

October 6, 2024; 9:00 am
Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday (originally called Worldwide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.

Prelude: "Lobe den Herren" *arr. by Johann Gottfried Walther*

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Craig R. Alwin*

Ringling of the Bell and entrance on the Light of Christ

World Communion Sunday

Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit, One in mission.

In union and communion with the church universal.

Let us hear the Lord's Prayer in many languages.

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Carol W.

We gather from the west to the east,

from the south to the north,

**to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

This God of peace accompanies us

in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name! Amen!

*** Opening Prayer**

Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to a relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: GTG 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

Laurie C., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Carol W.

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of being children of God, let us confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession**

Carol W.

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Hear our prayers, Lord. Forgive us for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us of our sins, and unite us as your body.

***Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy strengthen us to sow seeds of peace near and far. Amen.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response: GTG 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 8 (Common English Bible)

(page 492 in the pew Bible, page 669 in the Common English Bible)

Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name throughout the earth!
You made your glory higher than heaven!

**From the mouths of nursing babies
you have laid a strong foundation
because of your foes,
in order to stop vengeful enemies.**

When I look up at your skies,
at what your fingers made—
**the moon and the stars
that you set firmly in place—**
what are human beings
that you think about them;
**what are human beings
that you pay attention to them?**

You've made them only slightly less than divine,
crowning them with glory and grandeur.

**You've let them rule over your handiwork,
putting everything under their feet—**
all sheep and all cattle,
the wild animals too,
the birds in the sky,
the fish of the ocean,
everything that travels the pathways of the sea.

**Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the
earth!**

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16 (Common English Bible)
(page 46 in the pew Bible, page 1229 in the Common English Bible)

Some Pharisees came and, trying to test him, they asked, “Does the Law allow a man to divorce his wife?”

Jesus answered, “What did Moses command you?”

They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a divorce certificate and to divorce his wife.”

Jesus said to them, “He wrote this commandment for you because of your unyielding hearts. At the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. Because of this, a man should leave his father and mother and be joined together with his wife, and the two will be one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, humans must not pull apart what God has put together.”

Inside the house, the disciples asked him again about this. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if a wife divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, “Allow the children to come to me. Don’t forbid them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a child will never enter it.” Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “Meaningful Connections”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 462 “I Love to Tell the Story”

We Respond to God's Word

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word "catholic" means "relating to the church universal"*

Recognition of 50-Year Members

Mary B. and Kathy G.

Offering Music: "Days of Elijah"

Laurie C., Pax L., Dan B., Henry H., Eddie H.

***Offertory: GTG 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" v. 1 & 4**

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church's table. This is the Lord's table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty and eternal God, for by your word you have called forth creation, you have created us in your image. You led us from slavery to freedom, going ever before us with cloud and fiery pillar. With burning coals you gave utterance to the prophets, demanding that justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

In the fullness of time, your Spirit descended like a dove upon Jesus, anointing him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who were oppressed, and to declare the reign of God in our midst.

When Jesus gathered together with his beloved disciples, he was known to them in the breaking of bread. Before feeding the multitudes, he broke bread and gave thanks. When two or three were gathered together, he broke bread and gave thanks. He sought the outcasts and broke bread with them, witnessing the fullness of your grace.

O God who is known to us in human flesh, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these elements taken from your creation, that this loaf and this cup may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and we may be the body of Christ, food and life for the world.

God of all nations, we give you thanks that we are all made in your image, with such rich diversity. On this day we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in you, even though we have different languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of worship, praying and praising.

In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope, of new life, knowing that your will is for your people to be one body. We are one body, but we are not the same—it is through the gift of diversity that we are able to be your body. We thank you and praise you for making us all who we are, individually and collectively. We each celebrate our own ancestry, culture and ethnicity. We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever.

Joining our voices with those from around the world, we pray as you taught us, saying...

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution]

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
Come, share in the mystery of this holy meal.

**The Bread of Life
The Cup of Salvation**

Music during communion:

GTG 188 "Jesus Loves Me"

"Come Share the Lord" arr. by John Carter (GTG 510)

PRAYER OF THANKS

Let us pray. **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

***Sending Song GTG 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

***Charge and Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you,
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace,
as you go out and sow seeds of peace in the hearts of others.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all, both now and forevermore.
Amen.

Postlude: "Ar Hyd Y Nos"

arr. by David S. Harris

Keep in Prayer

Arnold L.	Jesse F.	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Ashley K.* (Dave E daughter)	Joan K. (Marcus A. mom)	Pass Family
Bob & Ollive B.	Karen & David H.*	Pat D.
Brian C.	Lee M.	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Bruce L.* (Arnold L's son)	Liam A.	Paul W.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Lynn K.*	Sally S.
Corinne C.	Lynn M.	Sherry M.
Danielle B.	Marie L.	Vern A.* (Debra S. dad)
Dick and Maryann*	Mike S.*	
Gib D.	Nancy H	

The names in bold are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer.

If you or someone you know wants added to our prayer list, contact a Deacon or the church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
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11:30-1:00pm
7:00-8:00pm

October 6

Worship
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections Sermon Discussions
Sunday School in the Gathering Room
PYA Lunch & Activities
Boy Scout Court of Honor

Monday

10:00-11:30am
1:00-2:30pm

October 7

Staff Meeting
Deacon Meeting

Tuesday

1:00-2:30pm
6:00-7:30pm
6:30-8:00pm

October 8

Loving Team
Endowment Board
Slow Church Study

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am
10:00-11:30am
1:00-2:30pm
4:00-5:00pm
5:30-7:30pm

October 9

Men's Breakfast
Slow Church Study
Growing Connections Planning Meeting
Hand Bell Rehearsal
Women in Faith

Sunday

9:00-10:00am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
12:00-1:30pm

October 13

Worship
Fellowship Time
Growing Connections Making Difference One Stitch at a time
Sunday School in the Gathering Room
Worship Team

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 29,2024

Individuals in Person: 105
Zoom Households: 5

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
9/29/24	\$4615.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$.00	"Pave the Way"
9/23-27/24	\$ 681.00	Vanco "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$ 10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
	<u>\$5306.00</u>	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org Giving page. (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

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