



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Mighty and merciful God,
lover of justice and equity,
you call us to support the weak,
to help those who suffer,
and to honor all people.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
make us advocates for your justice
and instruments of your peace,
so that all may be reconciled
in your beloved community;
through Jesus Christ Our Savior. Amen..

PRELUDE

Guadeloupean Prelude

Alain-Pierre Pradel

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte Lovett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

As God's people we seek to increase our faith, to offer peace to a shattered world, to feast together at one table of love.

*SONG OF PRAISE

In Christ There Is No East or West

Hymnal, No. 317

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us,

“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,

hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy,

clinging to power and privilege whenever we can.

Set us free from greed and fear.

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Teach us to trust in you alone;

through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer. *(Time of silent reflection)*

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory to God Hymnal, No. 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 (x3)
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION Trudy Beard

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 552
 Isaiah 5:1-7
 The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 80, Hymnal No.355

ANTHEM One World, One Communion Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 803
 Matthew 21:33-46
 The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Tending the Vinyard Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH Together We Serve Hymnal, No. 767

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**
(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Then we will share the feast of salvation.
Then we will rejoice around your throne, singing:
**Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!**

All this we pray in the name
of the one who has promised:
surely I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

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!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORDS' PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

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.

Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful
who hunger and thirst for righteousness
and singing the hymn of the whole creation:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises Hymnal, No. 538

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

**Go out into the world in peace.
Have courage.
Hold onto what is good.
Return to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,
help the suffering.
Honor all people.
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always.**

*POSTLUDE Pastorale in G Nikolai Kapustin

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for October 11: Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for October are reading glasses and Gatorade. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it, and after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church. The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) was first associated with World Wide Communion Sunday in 1940 when the department's executive secretary, Jesse Bader, led in its extension to a number of churches throughout the world.

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