HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

November 8, 2026

Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND

- **MOVING HELP NEEDED**: Shannon and Mackenzie are moving from Kirkland to Bellevue this **Saturday** (Nov 7) and could use some assistance. Please let them know if you can help to load and unload the moving truck (they are primarily moving large furniture and heavy items).

THIS SUNDAY

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Join us at **9:30AM** before the worship service: youth downstairs and adults upstairs.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**: Starting this Sunday we will be collecting items for boys and girls ages 10–14. The boxes will be packed next Sunday (November 15).

THIS COMING WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (Nov 10) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person (in the upstairs classroom) or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**: Next **Thursday** (Nov 12) at **7:00PM** at Mackenzie and Shannon Boudreaux's home. We meet every other Thursday.
- **PCA DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER**: Hope to observe next **Saturday** (Nov 14). Additional info to follow…

- **CHURCH CLEANUP**: The deacons are inviting all able-bodied men to help clean out/remove unneeded items from the church this **Saturday** (Nov 14) starting at **11:30AM**.
- **BABY SHOWER**: Ladies are invited to join us as we shower first-time mom Shannon Boudreaux with love, prayers, and blessings for the arrival of her baby boy. Next **Saturday** (Nov 14) at **12:00PM** at Lisa Woodruff's home. *Please RSVP to the Evite email* that you received from Lisa.

MORNING WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

MINISTER: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Creator, from Christ Jesus our Lord and our Savior, and from the Holy Spirit our Helper and our Comforter.

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 31:23–24*

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Gloria Patri" *#734*

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" *#265*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
thine own peace, which evermore
passeth human knowing.

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

Romans 1:18–19, 28–31

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Our righteous and glorious God and Father, ever and always faithful to your people, we have been faithless in our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive, O Lord, and cleanse us. Create in us clean hearts that love you more than we love our self-indulgent desires. Fill our minds and hearts with the fullness of your grace and mercy, and strengthen us by your Spirit to put away our sinful selves and instead live as is fitting for the new creations that we are by faith in Christ Jesus.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 12:3–4

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" *#468*

My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
his wounds for me shall plead.

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him,
he'll never cast me out.

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.

My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God:
salvation by my Savior's name,
salvation thro' his blood.

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.

My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed,
for me his life he gave.

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.

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WE CONFES S OUR FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith XI.4–6: Of Justification

4. God did, from all eternity, decree to justify all the elect, and Christ did, in the fullness of time, die for their sins, and rise again for their justification: nevertheless, they are not justified until the Holy Spirit does, in due time, actually apply Christ unto them.

5. God does continue to forgive the sins of those that are justified; and, although they can never fall from the state of justification, yet they may, by their sins, fall under God's fatherly displeasure, and not have the light of his countenance restored unto them, until they humble themselves, confess their sins, beg pardon, and renew their faith and repentance.

6. The justification of believers under the old testament was, in all these respects, one and the same with the justification of believers under the new testament.

SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 3:21–31; 4:5–8*

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one — who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin".

"O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art" (Psalm 80)
#349 (verses 1–3)

O thou who the Shepherd of Israel art,
give ear to our pray'r and thy favor impart;
thou leader of Joseph, thou guide of his way,
'mid cherubim dwelling, thy glory display.

In Ephraim's, Manasseh's and Benjamin's sight,
O come thou and save us; awake in thy might.
O God, give us favor, restore to thy grace;
and then we shall live in the light of thy face.

From Egypt's dark border a vine thou didst take;
destroying the heathen didst room for it make.
Where planted it grew at thy sov'reign command,
with roots deeply set and boughs filling the land.

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PRAYER

Portugal (prayercast.com): Lush green forests drape Portugal's rolling hills, supporting its thriving logging and cork industries. Bound by a single language, the Portuguese people have maintained a strong national identity. During the 15th and 16th centuries, Portugal was a powerful country with colonies in Brazil and other parts of Asia and Africa. At that time, it was one of the richest nations in the world.

Over the years, these colonies became independent or were given up, which reduced Portugal's power and wealth. In 1910, the monarchy ended, and following a period of political instability, a dictatorship was established in 1926, which lasted for several decades. In 1974, a bloodless military coup ended the dictatorship and led to important democratic reforms.

Today, Portugal's democracy faces challenges, as many people have lost trust in the government. Corruption has been reported at local and national levels. Several high-profile scandals and slow progress on reforms have caused people to question the country's leaders. Allegations of favoritism and conflicts of interest have weakened public confidence. Concerns about police misconduct, including official human rights reports citing racially motivated excessive force, have also decreased public trust. Portugal also struggles with addiction. Portugal also continues to battle heavy rates of substance abuse. Severe drug addiction places massive strain on families and the public healthcare system.

Christianity in Portugal is often more of a cultural tradition than a personal faith. More than 80% of the population identifies as Catholic, but only a small number regularly attend church. The Portuguese youth are often led astray by New Age ideals, Mormonism, and Jehovah's Witnesses. Even so, God is greater than corruption, addiction, and the problems of this world. Portugal needs spiritual renewal now more than ever. As more people read and understand the Bible, Christians believe that the Holy Spirit can work in their hearts and bring lasting change.

- Pray for joy-filled relationships with the Lord, replacing widespread spiritual apathy.
- Pray for church planting movements that draw Muslims and Hindus to Christ.
- Pray for righteous leaders who serve with Christ-like integrity and humility.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

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.

SERMON TEXT

Hebrews 11

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the
conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old
received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that
the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is
seen was not made out of things that are visible.

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than
Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God
commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his
faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was
taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not
found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken
he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without
faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw
near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards
those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God
concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear
constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he
condemned the world and became an heir of the
righteousness that comes by faith.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a
place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went
out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he went to
live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents
with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.
10 For he was looking forward to the city that has
foundations, whose designer and builder is God. 11 By faith
Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was
past the age, since she considered him faithful who had
promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as
dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven
and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the
seashore.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things
promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar,
and having acknowledged that they were strangers and
exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it
clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been
thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they
would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they
desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God
is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for
them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac,
and he who had received the promises was in the act of
offering up his only son, 18 of whom it was said, “Through
Isaac shall your offspring be named.” 19 He considered that
God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which,
figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. 20 By faith
Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. 21 By faith
Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing
in worship over the head of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, at the

end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of

sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated — [38] of whom the world was not worthy — wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

[39] And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, [40] since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

SERMON

"What Is Faith?"

GRATEFUL PRAISE

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" *#499*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.
WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.
GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS IN THE BOWL IN THE **CENTER** OF THE TRAYS.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

"O Thou Who the Shepherd of Israel Art" (Psalm 80)
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O thou who the Shepherd of Israel art,
give ear to our pray'r and thy favor impart;
thou leader of Joseph, thou guide of his way,
'mid cherubim dwelling, thy glory display.

The axe hews it down; it is burned in the fire;
they perish, rebuked in thy terrible ire.
O lay then thy hand on the Man of thy might,
The Son of Man made to stand strong in thy sight.

No more shall we wander, delighting in shame;
revive us, O Lord, we will call on thy name.
O Lord God of hosts, us restore to thy grace,
and then we shall live in the light of thy face.

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"Doxology" *#733*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20–21

"It Is Well with My Soul" *(refrain)* *#691*

It is well *[it is well]* ***with my soul;*** *[with my soul]*
it is well, it is well with my soul.

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EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 68:1–20
(TH page 808–9)

HYMN

"Abide with Me" — *TH #402*

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 15

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6

PRAYERS

SERMON

Romans 14:7–9
"Solo Consolatio"
(Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day #1, Q&A #1)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?
A. That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER

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