

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer Diane VanValkenburg
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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning** There's a Sweet , Sweet Spirit No. 408

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Special Thanks Today:

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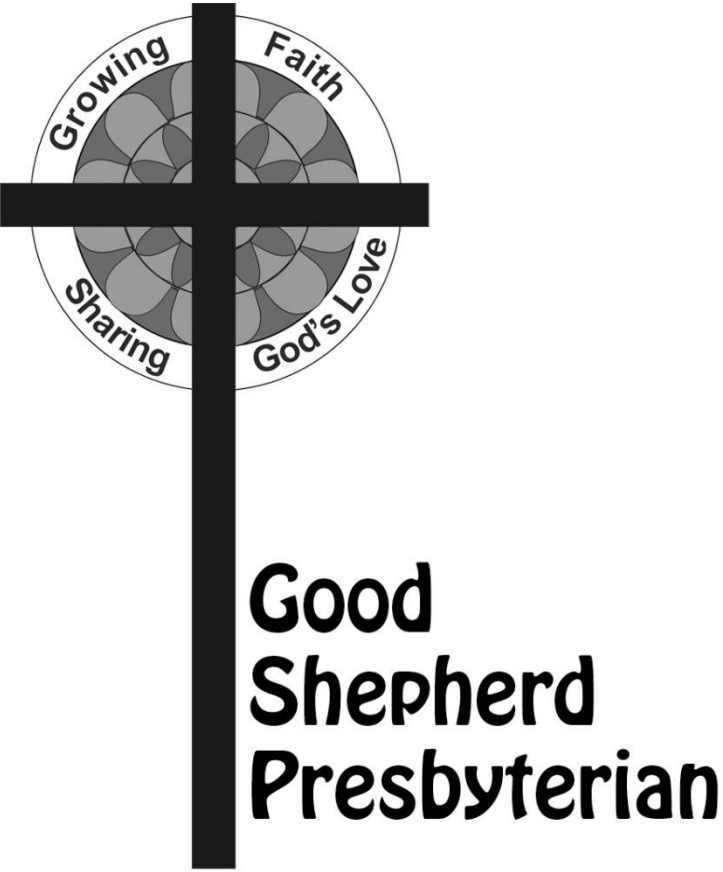
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October 26, 2025

Sunday Order of Worship
11:00 am

**We are a community of believers, sharing God’s love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.**

The marks of this life are:
Pray daily;
Worship weekly;
Enjoy spiritual friendships;
Read and study the Scriptures;
Engage in service in and beyond the church;
Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and
Practice generosity with one’s time, talent, and money.

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* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

Minute for Mission

Stewardship

Cindy Hurst

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Lord God of the nations, You have revealed Your will to all people and promised us Your saving help.
People: May we hear and do what You command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of Your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

*Hymn of Praise

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 610

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of God’s Grace

God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!
—Romans 5:8-9, NIV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

John 2:19-21

Pew Bible page 751

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 5:1-5;8:1-13

Pew Bible pages 240,243

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

Solomon’s Temple or the House of the Lord?

Rev. Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

No. 835

*Affirmation of Faith

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners, called to be holy, dedicated to service. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others. Knowing our own weakness and failures, we bring good news to all sinners with understanding of their condition and with hope in God. We grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and spans all time, place, race, and language, has become a broken communion in a broken world. When we struggle for the purity of the church and for the righteousness God demands, we pray for saintly courage. When our pride or blindness blocks the unity of God’s household, we seek forgiveness. We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do His work, and that He blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity. We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the oneness of all who follow Jesus. We long for that day when Jesus will return as triumphant King, when the dead shall be raised and all people will stand before His judgment. We face that day without fear, for the Judge is our Savior. Our daily lives of service aim for the moment when the Son will present his people to the Father. Then God will be shown to be true, holy, and gracious. All who have been on the Lord’s side will be honored, the fruit of even small acts of obedience will be displayed; but tyrants and oppressors, heretics, and all who deny the Lord will be damned. With the whole creation we wait for the purifying fire of judgment. For then we will see the Lord face to face. He will heal our hurts, end our wars, and make the crooked straight. Then we will join in the new song to the Lamb without blemish who made us a kingdom and priests. God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God! Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus.

—from Our World Belongs to God, St. 42-43, 57-58