First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley Insert

Prayer of Confession: (adapted from Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1b, MSG)

GOD, how long do we have to cry out for help before You listen?

How many times do we have to yell, "Help!", before You come to the rescue?

Why do You force us to look at evil, stare trouble in the face day after day?

Anarchy and violence break out, quarrels and fights are all over the place.

Law and order fall to pieces. Justice is a joke.

The wicked have the righteous hamstrung and stand justice on its head.

Let us wait to see what God says, how He'll answer our complaint.

God answers (Habakkuk 2:2-3, MSG)

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri (Avery & Marsh): Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Luke 17:5-10 Pg. 876, Pew Bible

Sermon: Being a "Due-Nothing" Servant

Invitation to the Table

*Affirmation of Faith: We 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. We 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. --The Apostles' Creed

The Offering: Let Us Break Bread Together (arr. S. Terri) Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God, creator of the universe... Therefore, we praise you, Joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
Perfect in pow'r, in love, in purity

We give you thanks for Jesus... Remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us – this bread, this cup, this people – Christ's body and blood, that brings us peace... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Nora Lundy, Geri Anderson, Joy Palzewic, Phil Peterson, Jon LaCourt, Mary Rushford, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Chris Hanley, Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.

The Words of Jesus

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Charge and Benediction

Jesus Christ is the dawn that lights the way of peace. **Alleluia!** Therefore, let us follow in that way, making peace with all. **Amen.**

*Response: Conclusion of Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Postlude *Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (drive-thru only)

Tuesday: 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Blood Drive 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob

3:30p.m. Young Disciples 4-yrs. – 8th Grade 5:00p.m. Young Disciples 9th – 12th Grades

6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

12:30p.m. The Chosen Study

5:30p.m. Session

Next Sunday: 8:45a.m. Sunday Conversations

Flowers are given by Bob and Holly Werner in celebration of their 60th anniversary, which was on Thursday, October 2nd.

Fall Fest is Wednesday, October 15th, from 5:00–7:00p.m. We need lots of volunteers and 12 prize pies for the pie auction! Please see where you can plug-in at the sign-up table in the Fireside Room.

All women are invited to the Women's Luncheon on Friday, October 17th, at Pine Grove Country Club at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Ushers: Bill Stanek and Alaysa, Brielle, and Adelyn Bacon

THE GREATEST THING

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The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You. The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You. I want to know You more, I want to know You more. The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You.

The greatest thing in all my life is *loving* You...

The greatest thing in all my life is serving You...

STEP BY STEP CCLI Song # 696994 David (Beaker) Strasser

O God You are my God and I will ever praise You.
O God You are my God and I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn
to walk in Your ways.

And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

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There's no space that His Love can't reach. There's no place where we can't find peace. There's no end to amazing grace.

Take me in with Your arms spread wide.

Take me in like an orphan child.

Never let go, never leave my side.

CHORUS:

I am, holding on to You. I am, holding on to You. In the middle of the storm, I'm holding on, I am.

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