



Celebrating 150 Years of Proclamation

Community Presbyterian Church

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinal Time
25 October 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Let all who are thirsty, come.
Let all who wish receive the water of life freely.
Amen, come Lord Jesus.
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Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 96:1-9

(One) Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers.

(All) But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

(One) They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

(All) The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

(One) Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

(All) For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*Hymn (G-405)

They Will Know We Are Christians

(1) We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

(2) We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
[Refrain]

(3) All praise to the Father from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
[Refrain]

Prayer of Confession

The Jesus Prayer

Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.
Jesus Christ, have mercy.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

***Hymn (G-203)**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

(1) Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

(2) Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]

(3) These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

(4) Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. [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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

"Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

19:15

"You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

19:16

You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

19:17

"You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

19:18

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,

2:2

but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition.

2:3

For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery,

2:4

but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts.

2:5

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed,

2:6

nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,

2:7

though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.

2:8

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,

22:35

and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

22:36

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

22:37

He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

22:38

This is the greatest and first commandment.

22:39

And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

22:40

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

22:41

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

22:42

"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."

22:43

He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

22:44

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

22:45

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"

22:46

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.