

Greetings! At FPCS, you are already offering your name with the nametag. And there are other offerings that can be made by the pew cards. You may share your Name (and updated contact information) and your Talents. There are Prayer Cards (and these prayers will be immediately read in the Prayers of the People). There are envelopes to share your financial offerings; and there are cards to indicate your offering was made online or by mail.

* marks an invitation to please rise in body or Spirit.

Parts in bold welcome your participation.

Gathering for the Word

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Psalm 34:8*)

One: Is not the cup of blessing that we bless
a sharing in the blood of Christ?

All: Is not the bread that we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

One: Because there is one bread, we, though many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**All: In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,
and were all given the same Spirit to drink.**

One: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

All: Happy are those who take refuge in God!

Preparing for the Word

* PREPARATION HYMN 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

CHILDREN’S TIME concluding with THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

[Children are invited to leave for Worship Our Way (WOW).]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, what a feast of love and life you set before us! But time and again we turn from your banquet. We pursue what cannot truly satisfy or nourish. We resent and reject others you bring to dine with us. We fail to share our bread with neighbors who are hungry, and gorge ourselves on gifts you gave for all.

Silence for personal confession.

In your mercy, forgive us. By your Spirit, summon us again to your table, where we may freely receive Jesus Christ, the true bread from heaven who gives life to the world, and strengthen us to more faithfully follow him in your ways.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*based on 1 Peter 2:9-10*)

Once, we were not a people; now, we are God’s own people, chosen to proclaim the praises of him who called us out of darkness into God’s marvelous light. Once, we had not received mercy; now, we have received mercy.

Friends, believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSIVE HYMN 582 “*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*”

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. [3x]

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

The Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 9:1-6 (NIV; Pew Bible 633)

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NIV; Pew Bible 1136)

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Responding to the Word

OFFERING [All are invited to use the pew cards to offer their prayers, name, talents, and gifts. The ushers will present the prayers for immediate use.]

Offertory: Psalm 23 (arr. Prescott-Ezickson) feat. WOW Participants

* DOXOLOGY HYMN 606 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord’s Table [This is the Lord’s Table. All are welcome.]

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[The prayer continues...]

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

[Please remain seated; the elements will be brought to you.

The elements include juice, bread, and gluten-free bread (center dish).]

Concluding Thanks

Following the Word into the World

* SENDING HYMN 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

* BENEDICTION and SENDING MUSIC



Sunday, October 4, 2026

10:00 AM

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Megan Prescott-Ezickson, Music Director
Anna Greene, Communications Director
Debbie Rhodes, Liturgist