

Grace Presbyterian News

October 2021

Sunday Worship Continues, In Person and Livestream

We continue Sunday worship in person under the protocols we have used since we resumed on March 7. You are welcome to attend, masked and distanced. We do sing. We do not pass the offering plates nor friendship pads. Please arrive no sooner than 10:45 and no later than 10:55. Enter the sanctuary by the doors on the east or west side that lead directly into the sanctuary, rather than using the hallways. We want to make worship in person possible for those who want to attend, but we are also practicing due caution in light of the delta variant of COVID-19. Please remember to wear your mask over your mouth and nose at all times inside the church. We continue to live stream the service as an alternative to in person worship.

Pastor Mike Krech

World Communion Sunday – October 3

The first Sunday in October has been observed as World Communion Sunday, especially by American Protestants of the Reformed/Presbyterian family. The first observance of World Communion Sunday is often dated to 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian in Pittsburgh PA. The idea spread among Presbyterians and soon among other Protestant church bodies. Communion will be available at this service as we come to the Communion table, or a Communion station at the back of the church, maintaining social distance. As a reminder, church doctrine has long held that taking only the bread or only the cup is still a full and valid Communion. For those at the service who prefer not to take Communion and for those watching on livestream, Pastor Krech will offer a prayer for spiritual Communion.

Sunday School for Adults, Children, and Youth Meet on Zoom

The adult Sunday School class meets on Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. John Price is leading the class, studying Genesis. Send Mike an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link. Children and youth are also meeting online Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Contact Cristaldawn Smith for more details at revmiss2002@yahoo.com. Both classes end at 10:00 a.m. to give time to get to church.

Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom

Morning prayer on Zoom continues each Wednesday. Email Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com to receive the link to join us. You will get an email by Tuesday noon with the link to join the Zoom chat and a list of the Scripture readings and hymn for the meeting. We pray for each person by name at morning prayer. I warmly invite those who find it meaningful to be remembered on the prayer list to also be among those who pray for those on the prayer list in this service. We try to open the room by 9:20 a.m. so we can chat and visit, start the service at 9:30, and conclude by 10:00.

Thursday Night Study Group at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Our Thursday night study group on Zoom has proved quite meaningful to several folks across our first few months of meeting, and we would be glad to welcome others. Our next book is *Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers*, written by “our own” Dr. Don McKim. Don will be leading us in the study of his book throughout October and into November, as we learn more about leaders of the Protestant Reformation and beliefs and issues that have characterized our Protestant and Presbyterian ways of being Christian. Send Mike an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link.

Game Nights on Zoom – Fridays, October 8 and 22, at 7:00 p.m.

We meet on Zoom for fellowship, word games, trivia, and many laughs. If you would like to be added to the list receiving the Zoom link, email Mike at jmkrech@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Patio Visits

Pastor Mike Krech is happy to visit on your patio, deck, or yard if you are comfortable with it. These outdoor visits of 30-60 minutes can be planned with an eye to the weather. Invite Mike via an email to jmkrech@yahoo.com

Presbyterian Women Bible Study on Zoom October 11 and 12

Monthly Bible study for Presbyterian Women continues in October on Zoom. The night circle, taught by Patsy Krech, meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month, which is October 11. The day circle, taught by Becky Stirling, meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, which is October 12. The 2021-2022 study book is *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair. If you have not received an email from Patsy Krech with the Zoom links and other information please email Patsy Krech at patsykrech@gmail.com

Message from the Commitment Committee

October is here and that means it is Stewardship time. We have mailed you a Stewardship Letter, a proposed budget for 2022, and a pledge card. A church member will share stewardship thoughts during worship on October 10 and 17. Then October 24 will be Pledge Sunday. The Commitment Committee understands that this is a difficult time, not only for our church and our community but for the world. We also know that with patience and prayer, we will get through this crisis and hopefully be stronger in our faith. Rickie Cooke, chair

Commitment/Pledge Sunday – October 24

On October 24, there will be an opportunity in worship to place commitment cards on the Communion table. You may also return your commitment cards prior to that date by placing them in the offering plates or mailing them to the church.

Reformation Sunday – October 31

Reformation Sunday, celebrated on the last Sunday in October takes note of some of the doctrines and singing some of the hymns that have been central to our identity as Christians in the Protestant tradition, and the Reformed family. October 31 1517 is usually identified as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation with Martin Luther's 95 theses.

A Thank You from Jean Starnes

I'm thankful for this opportunity to say a loud and grateful "Thank You," to my Grace Family for all of the ways in which I was remembered on my 90th Birthday. I must say I have to keep reminding myself that I'm this ancient (feels weird, but soothing too). When reading the sentiments written in so many of the stack of cards, I asked my granddaughter "to whom are these people referring to; surely it couldn't possibly be me." The comments were so endearing that I have made a listing of every one so I can read then over and over, especially when I'm feeling a little down on myself (just to perk me up).

It was such a blessing to think that so many friends/family sent the mound of cards that I received. Some were so unexpected from friends and family from far away; some I had not heard from in a good many years. I just want to say, in my normal country way, that I am so fond of every one of you that it just makes my day to see or hear from you. A great blessing, for sure. I pray God's richest blessing on every one of you, and thank you again for thinking of me. Jean Starnes

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Schl on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person masked & Live-streamed World Communion Sunday</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers Study on Zoom Garrett Guenther Gerald Raghianti</p>	<p>1/8</p> <p>7:00 pm Game Night on Zoom (8th)</p>	<p>2/9</p> <p>Sara Lawson (2nd) Sharon Raghianti (2nd)</p>
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<p>31</p> <p>9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sun Schl on Zoom 11:00 Worship In Person masked & Livestreamed Reformation Sun. Sue White</p>	<p><i>Names in italics are birthdays on that date</i></p>					

A Prayer for World Communion Sunday
Holy God, we thank you for setting a table
before us and for calling disciples from every
place to feast together. We praise you for the
faith that makes us sisters and brothers in
Christ and for the blessed tie of love that binds
us as one. We glorify you for your Spirit at work,
building one holy church in the world to serve
Jesus Christ, the true vine and bread of life,
our Lord and living Savior. Amen.

Lectionary Readings for Worship:
October 3: (World Communion Sunday)
Job 1:1-5; 2:1-10; Psalm 26
Hebrew: 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
October 10:
Job 23:1-9,16-17; Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-26; Mark 10:17-31
October 17:
Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9,24-35c
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
October 24: (Pledge Sunday)
Job 42:1-6,10-17; Psalm 34:1-8,19-22
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
October 31: (Reformation Sunday)
Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146;
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

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