

First Presbyterian Church of Grove City

10:00 am
September 27th, 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 *O for a World (Hymn #372)* Setting by David M. Cherwien

CHORAL INTROIT *I Will Be a Child of Peace* Elaine Hagenberg

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls us to worship together.

P: God calls us to worship together.

L: God calls us to worship when we are tired or grumpy, hungry or thirsty.

P: God calls us to worship together.

L: God calls us to worship when we are full of energy and ready to praise God.

P: God calls us to worship together.

L: God calls us to worship when we are discouraged and asking “why?”

P: God calls us to worship together.

L: God calls us together when we are grateful.

P: God calls us to worship together. Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #769**

For Everyone Born

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(unison)

Dear God, sometimes we use our words to hurt others.

Sometimes we twist our words to avoid telling the truth.

Sometimes we yell or argue rather than cooperate.

Sometimes we insist on our own way. Forgive us.

Give us new hearts and new words.

Turn us away from evil, and turn us back toward you.

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**Teach us better ways to live: to love others as you love us.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: No matter how far we stray from God's path;
No matter how many times we mess up,

P: **God will not turn away from us.**

L: Hear and share the Good News:

In Jesus, we are not alone. God loves us. God forgives us.

P: **We can start again to love and forgive others. 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

Luke 7:36-50

L: The word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

All Are Welcome: Welcoming the Other

Rev. Wendy McCormick

We Respond in Thanksgiving and Dedication

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From "A Brief Statement of Faith" PC(USA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit give us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

By Our Love

Christy Nockels

*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

Let There Be Peace on Earth

arr. Craig Courtney

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Depart to Share Good News

*SENDING HYMN #372

O For a World

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*RESPONSE #769

For Everyone Born (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!

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POSTLUDE

For Everyone Born (Hymn #769)

arr. C. Christian Dederer

Thank you to our guests, Illuminati, for providing music for today's service. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after service for cake and conversation with the performers!

The flowers in the sanctuary are provided, to the Glory of God, by John Noss & Kristin Kiaski-Noss in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Leading Worship Today

Pastor:

Rev. Wendy McCormick

Liturgist

Albert Metuge

Ushers:

The McIntire Family

Technology:

Rachel, Bethany, & Beverly Woran

Worship Music:

Chris Dederer, Director of Music

Illuminati

News & Announcements



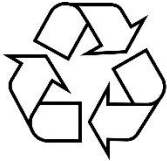
PW Women's Circle Returns September 29

Join us as we return from summer break with a trip to Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park! We'll depart the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. and enjoy lunch at Anne & Tony's (OYO). Jill Fredricks will share the park's history before we tour by car, visit the nature center, and - hopefully - spot some bison!



Haunted Happenings at Circleville Presbyterian Church

Join our own Chris Dederer, along with other musicians for a night of Halloween music and fun on **Sunday, October 11th**. Trunk or Treat will be at the nearby Trinity Lutheran Church from **5:13-5:53 PM**, with the concert beginning at **6:13PM**. Circleville Presbyterian church is located at 134 E. Mound Street in Circleville. For more information contact Chris Dederer.



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).



Let's Get Social!

Help Us Make Christ Known Online

Follow FPCGC on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube to stay connected with sermons, church events, announcements, and reflections. Liking, commenting on, and sharing our posts helps us reach more people as we continue "To Know Christ and Make Him Known."

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fpcgc>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/firstpresbyterianofgc/>

Tiktok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@fpcgc1858>

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



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 30th: Planks

October 7th: Olive Garden

October 14th: Fiesta Mariachi (Georgesville)

October 21st: 3 Brothers

October 28th: Bob Evans (Georgesville)

November 4th: IHOP

November 11th: Sunny Street Cafe

This Week's Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50 (NRSVue)

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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: "She Did What She Could" is a 2011 oil painting by Argentine artist Jorge Cocco Santángelo, who depicts the biblical account of a woman anointing the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume (Luke 7: 37). Created in his signature "sacrocubism" style, the artwork uses simplified, geometric forms and a focused color palette to minimize historical distractions and draw the viewer's attention directly to the spiritual essence of her profound act of devotion.