



Sunday, October 5th, 2025

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”* Mercy Bartlett

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 103)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless God’s Holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget God’s benefits,
who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
who redeems our life,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
who satisfies us with good as long as we live
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s.
Bless the Lord.

***HYMN #838** *“Standing on the Promises”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hear the good news of the Gospel. Jesus Christ came to save sinners.
We confess in the sure and certain knowledge that God’s grace
overflowed to us while we were yet sinners. In confidence let us confess
our sins before God and one another:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, And the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Luke 1)

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.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to share the sign of "peace".)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 37:1-9

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

² **for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.**

³ Trust in the Lord, and do good;

so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴ **Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ **He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.**

Do not fret—it leads only to evil

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, as we read your word, may your Spirit speak through it that it may be for us the word of life.

Amen.

SERMON

“Empowered in Faith”

Dr. Rev. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN #530**

“One Bread, One Body”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card and give to the pastor or an usher

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord

OFFERTORY “*O Wondrous Food of Blessing*” Penelope Quince

***DOXOLOGY #606** “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Most loving and gracious God, we are thankful. We are thankful for your grace to us in Jesus Christ, for your gift of the church in its global witness, for the capacity to give. May these gifts help prepare the way of peace in our community around the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM “*O Lord Your Table Now is Spread*” Brad Nix

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #839 *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"*

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #542 *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

*POSTLUDE *"A Joyful Day!"* Gene Clarke



WELCOME!

*We hope you will find
your time of worship with
us to be very meaningful.
We are an open faith
community.*

**You are invited to
refreshments and a time
of fellowship after the
service in Fellowship
Hall**

9/28/2025 Attendance
Members & Friends: 78
Visitors: 2
Online: 22

Please visit www.pcbv.org,
or call the Church Office at
479-855-2390 if you
would like to learn more
about us and inquire about
membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- THURS:
9 am to 3 pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies,
please call or text Pastor
Judi at 479-403-9082.
Pastor's day off is Friday,
she will return calls later. To
schedule an in-person
appointment, please email
her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org
stating your need.

**Deacons on Call
for October:
Alice Irwin
Butch Cowdin**

WEEKLY VISTA CALENDAR

Sunday, October 5

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship / Communion & Home
Communion
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

Monday, October 6

11am-12pm—Spiritual Writing (P)
1-2pm—Operations (A)

Tuesday, October 7

10:30am—1pm Writing Group (P)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, October 8

5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 9

1-2pm—PW Meeting (F/H)

Friday, October 10

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
9am—Internment—Jim Prince (MG)
1:00pm Busy Hands (R. Cozad's)
4-5pm—160th Stated Presbytery Meeting—
Little Rock

Saturday, October 11

8am-12pm Art Group (F/H)
9am-3pm—160th Stated Presbytery
Meeting—Little Rock

Sunday, October 12

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nancy Schriner

Barry Owen

Tom Hackleman

Jim Ramey

David Rew
Dave & Julea Bell

Barb Francis



ROMANS 14:19



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



*Peace is active, not passive.
Peace is doing, not waiting.*

Grace Hope Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY, works with the nonprofit Guns to Gardens to collect and repurpose unwanted or decommissioned firearms to transform them into something constructive and useful, like garden tools, art or jewelry. The program nurtures peace and growth instead of violence.



Divinity student Adriana Soto Acevedo, from Puerto Rico, participated in the United Nation's largest annual gathering on gender equality and women's empowerment. "Our job is to crack little rays of hope by connecting with one another, by learning of the struggles we each go through, and by being there for each other," she said.

For the past 12 years, Chester Presbyterian Church, in Chester, Virginia, has partnered with Marguerite Christian Elementary School to provide backpacks of food for children to take home over the weekend — as well as a drive-through café that meets the needs of 90 to 105 residents weekly.



To learn more, go to pcusa.org/peace-global for more information.

We are the Peacemakers

Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need — those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

Thank you!

Please make checks out to PCBV and put in memo field P&G Witness and put in special offering envelope in the bulletin. This will enable us to divide the offering as suggested.—25-25-50%. Thanks



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for
your participation in the
Peace & Global Witness Offering.

**IF WE ALL
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IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!**



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



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congregation



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The interment for Jim Prince (Memorial Garden) will be held Friday, October 10th at 9am. Those that would like to come are welcome.

REMINDER: The October Stated Session meeting will be on Saturday, October 25th, due to the 160th Arkansas Presbytery Stated Meeting occurring on October 10th & 11th in Little Rock.

Fall Church Clean-up days - 9am– 12pm on these days:

Monday—October 13th—Indoor Church Cleaning

Monday—October 27th—Outdoor Church Yard Cleanup

If you can only come for an hour that is fine, all the help we get is great.

PW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please don't forget
to bring in Essentials
Outreach products.

Shampoo	Shaving Cream
Conditioner	Razors (men & women)
Bath Soap	Toilet Paper
Deodorant (men & women)	Sanitary Products
Toothbrushes	Dish Soap
Toothpaste	Laundry Soap