

Welcome!

First Presbyterian Church of Grove City

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026



SUMMER **WORSHIP & POTLUCK** **CELEBRATION**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GROVE CITY

10:00 am: Coffee & Donuts
10:30 am: Worship Service
11:00 am: Food & Fellowship (*potluck* style)

Program Songs

Shall We Gather at the River (Hymn # 375)

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

Soon we'll reach the shining river;
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

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Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary) (Hymn # 701)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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Morning Has Broken (Hymn # 664)

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Additional stanzas:

Out in the darkest night, I'm gonna let it shine.
Deep down in my soul, I'm gonna let it shine.

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Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (Hymn #647)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

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!"

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!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

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We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba) (Hymn #853)

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching oo,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching oo,
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (Hymn #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.
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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This Week's Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSVue)

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



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"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"