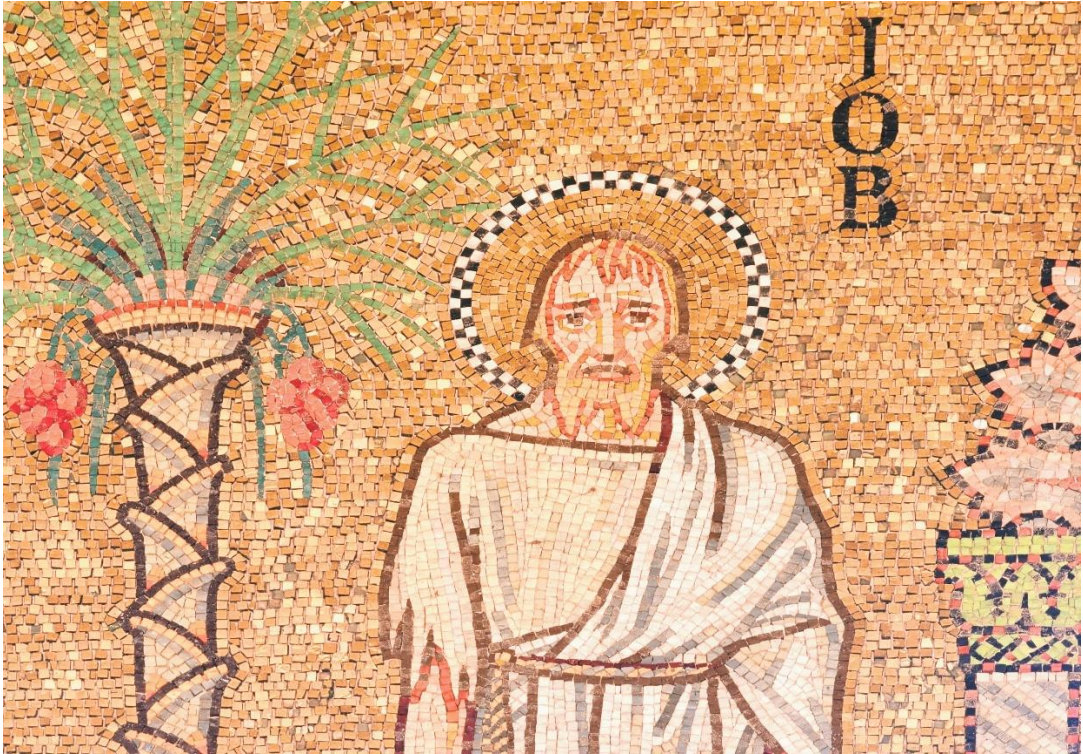


First Presbyterian Church of Grove City

10:00 am
October 18th, 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

Toccata in D minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (st. 1)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come to worship the God who made us.

Children of God, made in the image of God, what is God like?

P: God is like a shepherd and a gardener, like an artist and a dancer.

L: Is that all?

P: God is bigger than we can imagine and as close as our very breath.

L: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

God of Justice, We confess that while you call us to treat all people fairly, we pick favorites and leave others out. We take sides and argue instead of listening and loving. Forgive us. Open our hearts to recognize your holy presence in the world around us.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Children of God, hear the good news: the one who made goodness and beauty is also the one who offers us grace and mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: 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

Job 1:1-2:10

L: The word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Does Everything Happen for a Reason: Job, Part 1

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.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #450)

arr. Paul Manz

*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 Good News

*SENDING HYMN #32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***RESPONSE #600**

Amen

Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.
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POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Hymn #32)* arr. Michael Burkhardt

Leading Worship Today	
<u>Pastor:</u> Rev. Wendy McCormick <u>Liturgist</u> Barbara Mogren <u>Ushers:</u> Doug & Denise Ebner	<u>Technology:</u> Hannah Stewart, Kirk Bohanan <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



Harvest Celebration

Join the Worship, Christian Education, and Membership committees for a Harvest celebration after church on **October 25th**! Enjoy harvest themed activities for adults and children. We will also share a potluck lunch. Hope to see you there!



Halloween Costume Drive for Van Buren Center

Halloween costumes are due by today! If you have any you want donated, please get them to the church by tonight so they can be donated in time! Thank you for your generosity!



Election Day Volunteers and Bakers Needed

Help First Presbyterian Church welcome voters with treats and friendly faces on Tuesday, November 3! We need volunteers to serve refreshments in two-hour shifts beginning at 6:00 a.m., with help needed through 7:30 p.m. We also welcome donations of homemade cookies, breakfast bars, assorted chips, and bottled water.

Please sign up in the Narthex to volunteer, bake, or donate. Bring cookie donations to the church kitchen, packaged two small cookies or one very large cookie per bag. Leave a note identifying the cookie type and whether it contains nuts; individual bags do not need labels.

Thank you for helping us share our church's hospitality with our community!

Rise Against Hunger

Join the Mission Subcommittee on **Sunday, November 8th at 3:00 pm** in the **Fellowship Center**. We will assemble meals with rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a blend of 20 vitamins and minerals. The meals store well and travel quickly to people facing food insecurity.



How to sign up

1. Add your name to the **sign up sheet in the narthex**.
2. Then complete your registration and acknowledge the waiver here:

<https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/meal-packaging-event-first-presbyterian-church-of-grove-city-november-8-2026-grove-city-oh/e853695>

Questions. See **Diana Mock**.



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).



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>



Your Mission Committee thoughtfully and prayerfully allocates our congregation's mission money to organizations and ministries in this community and around the world that share our values of proclaiming the good news, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and binding up the brokenhearted. Through the generosity of our congregation, we have funds budgeted for this sharing in each annual church budget. This important ad hoc committee in our congregation is looking for a few new members. The committee meets a few times each year to prayerfully consider the needs of the community and the world and how best to connect our congregation with those needs. If you'd like to know more, speak with Ken Simeral or the church office. Or just come to the next meeting on **November 10th** at 7 pm to find out what we're about!



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).

October 21st: 3 Brothers
October 28th: Bob Evans (Georgesville)
November 4th: IHOP
November 11th: Sunny Street Café
November 18th: Planks
November 25th: Olive Garden
TBD: Fiesta Mariachi (Georgesville)

From the Office

Social Media Update

As John begins his new role, he will continue to expand our online and social media outreach, sharing photos and videos more regularly. We respect your wishes if you prefer not to be featured. A Social Media Opt-Out Form is available from the church office and under the TV in the narthex. Please complete a form if you wish to be excluded.

E-Mail Reminder

The e-mail to communicate with John 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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