



October 18, 2026 – 10am

Stewardship Sunday

*Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community
sharing the glory of God's love
with all.*

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRELUDE “‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus with I Surrender All” Arr. Heather Sorenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise!

Leader: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

People: Great is the Lord!

Leader: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

*Please rise in body or spirit

*HYMN #35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION



Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #447

“We Are Forgiven”



We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN #188

“Jesus Loves Me”

TALK WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE FIRST READING

Psalm 103:1-14 (BCW)

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**



THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 8:1-13 (NRSVUE)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Worthy”

Rev. Taylor Barner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER



Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal p. 35. We say “debts & debtors.”)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Stewardship Campaign

Karl Craven

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



OFFERTORY

“There is a Balm in Gilead” Arr. Adam & Matt Podd

*DOXOLOGY #606

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



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



*HYMN #515

“I Come With Joy”

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an “I” and leaves as part of “we.” The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus" Arr. Bruce Greer

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Karl Craven – Liturgist

Rev. Taylor Barner – Guest Preacher

Ashley Woodard – Vocalist

Cherie Brooks – Director of Music, Pianist

Brian Biller– Media Production Specialist

Erin Wise – Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Rev. Joel A. Esala – Pastor

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Bible Study - There will be no bible study 10/21/26

Centering Prayer- Thursday at 8:30 am in the Lounge



When we walk in love, we know the joy of giving. Prayerfully consider how you might support Covenant's ministry in 2027.

To complete a pledge form:

Digital Form:

<https://bit.ly/27DigitalPledge>

OR

Pledge Cards can be found in the pews & around the church

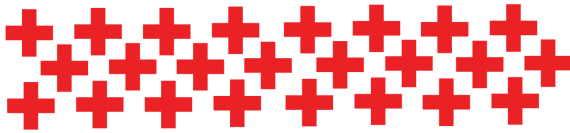
SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL MEETING

November 8, 2026

11:00am

Give blood.



Monday, October 19, 2026
12 - 6pm

SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT:



Scan the QR Code or
Call 1-800-733-2767 or
Visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: covenant



**CAROLYN WINFREY
GILLETTE** October 25th

We're celebrating 70 years of women clergy in the Presbyterian Church with Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. We'll be singing a hymn we commissioned for the occasion; she'll be speaking about her process in forum, and she will lead worship.



**PODD
BROTHERS**

We are hosting the Podd Brothers for the weekend and bringing together some incredible talent for a concert on Sunday, November 15th at 3 pm.

We can't wait to share the newly commissioned hymn with you all ... if you can't wait till 3 pm to hear it, it will premiere at the 10 am service that morning :)



* Cap City Helping Hands (CCHH)

COAT DRIVE

During October we will be collecting new or gently used clean, coats, hats and mittens for school children ages 5 - 17.

Coats are distributed to schools throughout Columbus.

Coats can be deposited in the labeled box in the hallway.

Questions: contact Susan Imel,
susanimell@gmail.com
CCHH is a ministry of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.



IN-GATHERING OF FOOD

November 15 & 22

Collection tables will be set up in the Front and North Entrance

Most-needed items include canned fruits and vegetables, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, soups, pasta, sauce, and cereal.

Monetary donations are also welcome; note "SOS Pantry" on your check or envelope.

Interested in joining the delivery team? Contact Mark Owen!

MEAL PACKING

November 22

Help Us Pack 15,000 Meals! Stay after worship and join us in making a difference for neighbors facing food insecurity. Lunch will be provided.

Thank you to The Jay Fund for making this church-wide event possible!

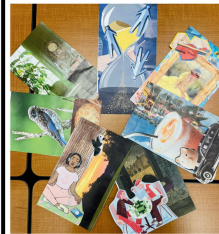


ADVENT EVENT

November 29

Everyone is invited to kick off the advent season with an event put together by our Children & Youth Commission. There will be crafts for all ages, a photo opportunity and of course some very yummy snacks!

Stay tuned for more details.



SOULCOLLAGE®

November 14
9:30-11am

SoulCollage® is a creative process that can be used as a spiritual or mindfulness practice. The process encourages quiet listening, curiosity, and self-reflection.

\$5/person cash or Venmo

KatyOberleCreative

Registration appreciated; walk-ins welcome

Register: <https://bit.ly/SoulCollageRSVP>
or with Megan in the office