

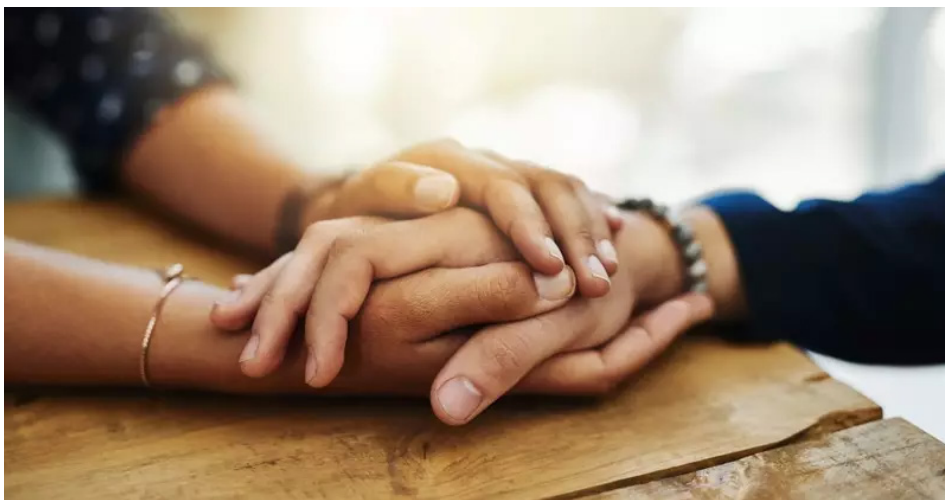
Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

September 28, 2025

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down, watches over those who are estranged, and upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord loves the righteous, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

Come, people of God,

let us pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

Let all generations praise the Lord!



1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -



bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the



breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,



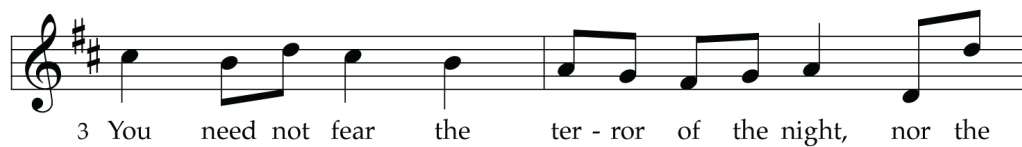
and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and



fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Looking at Jesus, we see that we have fallen short of the glory of God.

Yet Jesus looks at us with mercy and grace. Therefore, let us offer our confession in faith.

**God of justice and righteousness, you lift up the lowly and fill the empty;
yet we adore the high and the mighty.**

**You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth.
You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now.
Correct our misguided ways.
Forgive our lack of generosity.
Free us from striving for more and more.
Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter
and find our life in Jesus Christ.**

Without regard for the cost,
the precious love of God is poured out in Jesus Christ.
This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. **Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

CPC Choir

Old Irish words and melody

Arrangement and additional text by Sally DeFord

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, both by day and by night,
In waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my soul's shelter, Be thou my high tow'r,
Oh raise thou me heavenward, Great Pow'r of my pow'r.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Be thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
Oh high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, Oh heaven's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision,
Be thou my vision, Oh ruler of all.*

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches.
You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves.

You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.

You drink wine by the bowlful
and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Sermon by Rev. Doug Walters

Read by Dave Copeland

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

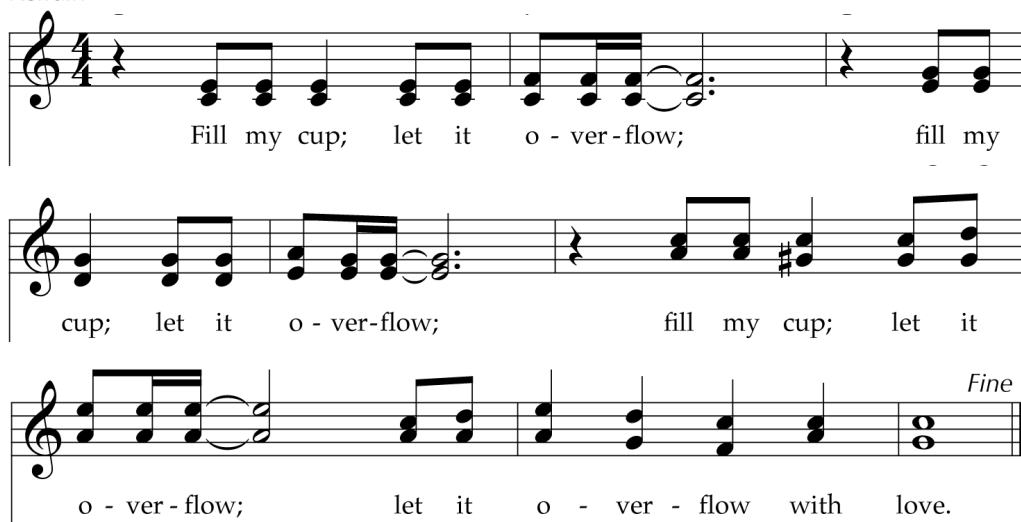
INVITATION TO OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings and is available before, during the hymn of the day and shortly following the service.

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 699 Fill My Cup

Refrain



Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my
cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it
o - ver - flow; let it o - ver - flow with love. *Fine*



1 Lord, let me be your in - stru - ment, spread - ing
2 It's my de - sire to live for you and to
sun - shine in the land; let peo - ple see your
al - ways walk up - right; give me the strength to
works in me; help me live the best I can.
face each day; stay with me through each dark night. *to Refrain*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives— giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the power of God to deliver us,
let us make our prayers of intercession for all,
saying: God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . .
Keep us from wavering in our faith.
Help us to hold fast to our confession:
that Christ Jesus is the giver of life.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . .
Help us to heed the law and prophets.
Work in our world to shrink the gaps
between high and low, rich and poor.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . .
Watch over the strangers in our midst,
protect those who are most vulnerable,
and disrupt the plans of the wicked.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . .
Cover them with your merciful care.
Answer them in times of trouble
and shelter them from every danger.
God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful and mighty God, as you are one,
make us one with you through Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent to redeem us,
and in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN GTG 740 Lead Me, Guide Me *next page*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The Lord bless and keep your going out
and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia!** *Psalm 121:8*

Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer,
do the work of the gospel, and carry out the ministry
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *2 Timothy 4:2, 5; Luke 18:1*

POSTLUDE

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Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)
 Refrain *E^b* (A7) *B^b7* (Em) *Fm*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) *B^b* (D) *E^b* (A7) *B^b7* (D) *E^b*

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) *B^b7* (B7) *C7* (Em) *Fm* (D) *E^b* (A7) *B^b7* (D) *E^b* *Fine*

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) *E^b* (B7) *C7* (Em) *Fm* (A7) *B^b7* (Em) *Fm*

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) *B^b* (D) *E^b* (D) *E^b* (D7) *E^b7*

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) *Fm* (D) *E^b* (A7) *B^b7* (D) *E^b* *to Refrain*

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

*Peace and Global
Witness Offering
to be collected on
Sunday, October 5.*



**PURSUE
WHAT
MAKES
FOR
PEACE.**

ROMANS 14:19

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Text **PCUSAPEACE** to **41444** to give to Peace & Global Witness
or visit pcusa.org/peace-global for more information.



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Sunday, September 28

9:00 am Quarterly Deacons Meeting

9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Monday, September 29

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

6:00 pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi

Tuesday, September 30

7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.

Wednesday, October 1

9:00 am Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

5:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, October 5 Peace and Global Witness

Offering/ World Communion Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Communion -
Onsite and Online

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughters Jenny & Elissa
Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline
Jennifer Hall and Sage Hall
Amy Ward and family
Sherrie Wilson
Vera Atkinson

*To be added to the prayer list, please con-
tact the office: 507-280-9291 or via email:
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Serving in Worship Today

Speaker	Dave Copeland
Guest Pianist	Kristy Giere
Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

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