

The Body of Christ
Worldwide
celebrates the
sacramental meal
together.



Service for the Lord's Day

October 7, 2018
World Communion Sunday

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* Andreas Armsdorf

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude *Chorale: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* J. S. Bach

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord! Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart; Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord by the brightness of Thy light, Thou in faith do men unite
Of every land and every tongue; This to Thy praise, O Lord God be sung.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

God's call invites
us to worship.

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Great is God and greatly to be praised.

God's greatness is unsearchable.

God's awesome deeds shall be proclaimed forever.

We shall celebrate God's abundant goodness and sing aloud of God's righteousness.

Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Call to Confession

We are honest about our failings. This is a good way to begin worship. God will make us whole.

Praying for illumination reflects the conviction that God's Word can neither be rightly proclaimed nor rightly understood apart from the illuminating power of the Holy Spirit.

Attitudes change over time, as we come to different understandings of human relationships, the rights and roles of women, and the qualities of an emotionally full life. The larger purpose of God requires us to look beyond what is allowed/not allowed toward what is right and righteous.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and recreate us, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

All sit

Passing of the Peace

By words and gestures, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

All Sit

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Anthem

Hail Sacred Feast

Nick Strimple

Please Stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

All Sit

Sermon

What Can Be Said About Divorce?

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

Buck in a Basket
goes to the Sheriff's
Christmas Good
Samaritan Fund.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from the Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Offering

Offertory

Beth Pope, piano/vocals

Take Me to the Alley

Ernie Small, mandolin

Gregory Porter

Wayne Pope, bass/vocals

All Stand

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the North and from Down Under, from every time zone around the globe... As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome. Come, for the meal is ready! According to Luke, Jesus took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table.

Great Thanksgiving

Christ came to us proclaiming peace—
peace to all those who are near,
peace to all who are far away.
In Christ's body we are joined together.
In Christ's body we are made one.
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.

We give thanks that you have prepared this rich feast for us—
a feast of grace for all the nations and peoples of the world,
a sign of the day when you will swallow up sin and death forever.
Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir.

Hymn

Sanctus

Joseph Roff

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glory.
Ho-san-na in the highest.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the highest, ho-san-na in the highest.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup;
make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
By your Spirit, whet our appetites for that glorious day
when your children will hunger and thirst no more
and you will wipe away every tear from our eyes.
Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion Anthem *Be Present at Our Table, Lord* Arlen Clarke

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
Bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And forget not all God's benefits. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 383 *Dream On, Dream On* DREAM ON

Benediction

Postlude *Recessional on HANOVER* Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

Our church Elders: Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Fred Higgins, Brad Howard, Matt Hunt, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, David Sears, Diane Simmons, David Thomison, Denny Wedge.
Our church Deacons: Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Melody Harper, Wayne Hendrix, Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Linda Leigh, Nathan Love, Tom MacMillin, Marilyn Mattingly, David Muffett, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, and Judy Whitson.

Donate Online:

We have recently set up the church website to accept online donations. Just go to the website below and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You can also scan the QR code, right.
<https://bgpresdonate.cloverdonations.com/online-donations/>



Calendar

Sunday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, October 8

11:30 a.m. Circle 9
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, October 9

11:00 a.m. Special Care
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

Wednesday, October 10

9:15 a.m. Wed. Morning Circle
10:00 a.m. Circle 6
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 11

7:00 p.m. Community Bible Study

Friday, October 12

10:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayers
5:00 p.m. Gallery Hop

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Announcements

USHERS: The Franklin, Hulan, Howard and Yusk families

LAY READER: Jim Harris

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, October 14: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

TODAY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Ken Royse and Ray Elms. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 843-4707.

TODAY WE COLLECT THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING (Peace and Global Witness). 25% of our gifts stay here at the church for our own local Peacemaking efforts. 25% is used by the Presbytery and the remaining 50% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advance the cause of peace where needed. Please use the envelopes in your bulletin or mark your check 'Peacemaking Offering.' Thank you for your generosity.

WORLD COMMUNION CARRIED TO AREA RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES Join us today at Massey Springs (1:00pm), Village Manor (2:00pm), Arcadia (3:00pm), and Chandler Park (4:00pm).

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Our preschool children learned about how much Jesus loves them in Matthew 19:13-15. Kindergarten-3rd Grade learned about Jesus as the Good Shepherd and explored World Communion Sunday. Our older elementary (4th-5th) learned about trusting God, who provided food and water in Exodus 16:1-8, 13-15; and 17:1-7. Please read the scriptures at home and reflect what God is teaching your family.

YOUTH continue with their study of Love.

A ROUND TABLE PULPIT study resumes tomorrow evening, 7:00pm in the Conference Room (Fellowship Hall if the elevator is nonfunctional). Join this lively discussion and exploration of the following Sunday's lectionary passages (see list each Sunday in the bulletin). Matthew Covington is leading and all are welcome to join us!

COMING UP SOON:

GALLERY HOP: Our next Gallery Hop takes place Friday, October 11, from 5:00-8:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a new photography exhibit by the Sunny 16 Camera Club. Please join us!

COMMUNITY WIDE STUDY. Beginning THIS Thursday October 11, we are sponsoring the study 'Reclaiming Jesus: Civil Discourse.' This will meet *off-site*, 600 State Street, from 7:00-8:30pm. We will explore why and how Civil Discourse is important over five Thursdays. We urge you to attend and invite friends and neighbors. Leaders include Tim Leigh, Larry Gildersleeve and Matthew Covington.

SAFE SANCTUARY WORKSHOPS. For ALL who work with our children and youth. TODAY or Tuesday October 9, 6:30pm, in the Conference Room. All working with children/youth must attend one workshop (if you did so in the last 18 months, you are done for now). Specific invitations have been issued, but ALL in our congregation are urged to attend, because being a safe place for ALL God's children is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Please see Leslee Kirkconnell with questions.

CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE PLANNING TEAM meeting NEXT Sunday October 14, 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided. Two months and counting! Shannon Dyche will be happy to answer questions.

CIRCLES CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, October 8th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00pm. WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 10th at 9:15am in the youth room. CIRCLE 6 will meet on Wednesday, October 10th at 10:00am at the home of Betty Jo Beard (1420 Euclid Ave.). The SUNDAY CIRCLE will meet on Sunday, October 14th at 9:30am at the church.

ROOM IN THE INN VOLUNTEER TRAINING. Sunday October 21 we will hold a special training (lunch included, please RSVP) for all who volunteer with Room in the Inn (everyone in the congregation is welcome!). Sarah Major from Uspiritus will be here to help us understand how what happens to us in our early lives can affect us as adults. Since many of our guests and friends have experienced possibly severe trauma in childhood or beyond, this training is very important to help us be the best hosts possible. Please RSVP to Leslee Kirkconnell, who will also be happy to answer questions.

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER Buck in a Basket will go to support the Deacon's Fund, which seeks to be of financial help to members and others who have an immediate need. Today we collect the Peacemaking Offering rather than Buck in a Basket.

SATURDAY MEALS RETURNS November 3. Help will be needed - Bread must be picked up from Panera on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and delivered to St. Joseph's Church by 6am Saturday. Also help preparing and packing the meals (begins 6:30am Saturday) and delivery drivers. Contact Debbie Trickey (dtrickey_123@yahoo.com).

CAMP LOUCON: The dates and times have been released for the youth trip to camp Loucon. It will be from the 9th-11th of November and forms are available from David Clarke. We are hoping to bring our youth along to this gathering. The hope is to use this as a way to continue in our partnership with Franklin Presbyterian. For more information speak to David Clarke.

OTHER NEWS:

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is still seeking volunteers to help us prepare the sanctuary for worship each week. The tasks involve straightening the sanctuary, putting out the correct color of paraments, and being sure that the necessary cards in the pew racks are in place. This job wouldn't involve too much time (maybe 30 minutes on a Thursday or Friday), and Tom Moody would provide an orientation for the work. This is a wonderful way to help make our worship even more meaningful each week. If you're willing to help, please contact Rob Hale (Worship Chair) at rhale@gmail.com or 270-202-5148.

SEEKING DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY for us to stuff in our treat bags for the Downtown Halloween on Saturday October 27. Please bring to the office by October 19. If you would like to help us pass out the bags and be a smiling presence for that event, see Leslee Kirkconnell.

THE CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 10:30am. The second Friday meetings will be at the church, and the fourth Friday meetings will be at the Gramlings' home at 118 Greyrock Drive.