FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

"One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple." (Psalms 27:4) As one who knew the pursuit of adversaries in ways that most of us never will, David wrote those words of confidence and trust in the Lord. Whatever your adversities or antagonists may be, come into the Lord's presence for rest, knowing that in Him is peace and deliverance.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Andrew Newman

Introit

Let All Things Now Living

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe.

§ Psalm

O Worship the King

No. 2

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Pastor Peter Spink

New Testament Reading

Luke 13:13-34

And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and began glorifying God. But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him? And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

So He was saying, "What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and THE BIRDS OF THE AIR NESTED IN ITS BRANCHES."

And again He said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."

And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

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Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, "Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill You." And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach My goal.' Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it!

§ Hvmn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

No. 499

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Now Thank We All Our God

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.

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 His grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Spink

§ Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 334

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:10-15 Pew Bible page 192

¹⁰"Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, ¹²then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name. ¹⁴You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, ¹⁵for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth."

Proclamation of God's Word

Pastor Newman

Success and Spiritual Amnesia

§ **Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 529

§ Benediction

§ Corporate "Amen"

§ The congregation will please stand.

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EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 122:1-5

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that is built as a city that is compact together; to which the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD— an ordinance for Israel— to give thanks to the name of the LORD. For there thrones were set for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

§ Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Mr. Greg Horsky

No. 345

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 24:15-34 of the righteous: do not

Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; do not destroy his resting place; for a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, but the wicked stumble in time of calamity.

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; or the LORD will see it and be displeased, and turn His anger away from him.

Do not fret because of evildoers or be envious of the wicked; for there will be no future for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

My son, fear the LORD and the king; do not associate with those who are given to change, for their calamity will rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin that comes from both of them?

These also are sayings of the wise. To show partiality in judgment is not good. He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," peoples will curse him, nations will abhor him; but to those who rebuke the wicked will be delight, and a good blessing will come upon them. He kisses the lips who gives a right answer.

Prepare your work outside and make it ready for yourself in the field; afterwards, then, build your house.

Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, and do not deceive with your lips. Do not say, "Thus I shall do to him as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."

I passed by the field of the sluggard and by the vineyard of the man lacking sense, and behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles; its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. When I saw, I reflected upon it; I looked, and received instruction. "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest," then your poverty will come as a robber and your want like an armed man.

§ Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

No. 353

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Jared Farquhar and Steve Lawton, baritones; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Mr. Horsky

§ Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

No. 472

Scripture Reading

John 12:9-11

Pew Bible page 1075

⁹The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. ¹⁰But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; ¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

Proclamation of God's Word

Pastor Andrew Newman

Committed to Death

§ **Hymn** Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground

No. 518

§ Benediction

November 23, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Ryan Piller & Sandy Waugh; Alternate: Tricia Lortz
11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Alex & Zoe Brandenburg
6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Sheri & Craig Bouvier

November 30, 2025—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Lynn Tate & Rachel Berens; Alternate: Jennifer Carter 11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Mallory Unger & Ruth Thumpston 6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Heather & Lucas Nossaman

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THE SESSION:

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin Ruling Elders: Craig Bouvier, Terry Richards, Tim Taylor, Jeff Wayne, Sr. Elder of the Month: Terry Richards

THE DIACONATE:

Deacons: Pat DeJong, Jared Farquhar, Dave Frengel, Brian Medlin, Kelly Peterson, Philip Triplett Deacon of the Week: Pat DeJong

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Steve Lawton

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

CHURCH INTERN: Greg Horsky

ACCOMPANISTS:

Piano, Beverly Brouwer and Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:

Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville Rev. & Mrs. Mikael Romer—Poland/ Ukraine Greenville Theological Seminary Greer Community Ministries Miracle Hill Ministries Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo—Taiwan
Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe—Tokyo
Rev. & Mrs. Rob Hamby—Daniel Island
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Rev. & Mrs. Vinicius Pimentel—Brazil
Gospel Reformation Network
Covenant College
Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child

October 2025 General Fund Summary*

<u>vale:</u> Oct 2025 <u>General Fund Giving</u>: \$40,268.00 General Fund Expenses: \$46,815.31 General Fund Net Total: (\$6,547.31)

Building Fund Total as of 7/01/2025: \$765,628.76 Building Fund Total as of 10/31/2025: 787,944.76

*For a full Financial Report, please contact the church office or speak to an Officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pew Cards: If you are new to Fellowship, please help us get to know you by filling out a pew card and dropping it in the offering plate. ~Thank you!

No Wednesday supper, prayer service or classes this week. All Wednesday night activities/ classes will resume January 7.

Lessons & Carols—Sunday, December 14, 6:00 PM Special Prelude Music—5:45 PM!

Plan to join us for our traditional service of **Lessons & Carols** (Scripture readings, special music, and congregational carols). **Remember to arrive early to enjoy the special prelude music** and to focus your heart particularly on Christ's incarnation.

Christmas Reception—Following Lessons & Carols (heavy hors d'oeuvres & Christmas desserts)

<u>Please sign up online (fellowshippres.org/calendar) to bring</u>: a tray of <u>heavy hors d'oeuvres</u> or your favorite <u>Christmas dessert</u>. ~Thank you!

Christmas Eve Service—Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 PM

Nursery will not be provided for our Christmas Eve Service; you are welcome to bring infants & children into the service.

Adult Sunday School classes, 10:00 am: Joshua (Fellowship Hall); James (sanctuary)

Youth Teaching & Events:

- Sunday School, 10:00 am;
- Christmas Party at the Newmans: Saturday, December 13, 5:00—8:00 pm.

Women's Christmas Gathering, Thursday, December 4, 6:30 pm: Please bring a tray of hors d'oeuvres or a platter of Christmas cookies to share.

Men's Bible Study (Romans 11), Monday, November 24, 7:00 pm, at the church.

Operation Christmas Child: Today is the deadline for bringing your gift-filled OCC shoeboxes to church. Please remember to include a check for \$10 (for shipping) for each box.

Young Adults Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Christmas Party—Saturday, December 13, 7 pm, at the home of Brian and Tiffani Medlin. Please bring a gift (limit \$20) if you would like to participate in the white elephant gift exchange.

The church has now set up **online banking donations through the Zelle platform**. If you have access to the Zelle banking transfer option through your bank, you can now use it to send electronic donations to Fellowship. The account to send funds to is "giving@fellowshippres.org". **Please check with your bank for any terms or fees that may be associated with your bank account.** The church will incur a \$1.00 per transaction fee, regardless of the amount sent. Please contact Brian Medlin if you have any questions.

"Advent Readings for December" bookmarks are available in the narthex.

The church office will be closed November 26—28 for Thanksgiving holidays.



FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

November 23, 2025

Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20