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World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Sharing the Life of the Church

WELCOME TO THIS SACRED MOMENT OF COMMUNION. AS WE SHARE THE BREAD AND CUP, MAY WE REMEMBER CHRIST'S LOVE AND SACRIFICE.



World
Communion
Sunday

Bulletin Cover - During Children's Church, our kids have been drawing pictures of Communion, and we will be sharing them with you on Communion Sunday bulletin covers. Today's artwork was created by Ellie Buchanan. Good job, Ellie - we love it!

Thank You and Welcome to Dennis Deem, guest musician this morning, who will provide our worship music. We truly appreciate his being here to share his gift.

Peace and Global Witness Offering
This morning we will receive one of three annual PCUSA special offerings. Twenty-five percent of this offering remains with our congregation. To give, please use the envelope provided in your bulletin.

Memorial Service - You are invited to return at **2:00 p.m. today** for a Memorial Service for David Kanalz, followed by a reception in the Harris Room.

Trunk-or-Treat - Sign-ups are outside the Sanctuary for volunteers and candy donations. Join us for some fun next **Sunday, October 12, 3 - 4:30 p.m.** Volunteers should arrive by 2:30.

Adult Sunday School Class - A new class, led by Pastor Annie, begins next **Sunday, October 12** with a four-week study of *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall

Kimmerer. They will meet **9:15 - 10:00 a.m. in Room 204** downstairs. Sign up outside the Sanctuary if you plan to attend. Books may be purchased at BookOutlet.com (best price) or at Amazon.com. See Pastor Annie for a copy of next week's reading.

Women's Ensemble - Ladies, if you would like to join the ensemble and sing during the Advent season, see Scott Rockhold before or after church. Weekly rehearsals begin next **Sunday, October 12, 11:30 a.m.**, following worship.

New Bible Study - Join Pastor Annie on Wednesdays, beginning **October 15**, for a study of Revelation. Sessions will be held at **11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Sign up outside the Sanctuary if you are interested. Please indicate your preferred time and if you would like to join in on ZOOM.

Mission Needs - As part of its community outreach, the Mission Committee is asking for donations of gently used men's clothing and shoes, as well as coffee and coffee creamer, to be donated to *House to Home*. Donations will be collected from **Sunday, October 12, through November 16**. Thank you for your help.

Veterans Day Observance - On **Sunday, November 9**, we will honor all (living) veterans during 10:30 Worship. If you would like to recognize a veteran by having their name listed in the bulletin that day, pick up a form at the "Happenings" bulletin board, fill it out and return to the offering plate any Sunday, or to the church office no later than **October 30**.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

HYFRYDOL

*Call to Worship

Around the world people gather to break bread and share the cup.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

God calls us to a feast!

The table is set, so let us come worship God together!

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

God of our salvation,

we gather here because we need you.

We know we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread

and as we drain the Cup.

We will find you when we squeeze closer together,

making room at the Table for all your people.

Help us to find you, God in Community.

Continue to call us, guide us and lead us

into this world and beyond. Amen.

*Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Children's Time

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession*by Robin Knowles Wallace, adapted*

***God of mercy,
 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 all our being.
 We have built walls between neighbors and between countries,
 and we have ignored the cries of those in need.
 Forgive us and set us free, that we may live
 into the hope of your calling,
 that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*SILENCE for personal confession ...*Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and know
 that in baptism you have been marked as a beloved child of God.
 Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do,
 you are accepted, you are washed clean, you are set free.
 In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.
 Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.*Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.***Prayer for Illumination**

Slow us down, Lord, and remind us that only one thing is needed right now:
 that we be still before you and know that you are God.
 Lift every shutter within our mind and open every door within our soul,
 that we may embrace what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 17:5-10
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Scripture

Exodus 16:2-15
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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Sermon**“BLESSINGS FROM GOD”**

Rev. Annie McMillan

Affirmation of Faith*The Apostles' Creed*

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.***

The Offering

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Julian B. Rush

*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication**Prayers of the People****The Sacrament of Holy Communion**The InvitationThe Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of all nations...

...we join with voices throughout the earth and in heaven, saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ...

...Remembering now, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on the table...

...In your Holy Name we pray. ***Amen.***

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Please come forward to receive the elements for Communion. Gluten-free is available.

*Those who are more comfortable staying seated may remain in the pews
and a server will bring the elements to you.*

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn 756**

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

The Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Liturgist - *Melanie Thompson*

Sound Technician - *Chris Alfred*

Guest Musician - *Dennis Deem*

Next week, October 12,
we begin a new sermon series based on *The Serviceberry*.
The theme will be "Gift Economy" and Scripture Readings will be:

Matthew 6:24-34
Genesis 2 (selections from)

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Harriet Litteral	Ruth Ann Huddle	Randall Siers
Thomas Graves	Rose Logston	Pat Hess
Rachel Davies	Herman Triphaus	Illikai Beer
Barbara Lucas	Danny Clevenger	Ann Feters
Angie Harkness	Zach Mullinnex	Ted Beckey
Brandon Davis	Pam Lauderman	Denny Nelson
Barbara Perez	Derrick Sheppard	Vicki Shuman
Robert Forinash	Pat & Ann Patterson	Dan Sombeck
Fleming Family	The Homebound	Brad Carter
Flood victims	Troops/World Peace	Dan Ellis

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC



Today - Sunday, October 5

World Communion Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
No Coffee Hour
- 2:00 p.m. David Kanalz Memorial Service - Sanctuary
Reception to follow in the Harris Room

Monday, October 6

- 2:00 p.m. Henderson Hall Docents - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Deacons meet - Room 204
- 7:00 p.m. KOM Knitters - Harris Room

Wednesday, October 8

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts - Room 124

Thursday, October 9

- 1:00 p.m. PEO meeting - Harris Room
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Friday, October 10

- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts activity - Kitchen

Saturday, October 11

- 11:30 a.m. HA Meeting - Room 204

Sunday, October 12 *Stewardship Kickoff*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Room 204
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Ensemble - Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. *Trunk-or-Treat* - East side parking area
- 6:00 p.m. Juliana Ringers rehearsal - Bell Room



Jesus, you gave your body and shed your blood so we might be made whole. As we come to your table, quiet our hearts and help us remember your sacrifice with gratitude and awe. Amen.