Service for the Lord's Day

Fellowship Presbyterian Church
October 18, 2026 | 10:30am
Stewardship Sunday

Disciples Gather to Worship God

Gathering The Community

In this church we foster fellowship and relationships. Before the welcome feel free to move around and greet one another.

Welcome

Prelude

⌖Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!
Let us shout out in praise!
God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us. **Great is the Lord!**
Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory. **Let us worship the Lord!**

⌖Praise Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* *700*

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kingdom of God. Give us courage to be kingdom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Amen.
(We continue to pray our individual prayers of confession in silence.) **Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

⌖Joyful Response *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* *582*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

⌖When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

We invite you to fill out the fellowship pew cards with your contact information so we can connect with you.

Confession:
Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless, we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed Tradition.

We invite you to use this time to enter into conversation, and see where Christ's peace is moving in another's life.

Sermon Notes:

⌖Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

Disciples Listen to the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:15-22

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

Scripture Reading Exodus 33:12-23

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

⌖Sermon Hymn *Take My Life* *697*

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

⌖Affirmation of Faith *from the Confession of 1967*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Points of Ministry

Offertory

✞Doxology *606*

✞Prayers of The People

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.

Disciples Depart to Serve God

✞Sending Hymn *Christ Be Beside Me* *702*

✞Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Give Joyfully Cards:
We give not only our money, but everything we have to God. Please read our Give Joyfully card in the pew rack. You may place it in the offering plate as a reminder to offer yourself to God this week.

You may give to the church digitally by using your camera to hover over the QR code below, which will take you to our online giving page.

Next Week's Readings
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 22: 34-46

Worship Leaders:
Greg Landreth
Rev. A.J. Mealor
Phillip Ashley
Frank Kuhny

Staff Singers:
Espen Brante
Rachael Hayworth
Itzelle Melendez

Welcome Visitors

A very special welcome to any visitors among us today. We sincerely hope that, when you leave us today, you have an abundant sense of love and welcome. Our pastor, A.J., would love to speak with you and your family if you have any questions about who we are as a family, and what we feel called to do and be in our neighborhood. You can reach him at revmealor@gmail.com. We hope that you have a blessed week and that you'll join us again.

News to Know

Sunday, October 18:
CENSTABILITY SUNDAY
STEWARDSHIP LUNCH

9:30AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service (In Person & Youtube)
11:30AM Outdoor Picnic
5:30PM Youth Group

Monday, October 19:
2:30PM Bunco
7:30PM CE Meeting (In-Person)

Tuesday, October 20:
4:30PM PWCT

Wednesday, October 21:
6:30PM Choir Practice
7:45PM Praise Band

Sunday, October 25:
REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:30AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service (In Person & Youtube)
11:30AM Fellowship Hour
11:45AM Handbells
2:00PM Trunk or Treat

Livestream is available on YouTube.

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Prayer Requests

Church Family

Wanda Alford
Fisher, Audree, & Josh Yaney
Lisa Bigham
Gene Sadler
Larry Everett
Tom Shields
Glenda Wilson
Dick Buys
Lou Jarrett
Louise Sadler

Friends of Family

Bob Roller
(Duane Woods)

Kim McDaniel and Rosey Jones (friend)
(Jan Bell)

Joanne Bohl and Ashley Moore
(Alice & Chuck Saunders)

Ruth Jamieson
(Rita Schumm)

Heather Bailey Ray & Lisa and Mrs. Kristine Joubert
(Lisa Bigham)

Tim and Aunt Liz Williford, Chris Beers (neighbor)
(Cochran & Beth Keating)

Dan Mercer
(Beth & John Mercer)

Charlie Sinclair
(Jane Fletcher)

Shelia (niece)
(Louise Sadler)

Minnie Lee Vann (mother)
(Gerome Brown)

Jenny Lashley
(Laura Beth Hall)

Michelle (friend)
(Lin Brannon)

Mitchell Dickinson
(neighbor—Susan & Jim Crona)

Joe Rodesta (cousin)
Virginia Pilcher (sister)
(Rita Sockman)

Gloria Byard
(Joyce Blocker)

Freightlin Cox, Kevin Sattler,
(Elaine Wilbur)

Stetson, Gregory and Nancy
(Laura Harrison)

Patrice High-Pinder, David King (brother), Jason Pusey (son-in-law)
(Diane Bodenhamer)

Phil Ashley (father), Sarah White
(Phillip Ashley)

Daniel Godwin (David's brother)
(The Godwins)

Marjorie Hemphill (mom)
(Jenn Farrell)

The family of Shirley Downs, The family of Randy Golden (brother)
(Karey Fowler)

Jenna Strickland
(Amy Jordan)

All Military & Families, Robert Gamble & This Child Here

Warren Price
(Chatfield Kreinest)

If you have a prayer concern or celebration, or are interested in becoming a part of the prayer chain ministry, please call the office at (850) 893-0617 or send an email to fellowshipprayer24@gmail.com.

The Session
Jan Bell, Cliff Jordan, Melissa Wyllie
Beth Keating, Mike Novak, Joyce Blocker
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Cathy Sheridan, Louise Sadler,
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Treasurer: Hillman Brannon