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Sunday, November 1, 2026
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Entering God's Presence

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Prelude

Prelude in G Major BWV 568
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Introit

“Rejoice, Rejoice!”
Text and Music: Mark Patterson

IPC Choir
Cheyne Davidson, Director

***Call to Worship**

Zaara Cherukara

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

***Hymn of Praise – #526 “For All the Saints”**

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – John 3:16-17

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

People: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

God’s Gracious Will for Our Lives – Matthew 22:34-40

Leader: Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

People: All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

***Gloria Patri #579** “Glory Be to the Father”

Receiving the Word of God

Song

“O Lord, Our God, We Thank You”

Words: Jeff Reeves

Music: Vicki Hancock Wright

Children’s Choir
Christine Weeks, Director
Janet Deden, Piano

Children’s Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

Choral Prayer of Illumination

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Text: Psalm 51:10-11; Music: Carl F. Mueller

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 127 (p. 624)

Zaara Cherukara

New Testament Reading – James 1:16-18 (p. 1214)

Sermon – “Unless the Lord...”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Hymn of Response** – #269 “O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand”

Professing What We Believe

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Gathering at the Lord's Table

Welcome

Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

Words of Institution

Leader: At his last supper... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament saying:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: Our Lord Jesus as he was preparing to part from his disciples...

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(We pass the peace of Christ to one another.)

Invitation

Distribution of Elements

Post-Communion Prayer

Responding to God's Word

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Suresh Theodore, Elder
for Outreach & Missions

Offertory

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

IPC Choir

Text: C. F. Alexander; Music: John Rutter

***Doxology #592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Going with God's Mission & Blessing

Welcoming of Visitors

Suresh Theodore

Announcements

Testimonies

Johanna Thomsen & Amanda Mitchell

***Hymn of Dedication – #554 "Let All Things Now Living"**

***Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Choral Benediction

“A Gaelic Blessing”

Text: Adapted from an old Gaelic rune; Music: John Rutter

Postlude

Fugue in G Major

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Nikolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

Please remain seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***