

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 ~ 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Have you ever considered what a privilege it is to *participate* in worship? Most do not realize how the Reformation changed the worship of God’s people. Prior to reformation, the liturgy of the Church was in Latin and the congregation largely sat as spectators while the priests performed the mass (including much of the singing). With the spread of revival and reformation, in addition to translating the Scriptures into the language of the people, Luther and others began to write psalms, hymns and spiritual songs in the common tongue. God’s people were able, perhaps for the first time in centuries, to engage heart and mind in songs of praise! Let us join them now in worship, praising the Triune God who has saved us by His grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

All Creatures of Our God and King

Call to Worship

Revelation 21:9-14

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

§ Hymn

Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem

No. 271

stanzas 1, 3, & 4

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Mr. Greg Horsky

Presentation of New Members

Gus, Emily, Nathan, James, Lydia, Peter, Isaac, Hannah, and Titus Tsesmoglou

Corporate Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

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And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

§ Doxology

No. 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Have You Not Heard?

with Alex Brandenburg, cello

Who tends to His children like a shepherd and who gently gathers them as lambs? Whose breath blew the stars across the heavens from the palm of His almighty hand? Whose wisdom defies our understanding? Whose mind knows our secret thoughts and plans? Who is and will ever be eternal, and who was before all time began?

Do you not know? Have you not heard who spoke you into being with a word? That Word endures forevermore: the Everlasting God, He is the Lord! Like grass, you will wither and fade. Without Him, you will stumble, fall and faint. But all those who wait upon the Lord will be renewed, their strength will be restored.

We will run and we will not grow weary. We hope in the Sovereign God of all. He who watches will not sleep or slumber. He steadies our feet against the fall. It was told to us from the beginning: one day we will rise to meet the Lord. He will lift us on His wings like eagles. We will walk, we will run, we will soar. Amen.

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Mr. Horsky

§ Psalm

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

No. 36

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:11-20

Pew Bible page 1212

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. ¹²Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

¹³Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. ¹⁶Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

¹⁸Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. ¹⁹For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Glorious Submission

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right

No. 108

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

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6:00 PM WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalms 134:1-3

§ Psalm

O Bless Our God with One Accord

No. 400

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Pastor Peter Spink

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:1-15

§ Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise (stanzas 1, 3, 5, & 6)

No. 34

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Adagio

Nancy Mae Flippin, clarinet; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Spink

§ Psalm

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

No. 184

Scripture Reading

Esther 1:1-22

Pew Bible page 510

¹Now it took place in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces, ²in those days as King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne which was at the citadel in Susa, ³in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his princes and attendants, the army officers of Persia and Media, the nobles and the princes of his provinces being in his presence. ⁴And he displayed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor of his great majesty for many days, 180 days.

⁵When these days were completed, the king gave a banquet lasting seven days for all the people who were present at the citadel in Susa, from the greatest to the least, in the court of the garden of the king’s palace. ⁶There were hangings of fine white and violet linen held by cords of fine purple linen on silver rings and marble columns, and couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl and precious stones. ⁷Drinks were served in golden vessels of various kinds, and the royal wine was plentiful according to the king’s bounty. ⁸The drinking was done according to the law, there was no compulsion, for so the king had given orders to each official of his household that he should do according to the desires of each person. ⁹Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the palace which belonged to King Ahasuerus.

¹⁰On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus, ¹¹to bring Queen Vashti before the king with her royal crown in order to display her beauty to the people and the princes, for she was beautiful. ¹²But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king’s command delivered by the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry and his wrath burned within him.

¹³Then the king said to the wise men who understood the times—for it was the custom of the king so to speak before all who knew law and justice ¹⁴and were close to him: Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media who had access to the king’s presence and sat in the first place in the kingdom— ¹⁵“According to law, what is to be done with Queen Vashti, because she did not obey the command of King Ahasuerus delivered by the eunuchs?” ¹⁶In the presence of the king and the princes, Memucan said, “Queen Vashti has wronged not only the king but also all the princes and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. ¹⁷For the queen’s conduct will become known to all the women causing them to look with contempt on their husbands by saying, ‘King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in to his presence, but she did not come.’ ¹⁸This day the ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen’s conduct will speak in the same way to all the king’s princes, and there will be plenty of contempt and anger. ¹⁹If it pleases the king, let a royal edict be issued by him and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media so that it cannot be repealed, that Vashti may no longer come into the presence of King Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal position to another who is more worthy than she. ²⁰When the king’s edict which he will make is heard throughout all his kingdom, great as it is, then all women will give honor to their husbands, great and small.”

²¹This word pleased the king and the princes, and the king did as Memucan proposed. ²²So he sent letters to all the king’s provinces, to each province according to its script and to every people according to their language, that every man should be the master in his own house and the one who speaks in the language of his own people.

Proclamation of God’s Word

House of Cards

Pastor Marty Martin

§ Psalm

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (stanzas 1, 3, 5, & 7)

No. 30

§ Benediction

September 13, 2026—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Ryan Piller & Sandy Waugh

11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Maria & Jeff Wayne, Jr.

6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Susan & Jeff Wayne, Sr.

September 20, 2026—Nursery Schedule:

11:00 AM Infant Nursery: Debbie Spink & Robin Patane; Alternate: Brittany Reini

11:00 AM Toddler Nursery: Mallory Unger & Sandy Waugh

6:00 PM Evening Nursery: Carol Ethridge & Emily Mangum

Questions? Contact nursery@fellowshippres.org

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Office hours: Monday—Thursday, 8:30 AM—12:30 PM

Sunday Worship Services: 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Prayer Requests: prayer@fellowshippres.org

Announcements: announcements@fellowshippres.org

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: Kelly Peterson

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. Julian Bacon, Brussels

Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville

Greenville Theological Seminary

Greer Community Ministries

Miracle Hill Ministries

Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo—Taiwan

Rev. & Mrs. Vinicius Pimentel—Brazil

Rev. & Mrs. Mikael Romer—Finland

Rev. & Mrs. Oliver Pierce, Brussels

Mr. Jai Paul Geddam—Hyderabad, India

Covenant College

Calvary Home for Children

Gospel Reformation Network

Samaritan’s Purse/Operation Christmas Child

August 2026 General Fund Summary*

Date:	General Fund Giving:	General Fund Expenses:	General Fund Net Total:
Aug 2026	\$59,816.10	\$49,349.83	\$10,466.27
Jul 2026—Aug 2026	\$100,286.10	\$112,457.56	(\$12,171.46)

Building Fund Total as of 7/01/2026: \$964,897.16

Building Fund Total as of 8/31/2026: \$972,717.66

*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!

Wednesday Night Supper & Service

5:30 PM: Catered Supper—\$3.50/ adult (ages 11 & up);
\$2.50/child (ages 10 & under); \$15 max/family; sign-up is required.

*Please indicate on a pew card the number of adults & children attending this week’s supper;
the menu is hotdogs, slaw, chips, and dessert. Food is served until 6:10 pm.

6:00 pm: Doctrine and Discussion (youth), meets in the sanctuary

6:30 pm: Devotional & Prayer Time (adults); Catechism (children)

7:30 pm: Officer Training & Discipleship Class (all are welcome!)

Welcome! We are very pleased to have Harris and Rebekah Adams and their children (Mary, Daniel, Naomi, and Hannah) with us today for worship and later tonight for a meal and time of fellowship!

Tonight, following evening worship— Breakfast for Supper!

Please bring: a breakfast casserole, fruit bowl, or dessert (donuts, pastries, etc.). ~Thank you!

New Inquirers’ Class: Friday Evening & Saturday Morning, October 2 & 3: This two-day Inquirers’ Class, taught by Pastor Martin, is an opportunity for newcomers and those considering membership to learn more about who we are, what we believe, and how we seek to serve. Sign up in the narthex or online (fellowshippres.org/calendar). Childcare is available (childcare sign-up is requested).

Friday, October 2:

5:30 pm: Catered supper (no cost); sign-up requested.

6:30—8:30 pm: Inquirers’ Class Sessions 1 & 2

Saturday, October 3:

8:45 am: coffee, tea, & donuts

9:00—12 noon: Inquirers’ Class Sessions 3-5

Adult Sunday School, 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall: Ligonier series by Sinclair Ferguson, “Who is the Holy Spirit?”

Youth Teaching: Sunday School, “Isaiah’s Suffering Servant,” 10:00 am; Wednesdays, “Living Out the Confession,” 6:00 pm.

Men’s Bible Study (Ephesians) meets Mondays, 7:00 pm, at the church.

Co-Ed Bible Study, Learning to Love the Psalms: This study, facilitated by Craig & Sheri Bouvier, meets at the church every other Thursday evening.

Women’s Fall Studies:

• **Precepts study of 2 Peter:** Meets Tuesdays, 9:45 am, at the church. Childcare is available.

• **Proverbs:** Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, at the home of Robin Patane.

• **1 & 2 Thessalonians:** Meets Thursdays, 10:00 am, at the church.

The Children’s Choir begins rehearsals today at 4:45 pm. All children grades 1—6 are invited to join us. Contact Sheryl Farquhar for more information.

Men’s Fall Retreat at Bonclarken: Thursday—Saturday, October 22—24.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

September 13, 2026

*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