IPC



Sunday, November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth 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 85:4-9

Restore us again, God our Savior,
and put away your displeasure toward us.
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—
but let them not turn to folly.
Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Prelude

Little Prelude no. 8 in B flat Major BWV 560 Ruth Pfister, Organ
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Introit

"This Is the Day" IPC Choir
Text: Psalm 118:24; Music: Les Garrett Chandler Cudlipp, Director

***Call to Worship** – Psalm 147:5-7, 10-11 Dorothy Kwan

Leader: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

People: his understanding has no limit.

Leader: The Lord sustains the humble

People: but casts the wicked to the ground.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;

People: make music to our God on the harp.

Leader: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,

People: nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

Leader: the Lord delights in those who fear him,

People: who put their hope in his unfailing love.

***Hymn of Praise** – #423 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Approaching Our Gracious God in Repentance and Gratitude

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, we confess to you that so often we are peace-breakers rather than peace-makers.
Leader: Instead of restoring, we wreck.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Instead of reconciling, we separate.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Instead of joining, we divide.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Instead of healing, we harm.
People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Instead of repairing, we damage.
People: Lord, have mercy.
All: Through your Holy Spirit, empower us to be instruments of your peace in this world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Romans 5:1-2a

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.
People: Thanks be to God!

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – 1 Peter 3:8-11

Leader: Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days
must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.
People: They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it."

***Gloria Patri** – #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

Responding to God's Promises

Profession of Faith – Markus Stockner

Hearing the Word of God

Choral Prayer of Illumination
"Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule"
Music: Henry Lawes

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 34:8-14 (p. 561) Dorothy Kwan

New Testament Readings – Matthew 5:9 (p. 968), James 3:17-18 (p. 1215)

Sermon
"Kingdom Flourishing: Blessed Are the Peacemakers" Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn of Response** – "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (*see insert*)

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Suresh Theodore, Elder for Outreach & Missions

Offertory
"When Peace Like a River" IPC Choir
Text: Horation G. Spafford (1828-1888); Music: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

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

Prayers of the People Suresh Theodore

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

Going with God's Charge and Blessing

Welcoming of Visitors Suresh Theodore

Announcements

Moment for Mission – iCafé Robin Kootstra

***Hymn of Dedication** – #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction** Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Choral Benediction
"May the Grace of the Lord"
Text: 2 Corinthians 13:14; Music: Ken Barker

Postlude
Organ Sonata op. 65 no. 2 in C minor, IV. Fuga: *Allegro moderato* Ruth Pfister, Organ
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Please stand if you are able.

Today's bulletin cover features Dutch artist Jan Rombouts' "Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery" (ca. 1525-1530). This stained-glass work, currently in possession of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, is described as follows by the museum: "Though artists often borrowed stained-glass compositions from paintings or prints, their techniques were unique to the material. The deep blue of Christ's robe comes from costly cobalt mixed into molten glass. The fabric's folds were painted on the blue glass, and then the piece was fired. This colored glass was then joined to pieces of clear glass with lead strips called cames, creating the window's framework and dynamic composition." More information can be found at https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/199486.