



First Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 04, 2026, 11:00 AM



* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY: O Bread of Life from Heaven

Johannes Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Heath, Liturgist

ONE: We gather with hope in our hearts,

ALL: for something happens here that teaches us God is present.

ONE: We know this place is sacred,

ALL: for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.

ONE: We gather with joyful praise,

ALL: for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.

*OPENING HYMN: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE God's law is right and just, offering us wisdom and enlightenment. Yet we ignore the importance of God's law in our lives and persist in our own ways. In humility, let us confess our sins, saying...

ALL: God of the law and the prophets, We do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*RESPONSE HYMN: Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

#575

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love; God's grace is unending. Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God for such graciousness!

*GLORIA PATRI

#581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Katie Long

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 **P.63**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14 **P.187**

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 21:33-46 **P.22**

ONE: Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michael McLaughlin

*SERMON HYMN: When We Are Living **#822**

COMMUNAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Here At This Table

*Don Besig
Anne Thurmond, clarinet*

Lord, You have called us; humbly we come.
Here at this table we all are made one.
Now, as we share Your love and Your grace,
Lord be with us, we pray.
Lord, You have shown us; clearly we know,
Here at this table we all are made whole;
Now, as we share this gift we receive,
Bless us, Lord. Help us believe.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
Through this bread and with cup,
We remember our Savior's love.
O Lord, fill our hearts with peace.
Lord, You have blessed us; truly we see
Here at this table our sins are redeemed.
Now, as we share this promise come true,
Hope is found, faith is renewed.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
With our hearts joined in prayer,
We give thanks for this meal we share.
O Lord, fill our hearts with peace.
Here at this table, we will find God's peace.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#606

**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

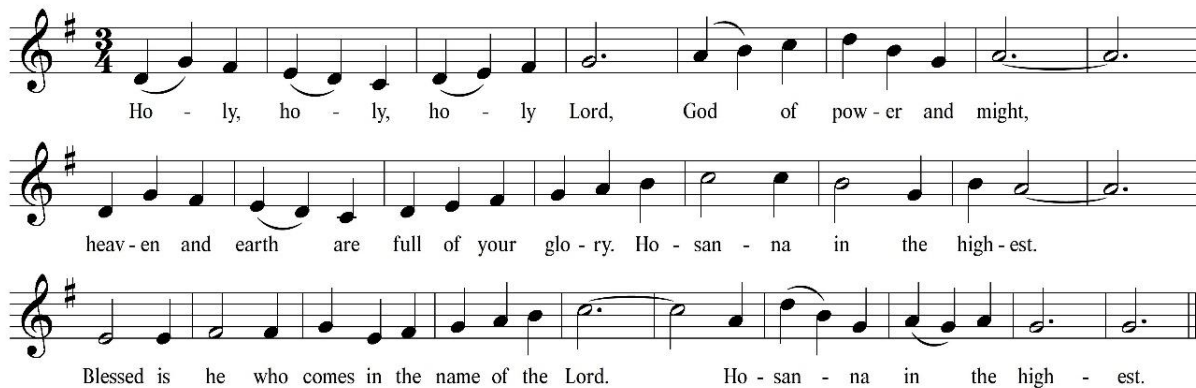
ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: ...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy

#572



ONE: ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN:

One Bread, One Body

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

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Andrew Moore