PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



Dorothy Day with Homeless Christ by Kelly Latimore

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 22nd, 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 "We Thank Thee Jesus Dearest Friend" Dietrich Buxtehude

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- JILL BRYANT

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "We Gather Together" Eduard Kremser
The Roses Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.

We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.

We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst—in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal, in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.

We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.

We join our voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation.

We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.
Come, you blessed by God, with open hearts, open arms, and open doors to welcome and embrace all of our neighbors, because when we love our neighbors, we love Christ among us.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and empowers us to do the same. Thanks be to God!
Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2026.

*HYMN #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Oliver Holden

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*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 Robert Cortez

OFFERTORY "My Tribute" by Andre Crouch arr. By Fred Bock

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*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

We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe, you have sent your Son to be our Sovereign. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world, and governs the nations with his righteousness and justice. We celebrate the victory of his life, death, and resurrection, and ascension to rule at your side. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, and establish Christ's reign of peace in every land and in every heart. Accept the offering of our lives in the service of Christ's realm. He is Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION-

HYMN #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NRSVE) Robert Cortez
This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM- "Now Thank We All Our God" Marianne Forman
Roses Chancel Choir

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSVUE)

SERMON "On the Margins" The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age" verses 1-3, 5

1. The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

3. Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

5. We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, we live in a world of plenty in which the poor struggle for daily bread. We pray for those who lack the necessities of life and those who willingly share the resources you have given. Correct those who hoard resources out of anxiety, ignorance, or selfishness. Open our eyes to your presence among the poor of the world and free them for joyful giving.
God, you admonish us to offer hospitality to the stranger and to welcome the weary. We pray for travelers, for those who emigrate to new lands, for refugees of political and religious wars, and for those who have no place to

call home. Bless those who offer refuge to the wayfaring stranger. Convict the conscience and open the heart of any who would raise walls of self-preservation and isolation.
God, you hear the cry of all who are in distress. Heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort them in their need and help those who care for them. We also pray for those who abandon the sick and suffering out of fear. Teach us to serve our siblings and to share the burden of disease of body, mind, and heart.
God, Jesus our Lord was a prisoner of Rome before his execution, and he instructed his disciples to visit those in prison. We pray for those who are incarcerated: for those who are guilty of crime and for those who are unjustly imprisoned. Save the lost, reprove the haughty, liberate the captive, and let your disciples be a sign of your forgiving, liberating love. We pray for those who work in prisons that they may respect the humanity of those they guard and not be overwhelmed by the moral dangers of their employment.
Almighty God, confirm our prayer with the dedication of our lives to ministry; in the name of 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.
Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, pp. 262-264.
All citations, unless otherwise noted, come from Book of Common Worship, prepared by the Office Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

*HYMN #643 "Now Thank We All Our God" Johann Crüger

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts

and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE- "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid - Karg Elert

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Robert Cortez*
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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TODAY!!! @ 11:20 in the Rose room

Spiritual Formation Class: ALL WELCOME

Discussions on the major prophets

Patty Sanders will be hosting the Equal Exchange Faire Trade Holiday Faire on November 29 and December 13 after church at Coffee Hour. Proceeds will benefit the Roses Cents-A-ability program. Items available: organic fair trade coffee, tea, yummy hot cocoa, medjool dates & Palestinian olive oil.
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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
Valerie Soldate
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



"Our flowers today are given by Barbara Nelson in memory of her daughter, Debi Alioto."



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Most requested items:

- **Cooking oil** (any type)
- 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☺

It's **Giving Tree** time again at the Church of the Roses! Please pick a heart ornament from The Giving Tree with the name and age of recipient and gifts requested, be sure to stop by our table in Bowen Hall after the services on November 29 and December 6.
Please wrap and tag your gift with your heart ornament and **return to the Church Office by December 20**. If you have any questions, please contact: Jean Lim at 707-843-3025 or Barb Basham at 707-334-4548.

The Deacons are thankful for your continued support.