

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Preservice Music (*a time to quiet our souls*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Announcements

Prelude: *How Great Thou Art* (S. K. Hine; arr. J. Carter) Choir

Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus Christ, on the cross You threw open Your beloved arms to welcome and embrace all who would come to You. Here we are to feel all that love You have for us. Forgive us for the times during the week when we turn our back on Your love for us, when we respond to others from a self-centered perspective not seeking their wellbeing but more preoccupied with our self. When we have done that, there is no heavenly joy or peace for anyone, and it saddens You for we have not been created to act as such.

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

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Response:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

***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. Amen!**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination Terry Sovey

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-8 Pg. 586, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (sung to the tune of *Amazing Grace*)
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, tho' I walk thro'death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14 Pg. 827, Pew Bible

Sermon: *The Feast Prepared for Us*

***The Apostles' Creed:**

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.

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns:

Sara Miller, Theresa Ozzello, Phil Peterson, Sue Fraker,
Margaret Spooner, Anne Starr, Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson,
Charlie Novara, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde,
Mary Rushford; 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 Offering

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* No. 676, vs. 1-3

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *O Jesus...* vs. 4

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

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Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
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Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
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Chorus

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