

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 19, 2025

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(Take a moment to center yourself with this prayer)

Lord of love and mercy, help me this day to be present to the Good News. May your word be planted in my heart and may my desire to follow you grow and flourish that I may share your word with those who have not heard nor listened. Grant that I may cherish those around me. Take away the barriers of hate and resentment. Let me offer to others kindness, forgetfulness, and forgiveness as you have promised to all who follow you. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Open your eyes and ears to God.

All: God takes us by the hand to lead us.

One: Come and experience the reality of God’s presence.

All: God waits to welcome and embrace us in love.

*OPENING HYMN “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” #326

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we wish we did not have such long memories. How grateful we are that you promise not only to forgive but to forget our sins. We don’t always learn from our past transgressions. We stumble over the same temptation time and again. We pray for your patience and the patience and indulgence of those we have wounded, including ourselves. We believe in your grace, Lord. Help our unbelief.

*SILENT PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON “Change My Heart, O God” Lt. Blue Songbook #61

Singing: Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay,
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God’s Word

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31: 27-34 p. 735

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 p. 213

ANTHEM “I Need Thee Every Hour” Choir

GOSPEL READING Luke 18: 1-8 p. 81

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Divine Amnesia” Pastor Judy Sibley

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #276

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

Singing: 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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your presence is written on our hearts, gracious God. It is from the depth of your mercy within us that we share these offerings with others. May those who need to see you in our love for neighbors and strangers alike receive the generosity of the body of Christ Jesus. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our 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.

. . . and to Be Sent in God’s Name

*CLOSING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #487

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION “Go with God” Lt. Blue Songbook #138

Singing: Go with God. Go with God.
As you leave this place, go with God.
God will direct your way, God will light ev’ry day.
As you leave this place, go with God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. Oct. 20	Easy Does It Exercise Handbells Session	10:00 AM 6:00PM 7:00 PM
Tues. Oct. 21	Prayer Ministry	12:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 22	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Easy Does It Exercise Learn 2 Sew Adult Discipleship Class Church School/Youth Program	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:15 PM
Thurs. Oct. 23	Bible Study @ Horizon Lodge Choir	2:00 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Oct. 24	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Sun. Oct. 26	Sunday Bible Class	10:00 AM

Welcome to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Jane Arends, the choir, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

Wed., Oct. 22nd, the Secretary will be out of the Church Office.

Trunk or Treat is just around the corner. If anyone would like to participate by donating a bag of candy, please make sure that the candy is individually wrapped. A basket for candy or monetary donations will be placed on the table in the Narthex.

If you have any articles to contribute to the **November Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Thursday, October 23rd**, which will provide the secretary with some time for article placement and proofreading. The newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with any time sensitive articles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Next Sunday, October 26th is Reformation Sunday. We will celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church with Scottish desserts at coffee hour.

Don't forget, **Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 2nd.**

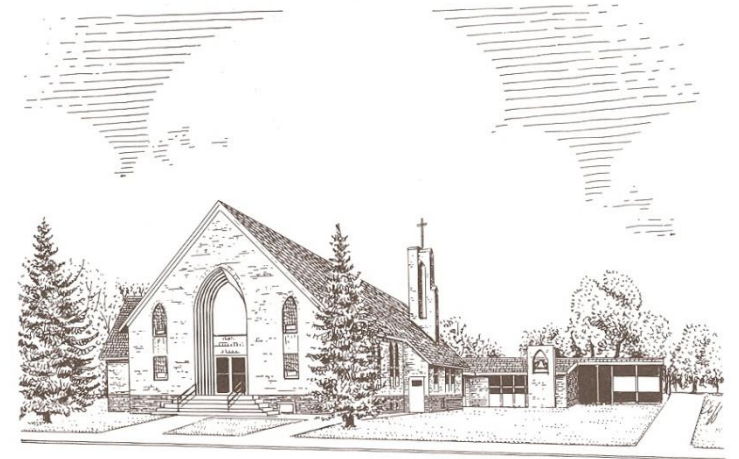
This year's **Nominating Committee** is looking for three (3) church members to be congregational representatives on the committee for 2026. The work would consist of 2 to 3 committee meetings in the fall and a few phone calls to invite membership on the Session and to replace outgoing Deacons. We also are looking for 2 more members to serve as Elders for the Session and 1 more member to serve as a Deacon. Please consider serving your church as these are very important positions in our church leadership. If you will do so or have questions, call Claudia Martin at 406-949-0374.

The churches of all denominations in Pondera County once again are supporting the collection of foods for the Pondera Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets. First Presbyterian Church has been asked to provide 100 cans of green beans. A collection table will be located in the Narthex from Sunday October 5th through Sunday November 2nd. Sign up applications for a Thanksgiving Basket will be available at the Food Pantry beginning Friday, October 3rd. You need only be a resident of Pondera County to receive a basket, no other qualifying factors. Please pass the word along to friends, acquaintances & families who might be in need of help preparing a Thanksgiving meal. This year the Food Pantry will distribute the baskets to those who complete an application, from the Pantry and not the Shooting Sports Complex, a week earlier than in the past, on Thursday & Friday, November 20th and 21st, this gives more time for folks to get the turkey defrosted. For questions contact Amy Zimbelman 406-899-9522.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$1,206.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$3,104.00** per week.

Please remember to pray for Friends & Family of Nick Hjelm, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Robin, Amy Zimbelman, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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