

## **The Witness of PTCA Churches this week, in the Week of the Election**

All through this Election Week, our PTCA churches have been publicly present to its members and to its communities, practicing the fierce grace and justice of the message of Jesus during these tense and anxiety-producing days. Below is a small sampling of the public expressions of faith from PTCA congregations from your Facebook pages or websites, with profound thanks for your clear commitments to a faith that leads, guides, and comforts us.

(Did we not name your congregation? Send links to your public expressions of faith to Jeff Japinga, executive presbyter.)

### **TUESDAY**

#### **First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN**

*"A Prayer for Election Day"*

*God of community, we seek you out today, yearning for your guidance, our minds filled with anticipation. We pray for a safe space to consider the issues and options in this election. We pray for calm in our neighborhoods and on the streets as we continue to cast our ballots and await the outcome of the election. We ask that you rain down your blessings on those who work to ensure that polling places are safe and accessible. We pray for their safety on election day. We know you go with us as we answer your call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. In the name of Jesus, the risen Christ, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.*

#### **Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview, MN**

*"An Encouragement to Vote"*

*As the hours count down to Election Day across the country, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is urging people to head for the polls if they haven't already. [#pcusa](https://bit.ly/2THVvwt) [#PCUSAvotes2020](https://bit.ly/2THVvwt)*

#### **Liberty Community Church, Minneapolis, MN**

*"Self-Care Mindfulness" on Election Day*

*<https://www.facebook.com/libertychurchmpls/videos/427427588657112>*

#### **Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, MN**

*"A Prayer for Election Day"*

*Holy God, on this Election Day grant wisdom, compassion, and a desire for justice to all who have and are making their vote. Make your will known to all of us that the will of the people might align with your will. Guide this our country, O Lord, as we elect leaders to serve and guide us in our life together. Help everyone's voice to be heard, that the people's will be made known. Grant that all candidates might display collegiality with one another and a respect for the*

*people and the results of the election. Most of all O God, may your will be done in this country and around the world, that your kingdom may come on earth as in heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ, Lord of all and Prince of Peace. Amen.*

**Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN**

*"Election Night Prayer Vigil"*

*Prayer vigil for our nation tonight from 8:00 until 9:00. Join us on this link provided where you can come for the hour, or pop in as you need. We will be sharing spoken prayer, Taize contemplative singing, silence, and a welcome to share all of our prayers for our nation.*

**WEDNESDAY**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN**

*"Tim Time," Wednesday afternoon, on patience*

<https://www.facebook.com/westminstertmpls/videos/678783689440409>

**First Presbyterian Church, Kasson, MN**

*"Bible Study on Peace"*

*You can still join the Bible study tonight (Wednesday November 4) at 8pm on Zoom with Pastor Amanda. We will be talking about peace. The world today feels broken and incomplete, come explore why we need shalom in our lives.*

**Trinity Presbyterian Church, Woodbury, MN**

*"Spiritual Nourishment for Your Soul," a ten-minute prayer-full pause*

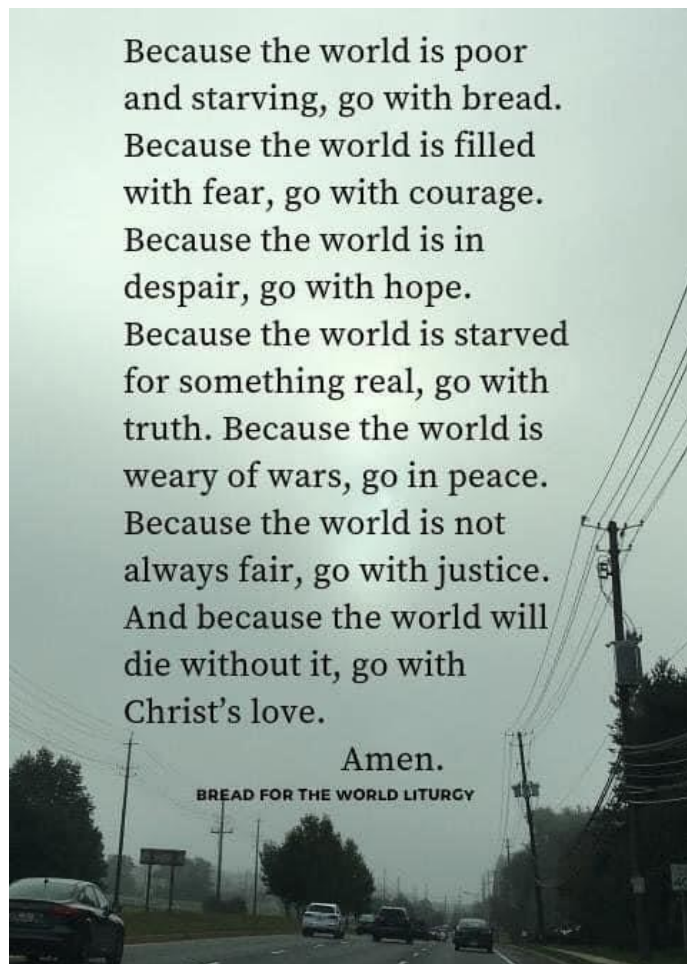
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**First Presbyterian Church, Hudson, WI**

*"Noon Prayers," from Wednesday*

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**First Presbyterian Church, South Saint Paul, MN**



**St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Minnetonka**

"A Space for Collective Sharing"

*A space for collective sharing... Need to say something and listen to others? Comment below and/or join us for our community share time tonight on Zoom at 7pm CST (link in our emails or contact staff, if needed).*

**First Presbyterian Church, Red Wing, MN**

"Service of Healing and Wholeness," conducted Wednesday evening, November 4.

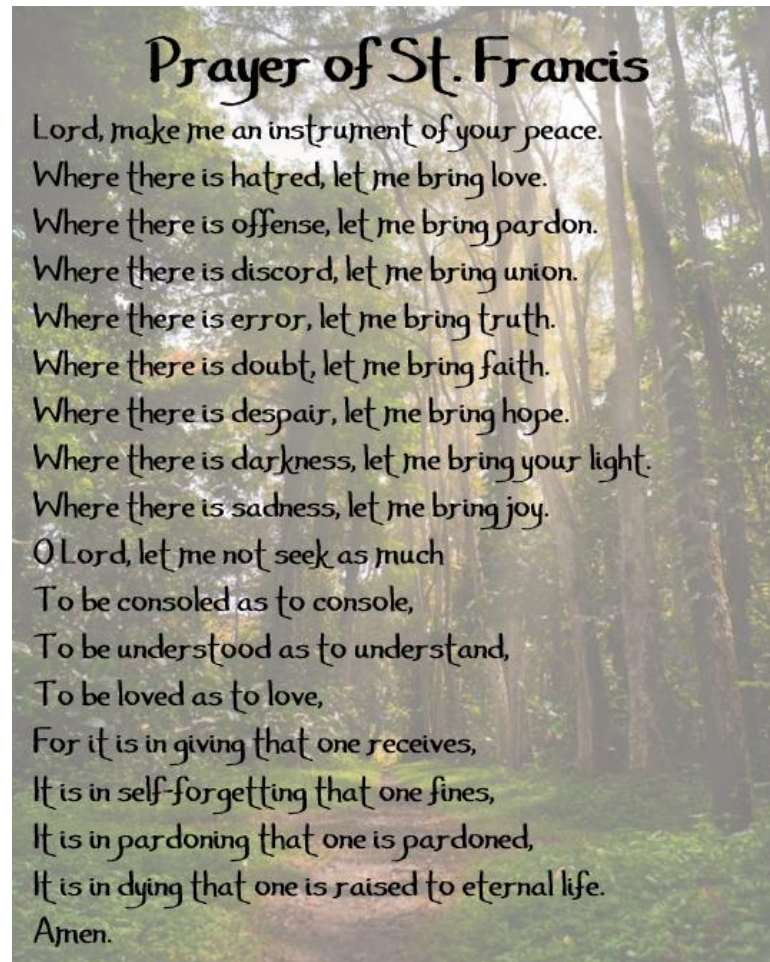
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**Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN**

"I Don't Accept the Results," a blog from Pastor Kara Root

<https://kara-root.blogspot.com/2020/11/i-dont-accept-results-of-election.html>

**Presbyterian Church of Oronoco, MN**  
"A Prayer for You and for Our Nation"



**THURSDAY**

**Chain of Lakes Church, Blaine, MN**  
"Grounded in Love amidst a Storm"

<https://www.facebook.com/chainoflakeschurch/videos/848942445841125>