

First Presbyterian Church of Grove City

10:00 am
August 30th, 2026



WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?



“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 My Father's World (Hymn #370)

arr. Jacob B. Weber

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come and listen! God is calling.

P: God calls us together.

L: Come and listen! God is calling.

P: God calls us to holy ground.

L: Come and listen! God is calling.

P: God calls each of us to love and serve the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN #370**

This Is My Father's World

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(unison)

**God, you are loving and just. Forgive us when we do not care
for all of creation and when we do not care for one another.**

**Guide us when things are unfair so we can learn what your
justice means and share your love on earth.**

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: God's mercy frees us to act with courage and compassion.

P: In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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 READINGS

Genesis 16:7-13

Revelation 7:9-10

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Where Do You Come From?

Pastor Peter Okyere

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.**

(continued)

**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 #306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

When Peace Like a River (Hymn #840)

arr. Timothy Shaw

***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!**

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Depart to Share Good News

***SENDING HYMN #840**

When Peace Like a River

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***RESPONSE #840**

When Peace Like a River (refrain)

**It is well (it is well)
with my soul (with my soul);
it is well, it is well, with my soul.**

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The flowers in the sanctuary are provided to the Glory of God by Arlen & Gwen Miller, in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary.

Special thanks to Pastor Peter Okyere for leading us in worship today. Peter is our presbytery’s Pastor for Immigrants and Refugees at Worthington Presbyterian Church and is the leader of “A Light to the Nations,” a monthly worship service at Worthington on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Rev. Wendy McCormick is on vacation this week and will be back in the office on Wednesday.

Leading Worship Today	
<u>Pastor:</u> Pastor Peter Okyere <u>Liturgist</u> Debby Cox <u>Ushers:</u> Bart Starner & Helen Huntington	<u>Technology:</u> Rachel, Bethany & Beverly Woran <u>Worship Music:</u> Chris Dederer, Director of Music

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!



News & Announcements



From the Office

In observance of Labor Day, the office will be CLOSED on September 7th.



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!



From the Music Director

Adult Choir is beginning on September 10 at 6:30 pm. We have positions open in all voice sections - soprano, alto, tenor or bass. It is not necessary to be able to read music, but must have a willingness to learn to read. One great way to do that is to join a beginning Handbell Choir. **Handbells Choir will begin on September 13 from 9-9:25 AM.** If you are interested in helping make a joyful noise to the Lord, talk to Chris after the services on August 30 or September 6. Many hands (voices) help make this happen. If you are looking for a short commitment of time, join us for any of the following time periods: Fall, Advent/Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, or Easter Sundays. Contact Chris Dederer at his cell phone: 708-642-2741.



Make New Friends and Keep the Old!

If you would like to be part of a small group, now is the time to sign up! Groups will meet monthly for about an hour, starting in September. Each gathering will include a short Bible study and time for fellowship and getting better acquainted. One gathering is already established: Third Wednesday of each month, 2:00-3:00 pm. You can sign up for this time, or you can sign up and indicate that you prefer "evening" or "weekend" and you will be connected with a group. Sign up on the FPCGC app or in the narthex!



Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings

Next Sunday, Barbara Parker, RN, from LifeCare Alliance will offer free blood pressure screenings during Fellowship Time. Barbara is already a familiar face at First Presbyterian Church through her work here on Mondays and Fridays. Stop by during Fellowship Time for a quick and convenient blood pressure check.



Keep the grocery cart full!

The grocery cart in the narthex is for your donations of non-perishable food as well as toiletries for the Grove City Food Pantry, 2710 Columbus St. **There is a new list of items needed.** If you know someone who needs food assistance, call 614.341.2282 for information about how to make an appointment. And thanks to Deacon **Pat Dugan** who delivers our donations.



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 2nd: 3 Brothers

September 9th: Bob Evans (Georgesville)

September 16th: IHOP

September 23rd: Sunny Street Café

September 30th: Planks

October 7th: Olive Garden

October 14th: Fiesta Mariachi (Georgesville)



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This Week's Scripture Readings

Genesis 16:7-13 (NRSVue)

⁷ The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸ And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." ⁹ The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." ¹⁰ The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." ¹¹ And the angel of the LORD said to her,

"Now you have conceived and shall bear a son;
you shall call him Ishmael,
for the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

¹² He shall be a wild ass of a man,
with his hand against everyone,
and everyone's hand against him,
and he shall live at odds with all his kin."

¹³ So she named the LORD who spoke to her, "You are El-roi," for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?"

Revelation 7:9-10 (NRSVue)

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"