



Sunday, November 16, 2025

Welcome to worship this morning!

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

I will rejoice and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity;
for they and their descendants shall be offspring blessed by the Lord.
Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 757

Today We Are Called to be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

The psalmist wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Let us not hide our sins from God, but confess before God and one another, assured of God's gracious forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him.”

“As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.”
Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”
Open our hearts and minds to the reading and hearing of your holy Word today, that we may be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

**But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.**

I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

**No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.**

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

**They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.**

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Entrata
by Margaret R. Tucker

Jubellation Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

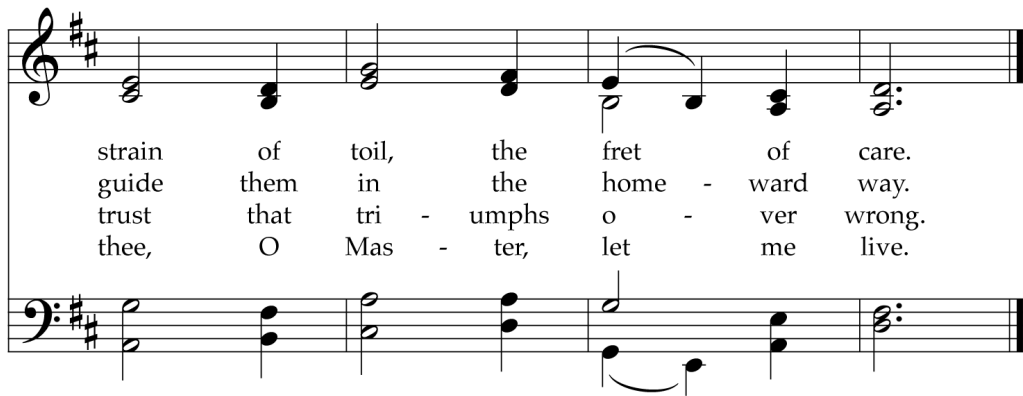
*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 738

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
2 Help me the slow of heart to move
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
by some clear, win - ning word of love;
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

**In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The apostle Paul reminds us, "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." With gratitude for God's goodness and in response to God's indescribable gift of Jesus Christ, let us present our tithes and offerings.

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son
And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great and giving God, we know every good and perfect gift comes from you. In return, we give these offerings and pray they will not only supply the needs of others but also overflow with many thanksgivings to you. Thank you for our many blessings. Lord, show us how to use what you have given us to be a blessing to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

Almighty and everlasting God, we pray today as people of faith who are deeply troubled by events in our lives and the world. We hope in you but are anxious because of the uncertainties of life. We want to put our trust in you but find ourselves trying to control outcomes in the future. Like Jesus's disciples, we want to know the answers to when and how you will call us to follow and trust. **Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.**

God of our lives, in a world full of challenges, you call us to be doers of your Word, to love you with everything we have and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. May we always live lives worthy of our calling as your beloved children. When we despair, give us the comfort and courage that come from your Holy Spirit. **Let us never tire of doing good in the name of and with the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Eternal God, we pray "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," yet we do not always act as if we really mean it. Forgive us when our lives and actions are shaped more by the ways of this world than by the values of your kingdom. **As individual believers and as a church, may we seek your kingdom first and heed your call to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.**

[Here the prayer leader may add particular concerns of the congregation and the world.]

We love you, Lord. Show us how to love others with the same grace and love you have given us in Jesus Christ. And now, as your beloved children, we are bold to pray together,

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 350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning *next page*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Go out to love and serve the Lord. Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Jubellation Handbell Choir rings today remembering Kathy Remtema, a charter member. When the choir was established and submissions were taken from the congregation for a choir name, it was Kathy's name submission, Jubellation, that was voted upon and chosen by the choir members.



The CPC handbells, hand chimes and related equipment used in the worship service were purchased with funds donated initially in 2004 by the Duane Olson family and, also, continuing donations from them.

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350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



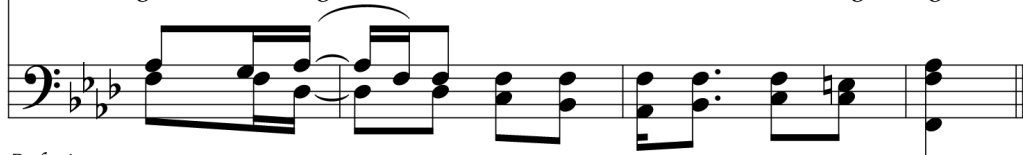
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 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery



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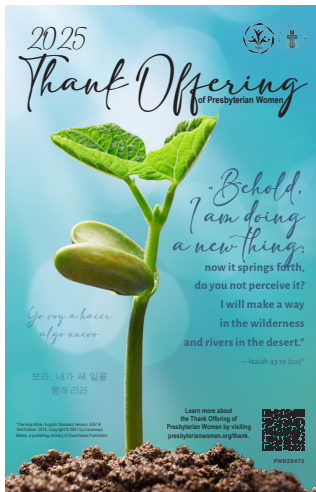
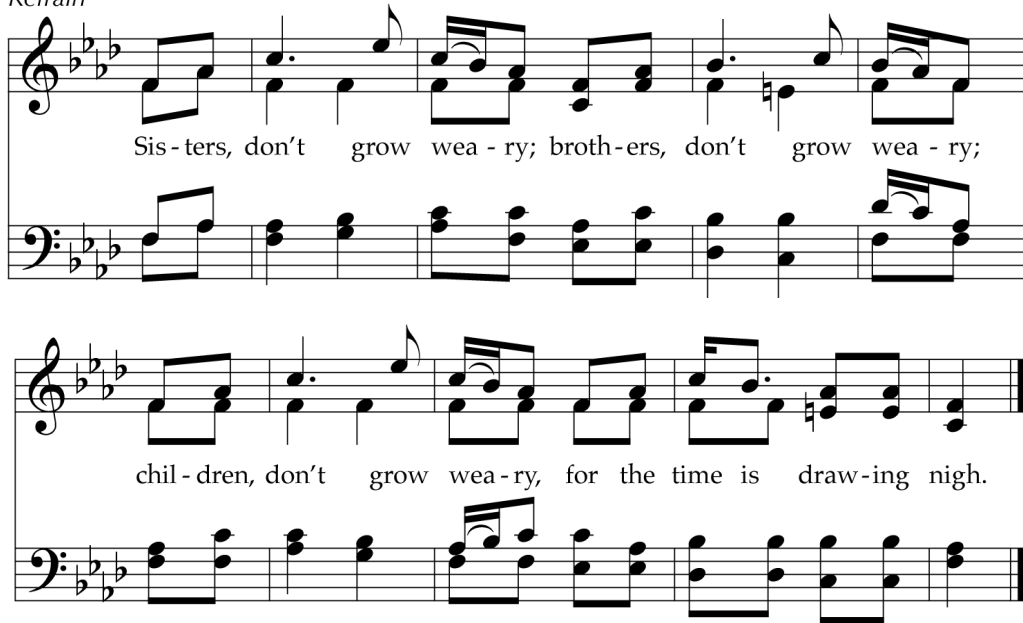


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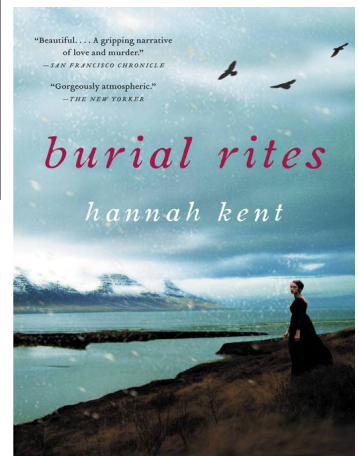


Next Sunday, November 23rd, is PW Thank Offering Sunday. We will have a guest speaker, John Stoesz who will speak about one of his passions, Indigenious justice.

There have been 2 sign up sheets added in the narthex. One for Greening of the Church which will happen on Sunday, November 30th. The other is for helping with the pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 7th.

Watch for your stewardship info coming to your mailbox this week!

The book discussion group will meet today after worship to discuss the book *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent. "Set against Iceland's stark landscape, Hannah Kent brings to vivid life the story of Agnes, who, charged with the brutal murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution." All are welcome to join in the discussion about the book!



Community Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 16

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**

10:40 am **Book Discussion Group**

2:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Tuesday, November 18

8:00 am Great Room Use: Life Line

Screening Event

12:00 pm Bulletin Items Due

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

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 am NO Prayer Group

6:30 pm CPC Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, November 20

12:00 pm Newsletter Items Due

5:30 pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios

Sunday, November 23 Thank Offering

9:30 am **Worship - 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

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