



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



"A Cubist Prayer One World One God" painting by Anthony Falbo

October 4th, 2026 | Worship 10 am
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

First Time Here? Thank you for coming!

Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service today.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way and the kids table in the back of our Sanctuary.

Sunday School is offered after *Gathering of the Children* during the service.
Quiet Room open at back of church.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE “The King of Love my Shepherd Is” Robin Milford

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION- Rhonda Darrow- Peace & Global Witness
Anthony Lim—Stewardship

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT “My Jesus, I Love Thee” arr. by Bill Ingram
Bellissimo

CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God’s will.

What do we find at today’s table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today’s table?

The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Let us repent, and give thanks to God’s power to bring salvation to all who believe.

Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love. Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

The Call to Worship is from Japan, <https://www.globalministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/WCS-worship-service-2026.pdf>

***HYMN #15** (vs. 1-3, 6) **“All Creatures of Our God and King”** Ralph V. Williams

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and
rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and
grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us,
“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures,
hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy,
clinging to power and privilege whenever we can.
Set us free from greed and fear.**

***WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

**Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Teach us to trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.**

*Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation are from
<https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2026-06/WCO26%20Worship-Resources.pdf>*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

**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**

CALL FOR OFFERING

Anthony Lim

OFFERTORY

“Litany”

Franz Schubert

(click to donate)



*DOXOLOGY #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful and gracious God,
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives
that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. **Amen.**

<https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2026-06/WCO26%20Worship-Resources.pdf>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN #240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Anthony Lim

This is the word of the LORD! **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Round the Riverside"

Saundra Musser

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:33-46

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Is It Ours?"

Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

On the Lord's Day, Christians from around the world gather at the table, one family sharing one meal. On this day, we focus our attention on that global gathering that happens every time we share the cup and the loaf. Christ invites us: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink." (John 7:37-38)

GREAT 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.

It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, loving God, creator and sustainer of life.

You planted the first fields — wheat, barley, rice, and maize — and made us in your image to care for your creation.

You fed your people in the wilderness with manna from heaven, leading them to a land of milk and honey. When human greed trampled the poor you spoke through the prophets, calling us to worship you with justice and peace.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, the living bread, to lift up the oppressed and lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful who hunger and thirst for righteousness and singing the hymn of the whole creation.

We praise you, most holy God, for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. He taught us to share the abundance of your love, feeding the multitude, eating with sinners and strangers, offering his own body to save us, and pouring out his life for the world. When the risen Christ appeared to his

disciples, he made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Even now he sets the table for us, inviting all to taste and see that you are good. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and one with all who share this meal, a great multitude from every nation.

Keep us faithful to Christ's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, sharing our goods with one another, and giving our possessions to those who are in need, so that all people may have their daily bread, this day and every day.

Just as the grain, once scattered across the hills, was gathered together in this loaf of bread, gather your people from the ends of the earth, so that we may feast with you in glory in the joy of your new creation.

Through Christ unite us in the prayer we have been taught:

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(Please form two lines and come forward to receive the bread and the cup of grape juice, please place cups in baskets as you return to your seat.)

HYMN #527

"Eat this Bread"

Jacques Berthier, 1984

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread drink this cup, come to Christ and you shall not thirst!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace.

Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Adapted from <https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2026-06/WCO26%20Worship-Resources.pdf>

*HYMN #756

“O God of Every Nation”

Welsh Folk Melody

1. O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

2. From search for wealth and
power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and
blindness to your way, deliver every
nation, eternal God, we pray.

3. Lord, strengthen those who labor
that all may find release from fear
of rattling saber, from dread of
war's increase; when hope and
courage falter, your still small voice
be heard; with faith that none can
alter, your servants under-gird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fantasie”

Johann Pachelbel

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan LITURGIST: Anthony Lim

MUSIC: Carol Menke, along with Althea Wright accompanist.

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : Anthony Cornejo, Phil Goede, Mia Krause, Julia Lim, Nico Wycoff

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TRUNK OR TREAT!! SATURDAY OCT. 31ST 5-7PM

BRING YOUR CAR (OR BORROW ONE) 😊 AND DECORATE IT!

COME IN COSTUME AND HAVE FUN HANDING OUT CANDY!

More info to follow



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PRAYER REQUESTS-

Please include in your prayers-

The family and friends of Rev. Dr. Peter Maier who passed away Sept. 2nd 2026.

Greg Basham
Barbara Basham
Jim Bauer
Barbara Blinn
Marjorie Cortez

Yvonne Draper
Michele Hare
Andy Kaweck
Chris Ledwick
Vivian Mazeski

Gene Michel
Lesley Pillsbury
Catherine Priestley
Jo Ann Schloegel
Dr. Bob Yee

Those serving in our military

Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver in Washington D.C – Headquarters,
Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve

***Congregational meeting on October 11th 11:00am**

after the worship service for the purpose of electing the Pastor Nominating Committee. *Everyone invited—only members can vote.*

Our slate of candidates is as follows:

Ellen Bowen
Jill Bryant
Mia Krause
Lindsay Olsen
Diane Osten

Bob Priestley
Kim Seamans
Alternate : Chris Rhodes



*“Flowers donated by Jim Taylor
in celebration of
his and Therese’s 56th Anniversary.”*



Please come:

Spiritual Formation Class: Reformation

Sun. Oct 18th 11:20 in the Rose room