FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GROVE CITY

10:00 am
November 22nd, 2026



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 *Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works* (Hymn #21)
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (st. 1)

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.
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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise God Creator
P: Praise God Creator

L: Praise Christ Redeemer
P: Praise Christ Redeemer

L: Praise Holy Spirit Comforter
P: Praise Holy Spirit Comforter

***HYMN #268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: We have not seen Christ in our neighbor:
P: And God still loves us.

L: We have not shared what we have.
P: And God still loves us.

L: We have hurt others.
P: And God still loves us.

L: We have turned away from the needs of others.
P: And God still loves us.

L: We have judged others.
P: And God still loves us.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, hear the Good News: No matter what we do or what we don't do, God loves us. Know that we are forgiven.
P: Because God loves us, we can serve others in Christ's name.
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.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 65:1-5, 11-13 *(read responsively)*

L: God of Zion, to you even silence is praise. Promises made to you are kept—
P: you listen to prayer—and all living things come to you.

L: When wrongdoings become too much for me, you forgive our sins.
P: **How happy is the one you choose to bring close,
the one who lives in your courtyards! We are filled full by the goodness of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

L: In righteousness you answer us, by your awesome deeds,
God of our salvation—you, who are the security of all the far edges of the earth, even the distant seas.
**P: You crown the year with your goodness;
your paths overflow with rich food.**

L: Even the desert pastures drip with it, and the hills are dressed in pure joy.
**P: The meadowlands are covered with flocks,
the valleys decked out in grain—they shout for joy;
they break out in song!**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:24-33

L: The word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Thanks Be To God"* Rev. Wendy McCormick

We Respond in Thanksgiving and Dedication

***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 #175** *Seek Ye First*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Worship Committee will distribute leaves before the service. Please write something you're grateful for on your leaf, then place it in the offering plate during the offering. Together, let's make our offering more meaningful by sharing our gratitude.

ANTHEM *Make My Life an Alleluia* Ruth Elaine Schram

Make my life an alleluia, a song of praise to you each day.
To proclaim your grace and glory, fill my heart with your praise, I pray.
When I stand at the mountaintop, or the valley of despair,
this will be my cry, my song, my prayer; Lord, make my life an alleluia.

Make my life an alleluia, a gift of love to you, my King.
I will join with all creation in the song that the heavens sing!
The earth will turn, and the planets spin, as the seasons ebb and flow;
Still, your grace surrounds me as I go. Lord, make my life an alleluia.

Make my life an alleluia, this offering of myself I give to You.
I will share your grace and mercy for as long as I shall live.
When I come to my journey's end, may those left behind be reminded,
this has been my cry, my song, my prayer: Lord, make my life an alleluia.

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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 #792 *There is a Balm in Gilead* (refrain)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Depart To Share the Good News

RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT

L: Wendy, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church USA we recognize that you have completed your active service as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. We praise God for the grace that has filled your ministry, we give thanks for your faithful service to Christ's Church, and we rejoice at the work of the Holy Spirit through you.

P: May God continue to bring joy and peace to your life, just as you have blessed the church with your ministry and proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN #643** *Now Thank We All Our God*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***RESPONSE #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (refrain)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. David Cherwien

Leading Worship Today

Pastor:	Technology:
Rev. Wendy McCormick	Rachel, Bethany, & Beverly Woran
Liturgist:	Worship Music:
Barbara Mogren	Chris Dederer, Director of Music
Ushers:	FPCGC Chancel Choir
The McIntire Family	FPCGC Bell Choir

This Week's Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:24-33

24 "No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? **28** And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' **32** For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

News & Announcements



Today's Flowers
The flowers in the sanctuary are provided, to the glory of God, by Gary & Ilona Isaacs in honor of Rev. Wendy McCormick. "In appreciation of her exemplary service to our church family. We will miss you!"



Poinsettia Orders
Orders are due today! Please fill out the form online or in the bulletin to order your poinsettias!



Save the Date: Churchwide Holiday Potluck - December 6th!
Join us on December 6th after service for a festive time of food, fellowship, and holiday cheer! Hosted by the Membership Committee, this churchwide gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate the season together.
Please bring a dish to share. Whether it's a favorite holiday recipe, a savory side, or a sweet treat, we look forward to sharing a delicious meal with you.



Great is Thy Faithfulness
Thank you to all who have submitted an estimate of giving for our ministry in 2027. We have received 25 estimates so far, and 21 of them are increases over 2026 -- thank you for *stepping up!!* You can still submit an estimate of your own giving to the church for 2027; these estimates are not binding commitments, but they do help us to plan. Use the card in the back of the sanctuary or go to the FPCGC app.



Directory 2027
Updating your information in the directory is EASY, just check out the printed directory in the narthex and put a check mark next to your name if your information is correct! If it isn't, you can update it using the Sunday attendance card, right in or by contacting John Noss in the church office. Alternatively, you can update your information digitally in the FPCGC app. Look for the button labeled "Directory."
Please verify your information by **December 13th!**

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Please have them returned to the table in the narthex!</td></tr>
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Our Brown Bag Hot Dog Lunch for our community is coming up on Saturday, November 28th from 11 am to 1 pm. This is a monthly service of our Deacons, and help is always needed. See you there!</td></tr>
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From the Deacons: Thank you to everyone for their support of the coat driver for Central Community House. We delivered <u>47 coats</u> to a grateful organization!
For more information on Central Community House and their work, please visit: https://www.cchouse.org/</td></tr>
<tr><td>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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</td></tr>
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FPC GROVE CITY</td><td>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).

November 25th: Planks
December 2nd: Olive Garden
December 9th: Fiesta Mariachi (Georgesville)
December 16th: 3 Brothers
December 23rd : Bob Evans (Georgesville)
December 30th: IHOP
January 6th: Sunny Street Café
January 13th: Broadway Standard</td></tr>
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From The Office

Thanksgiving Office Hours
The office will be CLOSED beginning at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 25th and will be closed until Monday, November 30th at 8:30, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
Urgent issues, including pastoral care, can be texted to 614-871-7307. Please send prayer request to Ilona Isaacs at 614-531-3145.

E-Mail Reminder
The e-mail to communicate with John Noss in the office changed over the summer. Please use the following e-mails when contacting the office: j.nossii@fpcgc.org OR office.administrator@fpcgc.org.
Please no longer use the Gmail (Google) account, as it is no longer monitored and your e-mail will be missed. Thank you!

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Want to sponsor flowers on Sunday?
Celebrate a special event or honor the memory of someone dear by sponsoring flowers for **$40**. Give through your usual method—check, cash, or online. Please mark your giving envelope "Flower Sponsorship" or select that option in the online giving portal.
To reserve your date, write your name on the calendar outside the church office. Then complete a green card, located below the flower sponsorship calendar, with the dedication you would like announced and included in the bulletin.

Pastor Transition

Rev Wendy McCormick completes her work with us today. Wendy was hired by our Session in October 2025 to serve as our Transitional Pastor for one year. Today is her last Sunday, as she enters retirement.

Rev Gary Brose begins next Sunday as our part-time temporary pastor. We are so grateful that he will fill this gap as our Pastor Nominating Committee continues its work. Gary is an experienced Presbyterian pastor who has led churches full and part time in Cincinnati, in northern Ohio, and here in our area. He lives in Bexley, and he is the full-time director of chaplaincy services for Capital City Hospice. Alongside this important ministry, Gary enjoys helping churches like ours on a part-time, short-term basis. Many of you will remember Gary as a preacher during Robert Tolar's sabbatical a few years ago and last summer during my vacation. Gary's primary responsibility will be to preach and lead worship -- and he plans to sing with our choir! His contract with our Session is for 12-15 hours per week, so besides Sundays, Gary will provide pastoral care, and he will moderate the Session. He will not keep regular office hours, but he will be available by appointment. The church is in good hands with John Noss and Chris Dederer on staff and with strong and faithful leaders on both the Session and the Board of Deacons.

THANK YOU
REV. WENDY McCORMICK
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