



PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
OF THE ROSES

*Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.*



Tiberius, Silver Denarius

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026    Worship 10 am

**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.

**Assistance needed?**

Large print bulletins, hearing assist devices are available from our tech team at back of the church.

\*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 "Thanks be to God" G.F. Handel

WELCOME –(If you are a guest, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in the offering plate.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION- Stewardship

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "This is My Father's World" Maltbie D. Babcock  
Roses Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

**We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.**

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

**We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.**

The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

**We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.**

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

**We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

**\*HYMN #307**

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

**John Hughes**

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound  
us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring  
madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**God of Grace, we know that you have chosen us,  
but we often forget that you have also chosen others.  
You call us to be imitators of Christ,  
yet many times we are imitators of the world.  
You challenge us to turn from our idols,  
but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again.  
Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves.  
Show us your way.  
Guide our every action, that we may live as you call us to live.**

**\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

Beloved children of God,  
receive this good news:  
God loves us, chooses us,  
Forgives us, and renews us  
to live in love and service of God and neighbor.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**  
**Glory to God! Amen.**

Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation adapted from Amy Loving, The Worship Closet. Reposted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/10/confession-1-thessalonians-1-1-10.html>.

\*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

Diane Osten

OFFERTORY      “My Jesus I Love Thee” - A Meditation on Gordon  
([click to donate](#))



## \*DOXOLOGY

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

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God has blessed us abundantly and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents and our material possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give as we receive our morning offering. **Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION-

HYMN #288                      "Spirit of the Living God"                      D. Iverson

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 96:1-9 (NRSVUE) Diane Osten

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

ANTHEM- “The Meditations of My Heart”

Elaine Hagenberg

Roses Chancel Choir

## GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Whose Image Do We Bear?” The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

\*HYMN #468

“In My Life”

Bob Kilpatrick

1. In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified, Be Glorified  
In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified Today.
2. In Our Song, Lord, Be Glorified, Be Glorified  
In Our Song, Hearts, Lord, Be Glorified, Today.
3. In Our Church, Lord Be Glorified, Be Glorified  
In Our Church, Lord, Be Glorified, Today.
4. In Your World, Lord, Be Glorified, Be Glorified  
In Your World, Lord, Be Glorified Today.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God, with gratitude for all your goodness, welcome to you in prayer—for our family friends, for siblings in faith, and for the nations you have made. Remember those who are dear to us,

**Wrap your steadfast love around them, sustain them in times of trouble, and keep them always in your care.**

Remember the church of Jesus Christ.

**Empower us to proclaim the gospel, strengthen us in our conviction, and make us imitators of the Lord.**

Remember the family of nations.

**Send out your Spirit to renew the earth, welcome all people into your house, and let your love be known in all the world.**

To you, O God, Maker of heaven and earth, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray what we have 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.**

\*HYMN #761      “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”      John Zundel

1. Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

2. Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

**BENEDICTION-**

**POSTUDE-**      “At the Name of Jesus”      Ralph Vaughan Williams

**PREACHER:** *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* **LITURGIST:** *Diane Osten*

**MUSIC:** *Carol Menke, The Roses Chancel Choir, along with Althea Wright accompanist.*

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

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## ***PRAYER REQUESTS-***

***Please include in your prayers-***

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



*“Flowers donated by Gene Michel  
in celebration of Carole’s Birthday.*



*You are invited!*

**Spiritual Formation Class: Reformation**

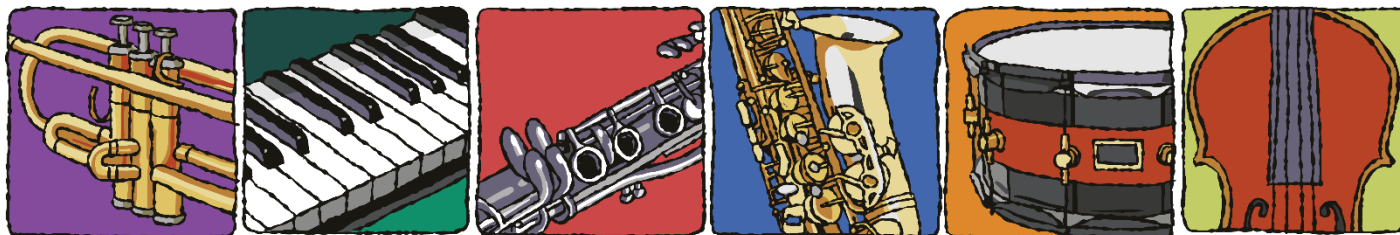
**Sun. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 11:20 in the Rose room**



**Coffee, Tea & Chocolate available to  
purchase TODAY and Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>  
benefitting Pedal for Protein.**

**TRUNK OR TREAT!! SATURDAY OCT. 31<sup>ST</sup> 5-7PM**

***BRING YOUR CAR (OR BORROW ONE) 😊 AND DECORATE IT!  
COME IN COSTUME AND HAVE FUN HANDING OUT CANDY!***



**JAZZ This Afternoon—Join us as  
Bennett Friedman's Jazz Quartet  
once again comes to PCOR!**

**One of our favorites is back today @ 2pm  
Free Concert—Donations accepted**

**FUN!!**

Dress in costume,  
decorate your Car  
Trunk and give  
out Candy to our  
neighborhood  
families ☺-

