

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 ~ 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Jesus says, “I am the vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, he takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes so that it may bear more fruit.” Perhaps you come after a week of seeing much fruit in your life. Give praise to your Father for blessing and using you in His grace. Perhaps you come having felt the shears of the Pruner. Whether His hand has removed “deadwood” in your life, or pruned areas of apparent productivity, know that the hand which prunes you is that of an infinitely good and loving Father, who is blessing you even in this. In all these things, let us come together as His vineyard, praising Him for the way He “dresses” and prepares us for the glory that is ours to come!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

O Come, Let Us Sing

Call to Worship

Psalm 150:1-6

Praise the LORD!  
Praise God in His sanctuary;  
Praise Him in His mighty expanse.  
Praise Him for His mighty deeds;  
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.  
Praise Him with trumpet sound;  
Praise Him with harp and lyre.  
Praise Him with timbrel and dancing;  
Praise Him with stringed instruments and pipe.  
Praise Him with loud cymbals;  
Praise Him with resounding cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD!

§ Psalm

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

No. 10

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Mr. Greg Horsky

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 34:1-22

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul will make its boast in the LORD;  
The humble will hear it and rejoice.  
O magnify the LORD with me,  
And let us exalt His name together.  
I sought the LORD, and He answered me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.  
They looked to Him and were radiant,  
And their faces will never be ashamed.  
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
And saved him out of all his troubles.  
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him,  
And rescues them.  
O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!  
O fear the LORD, you His saints;  
For to those who fear Him there is no want.  
The young lions do lack and suffer hunger;  
But they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing.  
Come, you children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.  
Who is the man who desires life  
And loves length of days that he may see good?  
Keep your tongue from evil  
And your lips from speaking deceit.  
Depart from evil and do good;  
Seek peace and pursue it.

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The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous  
And His ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the LORD is against evildoers,  
To cut off the memory of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry, and the LORD hears  
And delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
And saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
But the LORD delivers him out of them all.  
He keeps all his bones,  
Not one of them is broken.  
Evil shall slay the wicked,  
And those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,  
And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

§ Psalm

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

No. 624

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

What God Ordains

with Heather Nossaman, soprano

What God ordains is always good, His will is just and holy. And though the path be wrought with thorns, I follow meek and lowly. My God indeed in every need knows well how He will shield me; to Him, then, I will yield me.  
What God ordains is always good: He is my Friend and Father. He suffers naught to do me harm, though many storms may gather. Now I may know both joy and woe, someday I shall see clearly that He hath loved me dearly.  
What God ordains is always good: though I the cup am drinking which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking. For after grief God gives relief, my heart with comfort filling, and all my sorrow stilling.  
What God ordains is always good: this truth remains unshaken. Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken. I fear no harm, for with His arm He shall embrace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Mr. Horsky

§ Hymn

Be Still, My Soul (stanzas 1, 2, & 4)

No. 689

Scripture Reading

I Peter 3:8-17

Pew Bible page 1213

<sup>8</sup>To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; <sup>9</sup>not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For,“THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. <sup>11</sup>HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT. <sup>12</sup>FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.”  
<sup>13</sup>Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, <sup>15</sup>but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; <sup>16</sup>and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Summing Up Suffering

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

No. 575

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

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6:00 PM WORSHIP

Call to Worship

I Timothy 1:15-17

§ Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 38

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Mr. Greg Horsky

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.  
Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

§ Hymn

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

No. 286

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Beverly Brouwer, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Marty Martin

§ Hymn

’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

No. 679

Scripture Reading

Esther 4:1-17

Pew Bible page 513

<sup>1</sup>When Mordecai learned all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city and wailed loudly and bitterly. <sup>2</sup>He went as far as the king’s gate, for no one was to enter the king’s gate clothed in sackcloth. <sup>3</sup>In each and every province where the command and decree of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing; and many lay on sackcloth and ashes.  
<sup>4</sup>Then Esther’s maidens and her eunuchs came and told her, and the queen writhed in great anguish. And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai that he might remove his sackcloth from him, but he did not accept them. <sup>5</sup>Then Esther summoned Hathach from the king’s eunuchs, whom the king had appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. <sup>6</sup>So Hathach went out to Mordecai to the city square in front of the king’s gate. <sup>7</sup>Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact amount of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king’s treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. <sup>8</sup>He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict which had been issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show Esther and inform her, and to order her to go in to the king to implore his favor and to plead with him for her people.  
<sup>9</sup>Hathach came back and related Mordecai’s words to Esther. <sup>10</sup>Then Esther spoke to Hathach and ordered him to reply to Mordecai: <sup>11</sup>“All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that for any man or woman who comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days.” <sup>12</sup>They related Esther’s words to Mordecai.  
<sup>13</sup>Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not imagine that you in the king’s palace can escape any more than all the Jews. <sup>14</sup>For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?”  
<sup>15</sup>Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup>“Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.” <sup>17</sup>So Mordecai went away and did just as Esther had commanded him.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Not “If” but “How?”

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

No. 630

§ Benediction

**October 11, 2026—Nursery Schedule:**  
**11:00 AM Infant Nursery:** Nancy Jurik & Angie Frengel; Alternate: Rachel Preston  
**11:00 AM Toddler Nursery:** Angie Pyc & Marijke Alford  
**6:00 PM Evening Nursery:** Heather & Lucas Nossaman

**October 18, 2026—Nursery Schedule:**  
**11:00 AM Infant Nursery:** Julie Worley & Tiffani Medlin; Alternate: Tami Gardinier  
**11:00 AM Toddler Nursery:** Katie & Adaya Moses  
**6:00 PM Evening Nursery:** Alex & Zoe Brandenburg

**Questions? Contact [nursery@fellowshippres.org](mailto:nursery@fellowshippres.org)**

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Sunday Worship Services: 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM  
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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: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

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

**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:**

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania             | Rev. & Mrs. Mark Kuo—Taiwan          |
| Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru              | Rev. & Mrs. Vinicius Pimentel—Brazil |
| Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London              | Rev. & Mrs. Mikael Romer—Finland     |
| Rev. & Mrs. Julian Bacon, Brussels          | Rev. & Mrs. Oliver Pierce, Brussels  |
| Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville       | Mr. Jai Paul Geddam—Hyderabad, India |
| Greenville Theological Seminary             | Covenant College                     |
| Greer Community Ministries                  | Calvary Home for Children            |
| Miracle Hill Ministries                     | Gospel Reformation Network           |
| Samaritan’s Purse/Operation Christmas Child |                                      |

**September 2026 General Fund Summary\***

| Date:                                                                                  | General Fund Giving: | General Fund Expenses: | General Fund Net Total: |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sept 2026                                                                              | \$81,386.00          | \$40,327.81            | \$41,058.19             |
| Jul 2026—Sept 2026                                                                     | \$181,672.10         | \$152,785.37           | \$28,886.73             |
| Building Fund Total as of 7/01/2026: \$964,897.16                                      |                      |                        |                         |
| Building Fund Total as of 9/30/2026: \$973,364.16                                      |                      |                        |                         |
| *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 chili, cornbread, salad, 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)**

*Having been nominated, trained, and sustained in their examination, the **Session** presents to the congregation the following as eligible for election (to the four year term of 2027-2031) in a congregational meeting on **Sunday, November 8**, following morning worship:*

**Ruling Elder:** Brad Gardinier, Terry Richards, Philip Triplett, Charlie Wilson  
**Deacon:** Jon Brandenburg, Jared Farquhar, Kelly Peterson, Andy Unger, Kevin Worley

*Praise the Lord for His goodness in raising up these men and pray for His guidance in the elections to be held **November 8**.*

**Sunday Evening, October 25, Pastor Todd Crusey, Missionary to London**, will be with us to preach and give an update on his ministry. **Following the service, we will have a Soup Supper** and time of fellowship. **Please sign up** in the narthex or online ([fellowshippres.org/calendar](http://fellowshippres.org/calendar)) to bring a pot of soup, bread, or dessert. ~Thank you!

**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 on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 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.

**Women’s Fall Conference, Saturday, November 14, 9:00 am—2:30 pm, at the church.** Linda Duncan will be speaking on “Faith, Hope, and Love.”

**The Children’s Choir meets Sundays, 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.** Cost is \$150. For more information, please contact Pat DeJong.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Shoeboxes are available in the narthex. The deadline for bringing your gift-filled OCC shoeboxes to church is **Sunday, November 15**; please remember to include a check for \$10 (for shipping) for each box. ~Thank you!



October 11, 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