

First Presbyterian Church of Grove City

10:00 am
September 20th, 2026



“To Know Christ and Make Him Known”



We Gather to Praise Our God

**Please rise in body or spirit*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be always with you,

People: And also with you!

PRELUDE *Come, Christians Join to Sing (Hymn #267)* J.S. Bach/arr. Mark Hayes

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #769

For Everyone Born (st. 1 and refrain)

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing
for everyone born, a star over head,**

**and God will delight when we are creators of
justice and joy, compassion and peace:**

yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is good. God is great.

P: God gives us all we need.

L: God is just. God is king.

P: God gives us all we need.

L: We meet here to praise God.

P: We gather here to meet Jesus.

L: We come here to be gathered up by the Holy Spirit.

P: Let us worship God together in love.

*OPENING HYMN #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(unison)

**God of grace, you are always helping us
to grow through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we think
we are finished growing or that growth
looks more like power than love. Forgive us.
Remind us we need you to continue to grow.
Help us to practice being more loving, more kind,
and more welcoming, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**L: Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love.
P: In Christ, we are forgiven, welcomed into God's loving arms,
and given the chance to try again. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***RESPONSE #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.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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

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We Hear God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following Children's Time, children ages 3 & up will be met by their teachers in the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

We Respond in Thanksgiving and Dedication

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***HYMN #753**

Make Me a Channel

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

Welcome

Zelman/Mark Miller

...singing welcome, welcome to this place,
you're invite to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome, the love of God to share

'cause all of us are welcome here, welcome in this place.

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***DOXOLOGY #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.**

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CALL TO PRAYER #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (st. 1)

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

We Depart to Share Good News

***SENDING HYMN #361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***RESPONSE #769**

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POSTLUDE *Come, Christians Join to Sing (Hymn #267)* arr. J. Wayne Kerr

We welcome our newest members, recently received by the session. Joel Ellen Stewart, Josie & Dennis Guenther are re-joining, and Carol Parks is joining us for the first time.

Leading Worship Today

Pastor:

Rev. Wendy McCormick

Liturgist

Debby Cox

Ushers:

Doug & Denise Ebner

Technology:

Hannah Stewart, Connie Moneypenny,

Doug Ebner

Worship Music:

Chris Dederer, Director of Music

FPCGC Chancel Choir

News & Announcements



Our Brown Bag Hot Dog Lunch for our community is coming up on Saturday September 26th, 11 am to 1 pm. This is a monthly service of our Deacons, and help is always needed. See you there!



Special Musical Guests: Illuminati

We are pleased to welcome Illuminati, the sacred music ensemble of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus, to worship on Sunday, September 27. Through sacred song, Illuminati shares the message that all people are whole, holy, loved, and have a place in the faith community. We hope you will join us for this special service!

Learn more at www.cgmc.com/illuminati.



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Live Streaming Reminder

We're thrilled to continue to offer online worship for those who cannot join us in person. As we continue to improve our technology, we encourage you to utilize YouTube to view our service. Compared to Facebook, YouTube is a more stable and accessible platform, and we are finding there are fewer issues with viewing the stream there. Please check the app, website, or the link here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FPC-GC-Ohio/live>



Lunch Together

Join other church members and friends for lunch on Wednesdays at 12pm. No RSVP required. See to the right for each week's location. Questions? Call Ken Simeral (cell 740-317-9476).

September 23rd: Sunny Street Café
September 30th: Planks
October 7th: Olive Garden
October 14th: Fiesta Mariachi (Georgesville)
October 21st: 3 Brothers
October 28th: Bob Evans (Georgesville)
November 4th: IHOP

This Week's Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSVue)

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Are you new here? Or new-ish?

Do we have your correct contact info?

Please sign the green visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate or scan the code:

We would love to meet you!





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Cover Art: This mosaic from the Basilica of Sant’Apollinare Nuovo in Ravenna, Italy, was made about 1,500 years ago. With sheep on one side and goats on the other, it portrays Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 25: our care for people who are hungry, vulnerable, or in need matters deeply to him.