



Celebrating 150 Years of Proclamation

Community

Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinal Time
8 November 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) Almighty God, you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit.

(All) Let us spread this gift throughout the world by our love for one another. That it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(One) Come, Let us worship the God from whom all our blessings flow and who dwells with us today.

(All) We will praise the One who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 70

(One) Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

(All) Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

(One) Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

(All) Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

(One) But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

*Hymn (W-422)

Amazing Grace

(1) Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

(2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

(3) The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

(4) Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

(5) When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Prayer of Confession

(All) God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Communal Assurance of Pardon

(All) In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, our sins have been washed away by the blood of the Lamb and we have been set free and reconciled with our Creator. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon

***Hymn (G-840)**

When Peace Like A River

(1) When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
it is well; it is well with my soul.

(2) Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

(3) He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

(4) Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

*Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

(All) ... **Hear our prayers.**

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

*Benediction

*Postlude

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SCRIPTURES

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light,

5:19

as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.

5:20

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

5:21

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

5:22

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

5:23

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

5:24

But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an overflowing stream.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

4:14

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

4:15

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

4:16

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

4:17

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.

4:18

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

25:2

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

25:3

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,

25:4

but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

25:5

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

25:6

But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

25:7

Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps.

25:8

The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

25:9

But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

25:10

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.

25:11

Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'

25:12

But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

25:13

Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.