

First Presbyterian Church of Grove City

10:00 am
September 13th, 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

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

arr. Jason Krug

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #399

God Welcomes All (sung twice)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We rejoice together today.

P: We are in God's house.

L: We rejoice together today.

P: We are united in God's love.

L: We rejoice together today.

P: We sing God's songs of welcome.

*OPENING HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

*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

1 Corinthians 12:4-7
Luke 10:38-42

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

All Are Welcome: Welcoming Gifts

Rev. Wendy McCormick

We Respond in Thanksgiving and Dedication

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's 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 #693

Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For Everyone Born

(for text, see Hymn #769)
Please join the choir for the refrain

...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!

*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 #766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*RESPONSE #399

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POSTLUDE *Called as Partners in Christ's Service (Hymn #761)* arr. Joel Raney

Leading Worship Today

Pastor:

Rev. Wendy McCormick

Liturgist

David Vukovich

Ushers:

FPCGC Men's Fellowship

Technology:

Rachel, Beverly, & Bethany Woran

Worship Music:

Chris Dederer, Director of Music

FPCGC Chancel Choir

News & Announcements



Diaper Drive

Our youth invite you to donate diapers (sizes 1, 2, or 3) to be shared with neighbors who come to our monthly brown bag lunch. Diapers are expensive, and lack of diapers can cause health complications for babies. Please be generous!



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>



Don't throw that away!

You can recycle your bulletin (and other clean paper, glass, plastic) in the blue bin in the back of the sanctuary. And on your way to coffee in the Fellowship Center, you can drop off pop tabs (to benefit Ronald McDonald House), ink cartridges (to benefit cancer patient programs), eyeglasses (to be distributed to those in need).



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 16th: IHOP
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)

This Week's Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NRSVue)

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Luke 10:38-42 (NRSVue)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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 week’s cover features Martha and Mary by Chinese Christian artist He Qi. By portraying Jesus and the biblical story through a Chinese artistic lens, it reminds us that Jesus was not white; and that no single culture or ethnicity can fully contain our image of Christ.