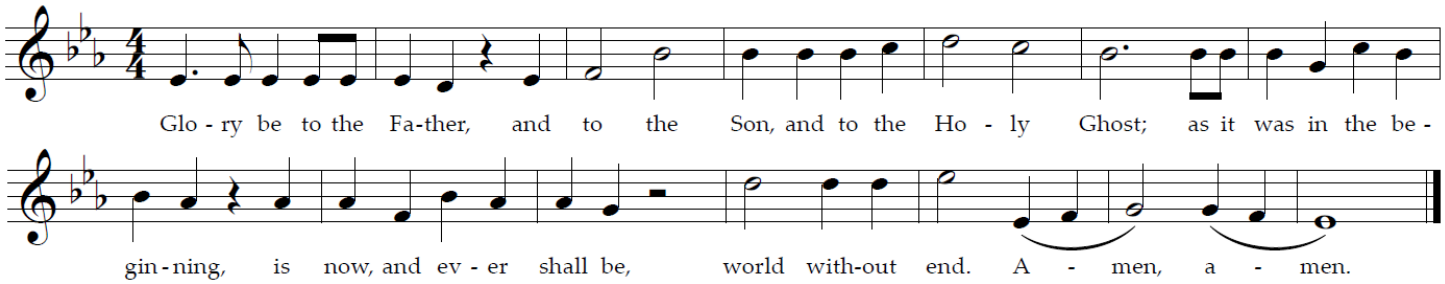
Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition

Kyrie Eleison Lord, Have Mercy SCHUBERT



Assurance of Pardon

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



***Welcome**

Anthem (9:00) How Can I Keep from Singing Ginger B. Littleton

Time for Young Disciples (9:00)

Announcements

Moment for Stewardship Bidong & Tori Tot

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 (11:00) Sim Shalom Jennaya Robison

Grant peace, goodness and blessing to us and unto all Israel, your people.

Proclamation of God's Word

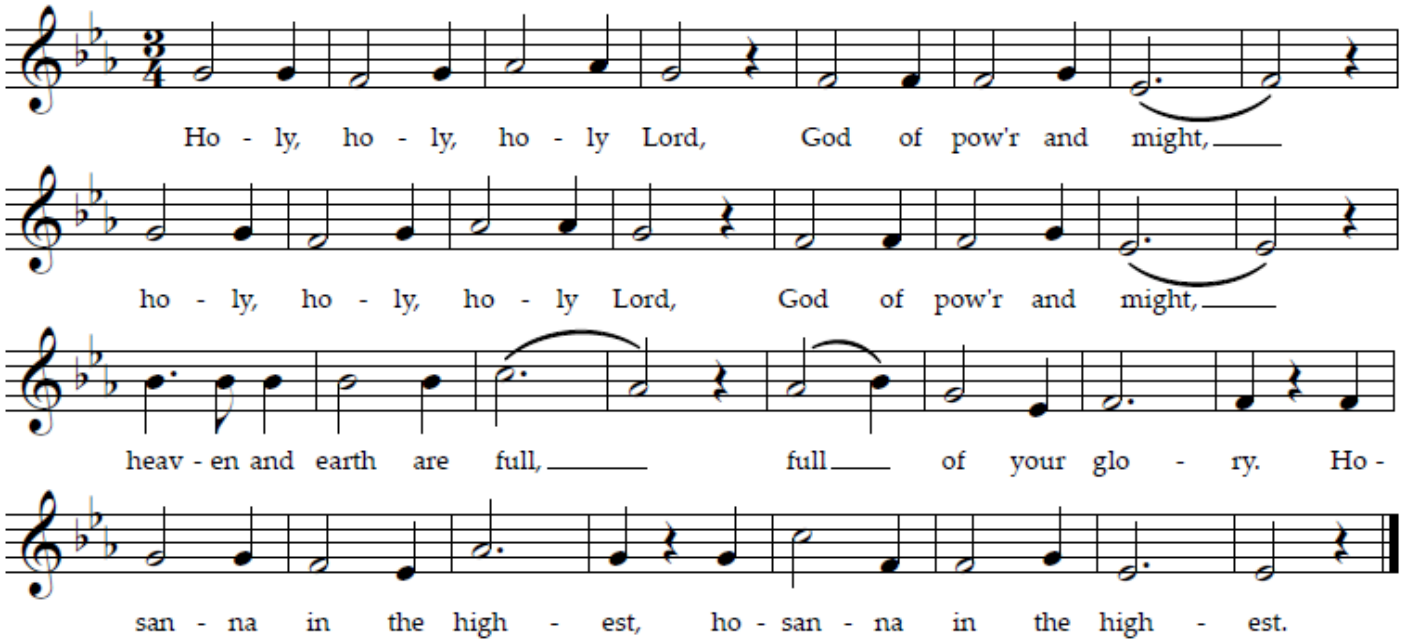
Scripture Lesson Matthew 22:15-22 page 803 of the pew Bible

Sermon "To Each Their Own" Rev. Joshua Garry

Our Response to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** Heinrich Bullinger, *The Second Helvetic Confession*, 5.080-5.082, [1566]
We believe that the Will of God is explained in the Law of God… that the Law is complete and perfect; that the whole Will of God and all necessary precepts for every sphere of life are taught in this Law. For otherwise, neither the Lord would not have forbidden us to add or take away anything from this Law, nor would He have commanded us to walk in a straight path before this Law; may we not to turn aside from it by turning to the right or to the left. Amen.

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



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory How Can I Keep from Singing? (9:00) arr. Howard Helvey

Laudamus Te (11:10) Vivaldi; arr. Sieving

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

***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**

Lord who gives to all so graciously, let what we give this day be more than enough for those in need. Let our time and our talents, our gifts and our resources, be a way in which others come to know You. Let the story of our charity and discipleship be written not by our own hands, but by Yours. Amen.

***Hymn of Dedication #450**	Be Thou My Vision	SLANE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude	Prelude in F Major	J.S. Bach

Serving in Ministry Today

Music	9:00	Children's Choir; Cayce Wilkinson, pianist; Samyak Pandit, director; Mark Kanitz, organ	
	11:10	Alleluia Singers; Sarah Frederickson & Kristi Treu, sopranos; Mark Kanitz, organ	
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster		
Ushers	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: Doug Larson	Welcome Center Door:
	11:10	North Door: Millicent Myres	Welcome Center Door: Susan Price
Information Center	9:00	Barb Haar-Rightmyer	11:10 Stephanie Weaver
Coffee Host	Nan Sibbernsen		

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Announcements

For the week of October 18, 2026

PRESBYTERIAN
Church of the Cross

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 18 - Pantry Sunday
9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School
10:00 Falling Upward Class
11:10 Worship
3:00 SHF Bellevue Berry Farm
4:45 JHF Fun and Games
5:00 GALS Crocktoberfest in the Welcome Center

Monday, October 19
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 20
7:00 Men's Bible Study
9:30 Staff Meeting
1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
1:30 Active Minds
5:00 Cross Care
5:30 Finance Committee
5:30 Vesper Concert Board Meeting
7:00 Young Family Ministry Task Force

Wednesday, October 21
5:15 Children's Choir
5:15 Credo Choir
5:15 PCOC Book Group
5:50 Chamber Singers
6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
6:30 Confirmation Class
6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, October 22
10:00 Tai Chi
6:00 Bell Rehearsal

Sunday, October 25
9:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School
10:00 Falling Upward Class
11:10 Worship
2:00 SHF & JHF Trunk or Treat set up
3:00 Trunk or Treat
5:30 Pageant Rehearsal

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 Kathy and Ed Leach in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary and also by Diane and Kevin Wetuski in honor of their 27th wedding anniversary.

2027 Stewardship Campaign.



As Presbyterian Church of the Cross begins its 2027 Stewardship Campaign, we celebrate the faithful generations who built the congregation we know today. Through their worship, service, teaching, music, generosity, and care, they created a legacy that continues to strengthen our church. Our theme, Legacy Forward, calls us to honor that heritage while supporting today's ministry and preparing for tomorrow. Annual gifts make worship, Christian education, music, mission, outreach, and congregational care possible. Every contribution helps PCOC share God's love and serve our neighbors. As Psalm 145:4 reminds us, "One generation shall laud your works to another." This fall, consider what you have received through PCOC, how your generosity makes a difference today, and what you hope to make possible for future generations. Together, we can carry PCOC's legacy forward with gratitude, generosity, and faith. – The 2027 Stewardship Committee



Active Minds in October. With guest teachers Brenda Graumann and Darold Bauer, we are learning 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.

GALS Crocktoberfest October 18 at 5 p.m. in the Welcome Center - Crocks, Caring & Fall Fun! Something delicious is simmering, and you're invited! Get ready for a cozy gathering of GALS filled with crockpot creations, friendship, a little fun, and a special way to share the love this fall. Bring your appetite and your giving spirit! You can sign up online on the church website, and our 30 slots are about half filled.

GALS
growing & loving servants

PCOC Book Group on October 21

We will meet October 21 in The Courtyard Room from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. to review *Rebecca* by Daphne DuMaurier. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact Charlotte Hubbard.

Trunk or Treat, October 25, 3 p.m.



Join us in Fellowship Hall and on the east lawn for food, games, and trunk or treating. Be sure to wear your costume and bring a bucket for your treats. We encourage everyone in the congregation to participate by hosting a trunk. All you must do is decide on a theme, decorate your vehicle, dress up, and provide treats or toys to hand out to the children. It's that easy and so much fun! Help us make this the best Trunk or Treat ever for our church family. If you plan to host a trunk, please let Heather know so she can communicate directions for the event. **We are accepting candy donations. Please donate individually wrapped candy. You may drop them in the bin in the Lobby.**

Fabric Donations Needed

We welcome your donations of red, green, white, and cream-colored fabric, solid colors or prints. We need pieces that are at least 3"x3." These will be used for one of the crafts at the 'Tis the Season' Workshop. Please put them in the bin in the Lobby. If you have any questions, please see Heather. Thanks!

Giving Statements Arriving in Inboxes This Week

As we look at all the incredible ways God has blessed our congregation, we are continually reminded of your faithful generosity. Your financial support allows our ministries and mission to thrive. To help you track your contributions and assist in your commitment to our 2027 Stewardship Campaign, official giving statements are being distributed **via email** this week. These electronic statements provide a secure, confidential, and comprehensive record of all your tax-deductible gifts through September 30, 2026. Receiving these documents digitally not only helps the church reduce printing and postage costs, ensuring more resources go directly toward ministry, but it also allows you to quickly download and save the files for your personal financial records. When you receive the email, please take a moment to open the attached statement and review it carefully. If you notice any discrepancies, have questions about your giving history, or need to update your contact information on file, please reach out to me via email at mimi@pcoc.us or call the church office. If you would like a printed version of the Giving Statement mailed to you, just let me know. Thank you again for partnering with us to fulfill our mission. Your shared sacrifice and continuous support make a meaningful difference throughout the year —Mimi Bauer, PCOC Financial Administrator



Poinsettia Orders for Christmas! The sanctuary is so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas season, especially with the addition of the many poinsettias purchased by church members. This year's orders are due by Friday, Nov. 20 and will arrive by December 12. Order forms can be found at the information desk or online and will be mailed with the November issue of Cross Currents. The cost of each poinsettia is $18.00. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Church of the Cross

Now Hiring: Childcare Worker

We are seeking a caring, dependable, and enthusiastic childcare worker to join our childcare ministry team. This position provides a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for infants and children during our Wednesday evening programming. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older, pass a background check, and comply with PCOC Child Protection Policies. Contact Heather for more details.

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 afternoon – The Anxious Generation, led by Quinn McGuire
Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in Room 15, through November 1

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.

Tuesday Bible Studies, led by Dr. Marshall Zieman.

Join us at 7:00 am (men) or 1:00 pm (everyone) for our current study of 2 Corinthians. We meet in the Welcome Center. Just bring your favorite Bible and an enquiring mind!

Wednesday evenings

The Acts of the Apostles, led by Dr. Kirk Ryckman at 6:30 in Room 15.
Genesis, led by Rev. Josh Garry at 6:30 in the Courtyard Classroom.

And Coming in November…

Remembrance Service is Sunday, November 1.

Join us on All Saints' Day at 4:00 pm. in the sanctuary for a service of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who have died. The names of those we are remembering will be read out at the service and there will be the opportunity to light a candle. You are invited to stay after the service for continued fellowship at a reception in the Welcome Center.



49ers on Tuesday, November 3

Our next program will be Rev. Kirk Ryckman, PCOC's Pastor Emeritus, enlightening us regarding the history of Presbyterian Church of the Cross and the many stages that have been taken to bring us to the present day with our building and programs. 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, sign up at the Information Center or contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg.

GO SOLO First Friday Coffee November 6

The Go SOLO fellowship group is for anyone wanting to know more people at PCOC. Some want to explore Omaha and prefer company when they do! Some want to sit and visit. Feel free to join our email lists if you live alone, have a partner, or just want to meet other like-minded folks. The November first Friday coffee will be held on November 6, at 9:30 am in the Hearth Room of the Welcome Center.

Fall Clean-Up is Saturday, November 7, 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 Men's Classic Shrimp Boil Dinner & Fundraiser is Sunday, November 8.
Presbyterian Men are once again hosting an old-fashioned shrimp boil on Sunday, November 8 in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Come and enjoy scrumptious 'JUMBO' fresh shrimp (or chicken cordon bleu) served with all the fixins! Entertainment provided by the "Michael Frederickson Trio." Suggested donation is only $20 per person or more if you wish. All proceeds go to Heartland Hope Mission. Sign up and pay (checks to Presbyterian Men) at the Information Desk by Sunday, November 1. Questions? Contact Jim Miller or Frank McMullen

Friday Night Gourmets is November 13. Our November dinner together will be held at Charleston's Restaurant, 7540 Dodge Street, with social time beginning at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. The signup sheet is at the Information Desk. Our hosts are Curt Field and Dan Scanlan.

'Tis the Season SHF Fundraiser Lunch is November 15.
All ages – the young *and* the young at heart – are invited to join us for this SHF fundraiser on Sunday, November 15 at Noon. This continues to be one of SHF's biggest fundraising events of the year, supporting their summer mission trip. Next year they're going to Rimrock Camp in Rapid, South Dakota. We're introducing activities that encourage full family participation. There will be one shut in craft, one family craft, and three other crafts. Each one has been thoughtfully chosen so everyone can enjoy creating together. We hope to see all generations join us for this special fundraiser. Come for lunch and stay for crafts! **Please be sure to register online by November 1 to reserve your crafts.** If you have any questions, please contact Heather.



DATE CHANGE: Adam Hu and Friends Is Rescheduled for Sunday evening, November 15



Three Omaha musicians take the stage the evening of November 15 at 7:00 p.m. (originally scheduled for November 13). Pianist Adam Hu will join violinist Henry Jenkins and cellist Boris Chalakov for the Brahms Piano Trio No. 1 and the U.S. premiere of Canadian composer Kevin Lau's "A Simple Secret." As always, the concert is FREE. No reservations required.

Advent in Plain Sight
November 22 – December 13
Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
In this daily devotional for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, Jill Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in the biblical narratives of messianic prophesy and incarnation – objects we encounter in our own lives. Readers will find new meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' coming.