First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Prelude: *In This Room* (Ron and Carol Harris)

*Praise Medley Insert

Prayer of Confession:
We acknowledge Your glory, Light of the World,
and we gratefully remember Your saving deeds.
But, when the world grows dark and threatening,
We lose faith and we despair;
When our hopes are delayed,
We grow disappointed and disillusioned;
When love and truth become hard and painful,
We choose expediency and self-interest;
When You seem distant and silent,
We become faithless and lethargic.
(silence for personal confession and reflection)
Response:
Chase from our hearts the darkness, the cynicism, and the mocking; fill our minds with memories of bloody crosses and empty tombs, fill our ears with echoes of forgiveness,
And fill our lives with reflections of glory.
For Jesus' sake, Amen.

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! CCLI License #875928

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination Christine Sericati
Scripture Lesson: Amos 5:18-24 Pg. 768, Pew Bible
Responsive Reading: Psalm 70 Pg. 484, Pew bible
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13 Pg. 830, Pew Bible
Sermon: *Living with Hopeful Expectation*

Affirmation of Faith: *(adapted from I Thessalonians 4:13-18, JB Phillips)*
We believe that Jesus died and rose again from death, and we believe that God will just as surely bring with Jesus all who are "asleep" in Him. Here we have a definite message from the Lord. It is that those who are still living when He comes will not in any way precede those who have previously fallen asleep. One word of command, one shout from the archangel, one blast from the trumpet of God and the Lord himself will come down from Heaven! Those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then we who are still living on the earth will be swept up with them into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And after that we shall be with Him forever. So by all means use this hope to encourage one another. Let us use this hope to encourage one another.

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns:
Terry Sovey, Sara Miller, Theresa Ozzello, Margaret Spooner, Anne Starr, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde; 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

Recognition of Veterans

*Hymn: *Battle Hymn of the Republic* No. 804

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *God Bless America*
**God Bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her,
through the night with the Light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.**

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today:	**10:30 Deacon Meeting**
	6:00p.m. Girls' Bible Study *(7th-12th grades)*
Monday:	5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen *(drive-thru)*
Tuesday:	1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
	5:30p.m. Session
Wednesday:	3:30p.m. Young Disciples 4yrs. – 8th grades
	Packing Shoeboxes - all are welcome to join us!
	5:00p.m. Young Disciples 9th – 12th grades
	6:30p.m. Adult Choir
Thursday:	9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

We invite all veterans to come forward during the singing of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Following worship, there will be a cake reception in the Fireside Room in honor of our veterans and to thank them for their service to our country. A donation basket on the cake table will be available with all proceeds going to our local Veterans Alliance Program that provides monetary assistance to veterans in need.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due next Sunday, November 15th.

Children's Christmas Program: December 13th
All children 3-years old–12th grade are invited to participate in the Christmas program. Rehearsals will be during our Wednesday after school program. All students are welcome to be a part of the Christmas program where they will greet and usher, do readings, and sing for the event.

Food Drive: During the month of November our teens will be collecting non-perishable food items and grocery gift cards to help several local families with Thanksgiving dinner and groceries. Canned goods can be put in the white donation box in the Fireside Room. Gift cards or monetary donations can be put in the collection plate or dropped off in the office.

Ushers: Michelle and Ella Copley; Joe and Lulu Floriano

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Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
O Lord, to receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and power.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created,
Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created,
Thou art worthy, O Lord *(repeat)*

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.

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH
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Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us!

Chorus:
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high!