



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.

JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND." THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE
SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF."
MATTHEW
22:37-
39

David Ewart, <http://www.holytextures.com>

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25th, 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 "Meditation" (Thais) by Jules Massenet

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- Lindsay Olsen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "Exuberance" Margaret R. Tucker
Bellissimo

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.

When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

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When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

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Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and

inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world.

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

***HYMN #687 (vs. 1-4) "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" Attr. William Croft**

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2. Beneath the shadow of thy
throne thy saints have dwelt
secure; sufficient is thine arm
alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
night before the rising sun.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you;
you call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped up in our own concerns.
We have gone along with evil,
with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness.
Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***WORDS OF AFFIRMATION**

Receive this good news:
God, who tests our hearts,
gives us abundant grace to
turn from sin and back to God
again and again and again.
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 a prayer of confession posted on the PCUSA website, <http://www.pcusa.org/>. Re-posted on the re: Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/09/prayer-of-confession-as-you-have-loved.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

Pat Silva

OFFERTORY

“Light Divine”

by F. Mendelssohn
(*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**

Holy one, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. **Amen.**

<https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/10/16/pentecost-21-proper-25a/>

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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (NRSV) Pat Silva

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

ANTHEM-

"Cleft For Me"
Roses Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 22:34-46 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"Rules"

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Ghanaian Folk Melody adapt. Tom Colvin

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet, Master
who acts as a slave to them.
[Refrain]

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like
you. [Refrain]

2. Neighbors are wealthy and
poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far
away. [Refrain]

Refrain:
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones we should
serve; these are the ones we
should love; all these are
neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Because God in faithfulness calls us to trust in the word of hope and promise, and urges us to believe the words of Christ, who said that whatever we ask in his name believing, God would do; let us open our hearts to God, both to speak and to listen in that same spirit.

Lord God, we give you thanks for all your gifts to us—for daily food, for health, for each breath we take, for freedom to choose, and for the gifts of your word, your power and your love. Our hearts are truly overwhelmed, O God, when we consider how you have entrusted so much to us. May we be worthy of that trust—may we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live.

Help us, O God, as followers of Jesus, to multiply all that you have given us, to risk spreading your word and perhaps see it misunderstood, to gamble by loving those whom others think worthy only of hate, to take chances by doing good to those who have not done good to us. Help us be faith filled and desire to increase your glory and your goodness in this world. Make us people who share in both word and deed that which you have given to us.

We pray for the church gathered today, both here and around the world, that it may encourage all of its members to discover, develop and use all their gifts, those of nature and those of grace.

We pray for those who are poor in body or in spirit, for those oppressed and heavy laden, for those sick or in despair. Minister by your Spirit and by us, to all those for whom we have prayed, and help us walk faithfully in the path of our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we were taught to pray:

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.

Adapted from <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/10/16/pentecost-21-proper-25a/>

*HYMN #828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

William H. Doane

1. More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!

Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek;
give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

3. Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise.

This still its prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE- "A Mighty Fortress Is our God"-attributed to Martin Luther arr.
by Fred Bock

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Pat Silva*

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-***



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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 Vicki, Dave, DJ and Macey  
commemorating what would have been  
Bob and Luu Maxwell's  
57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*



*You are invited!*

Spiritual Formation Class:

Discussions on the major prophets

Sun. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:20 in the Rose room

FUN!!

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



Please RSVP to the  
Church office-  
THANKS



When you go to bed on  
**HALLOWEEN NIGHT-**  
Please turn your clocks back  
one hour