

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 43:11, 25

I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. ... I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

† Congregation stands, if able | * Seating for latecomers at this time | All Scripture readings are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®). ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Assistive listening devices are available for use during worship services. Please inquire at the sound booth.

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 172: “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”**

† **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CORPORATE CONFESSION: (kneel as able)

Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy 1543

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father:

We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE PEACE**

The Reception of New Members: Alex and Caroline Brown

† **GLORIA PATRI** (with hands lifted)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 457: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Micah 7:14-20

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the Word of our God will stand forever! *Isaiah 40:8*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 John 1:5-2:2

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

† **PSALM 92, NO. 635:** “How Good It Is to Thank the Lord”

† **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:7-15** (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD:

Forgiving and Being Forgiven

1. Forgiveness Received (v. 11a)

2. Forgiveness Given (vv. 11b, 14-15)

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Larger Catechism**

Q. 194. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition, (which is, *Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,*) acknowledging, that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God; and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction of that debt: we pray for ourselves and others, that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in his Beloved, continue his favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offences.

Matt. 6:12; Rom. 3:9-22; Matt. 18:24-25; Ps. 130:3-4; Rom. 3:24-26; Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:6-7; 2 Pet. 1:2; Hos. 14:2; Jer. 14:7; Rom. 15:13; Ps. 51:7-10, 12; Luke 11:4; Matt. 6:14-15; Matt. 18:35.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** (with hands lifted)

**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**

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

† SANCTUS

Sung in unison

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full__of your Glo - ry. Ho

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san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he__ who_ comes__

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in__ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

† **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE 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 debts,
 As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom,
 And the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Meditation Silence

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, NO. 469: "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" (vv. 1-4)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 494 "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"**

† **BENEDICTION: Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**