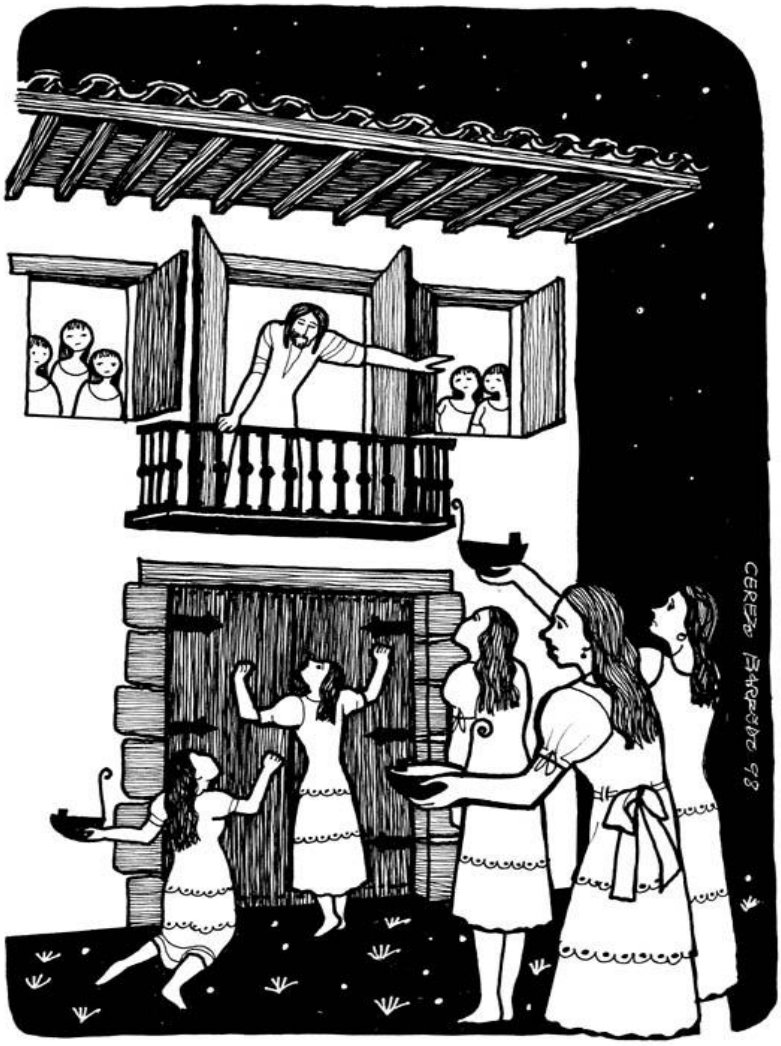
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



Cerezo Barredo's drawing of the five foolish virgins

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8th, 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?	**Children with you?**
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.	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 "All Glory Loud, & Honor" G.F. Kaufman arr. By Jean Pasquet

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-

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "Dona Nobis Pacem" Traditional Canon
The Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.
Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!

We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God!

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

*HYMN #362 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" Welsh Folk Melody

1. Rejoice! Rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation;
at midnight comes the cry.

2. See that your lamps are burning;
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand;
arise, O heirs of glory;
the Bridegroom is at hand!

3. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you seem absent
when we struggle with suffering,
but you are there with your strength:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

Jesus Christ, often we forget you
in the cares of everyday life,
but you are there with us:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**.

Lord Jesus, we neglect to care for you
in our sick and neglected brothers and sisters,
but you want us to serve you in them:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

Forgive us all our sins, Lord,
and make us look for your presence.
Walk with us and lead us
to the feast of everlasting life. **Amen**.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

God's grace is abundant
And meets us where we are,
Forgiving us and inspiring us
To stay awake and aware
of all God is doing among us.
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 are adapted from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration. Reposted on the re: Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/confession-proper-27a.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 Chris Bowen

OFFERTORY "Larghetto" by J. S. Bach arr. By Jean Pasquet

(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

Watchful God, you call us to keep awake—to live with open eyes and attentive hearts, ready to recognize Christ in the needs and joys that surround us each day. As we bring these gifts, keep the flame of compassion burning within us. Fill us with the oil of kindness, generosity, and holy attentiveness, that our lives may shine with your love in a world too often dimmed by fear and indifference. Use these offerings and our willing spirits to bring light, hope, and welcome to

your children. Keep us awake to your presence and faithful in your service, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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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: Amos 5:18-24 (NRSV) Chris Bowen
This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM- "Keep Your Lamps" André Thomas
Roses Chancel Choir
Steve Yeager, Conga Drum

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

CENTS & CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVUE)

SERMON "Got Oil?" The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #175 "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
alleluia, allelu, alleluia

3.You shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God
Alleluia, allelu, alleluia

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us offer our prayers and intercessions to God, confident that the love of Christ continues to appear in our lives in surprising and unexpected ways.

We pray for all who seek your radiant light in the darkened corners of our world; may we find our way to you through our love for one another.

We pray for all who are oppressed by institutions and structures unjustly ordered; bless us with a joy for justice that all may share in the blessings of this life, walking in right relationship with you by caring for our neighbor.

We pray for all who have no work, for those without adequate health care, and for all who hunger or have no shelter. Bless us with meaningful work and ample provisions, as we love and care for each other under the protection of your sheltering sky.

We pray for all who suffer violence on dangerous streets and in war-torn places; keep them from harm's way. Bless us with your vision of peace, that all may flourish as one family under God with justice and freedom for all.

We remember before you all who have died that they may know your peace. Bless each of us with a sure and certain hope of resurrection, that we may know the risen Lord, as we share in the Kingdom of Heaven with you. Hear our prayers especially as we pray what 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. *Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, pp. 244-245.*

*HYMN #757 "Today we all are called to be Disciples" Ralph V. Williams

1.Today we are all called to be disciples of the lord,
to help to set the captives free,
make plow-share out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

2. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
but we are vain and sadly proud, we

so not peace but strife,
our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

3. Pray justice may come rolling
down as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and
town to cleanse us and redeem.
for god is longing to restore an
earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for a
harmony of peace.

4. May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE- "Recessional" Frank W. Asper

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Chris Bowen*
MUSIC: Carol Menke, Steve Yeager on Drum, 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 Kawecki
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
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"Flowers donated by Ron Dodge commemorating the magnificent life of Lucy Poindexter."



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TODAY is CENTSABILITY SUNDAY!

Donations accepted after the Children's gathering or in the Narthex or Campbell court on your way out.

*UPCOMING:

You are invited!

Spiritual Formation Class:

Discussions on the major prophets

Sun. Nov. 22nd @ 11:20 in the Rose room

Celebrate the beginning of Advent with us Sunday Afternoon 11/29/26 ~ more info to follow.

Thanksgiving Food Drive starts next Sunday

Most requested items:

- Cooking oil (any type) *top item*
- Stews and chili
- Canned chicken and tuna
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Boxed dry meals and sides
- 1–2 lbs. bags of rice/bean etc.
- Refried beans
- Snack bars

Give what you and your family would want to receive if you needed food.
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