

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(gluten free bread served)

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; 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

*Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No. 465

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Special Thanks Today:

Lay Leader: Phil Parham

Usher: Darron Harris

Additional Reading:

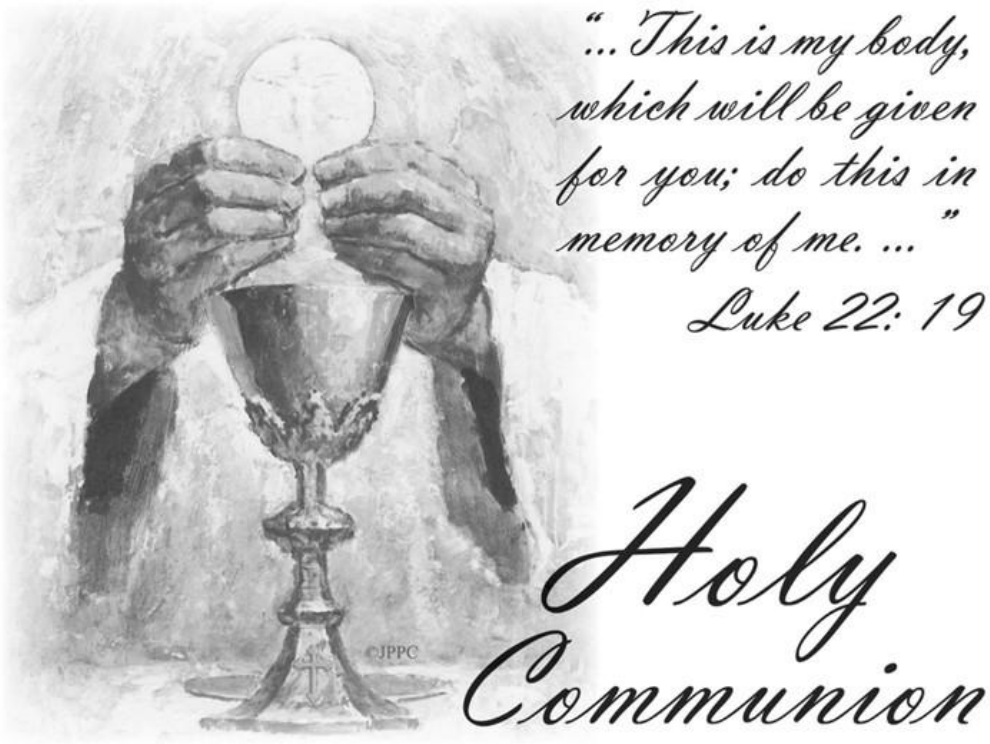
An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor

Everything Belongs by Richard Rohr

Love Wins by Rob Bell

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen

Everybody, Always by Bob Goff



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

*Sunday Order of Worship
September 6, 2026*

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

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

Prayer of Preparation

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to You, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.
—based on Psalm 19:14

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

Veteran’s Board

Dorothy Pettay

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize Him and therefore did not worship Him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who He is, that we might worship Him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!
People: We open our eyes to see His glory. We open our ears to hear His wisdom. We open our hands to offer Him gifts. We open our mouths to sing His praise. We open our hearts to offer Him our love. He is Lord!

*Hymn of Praise

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

No. 35

*Prayer of Confession

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
People: Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment.
Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
People: Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.
Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
People: Do not cast me from Your presence, and do not take Your holy spirit from me.

*Assurance of God’s Grace

Leader: We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
People: This is God’s gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ’s one sacrifice finished on the cross.
—Hebrews 10:10, NIV; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 66

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Jonah 3:1-4:1

Pew Bible page 655

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 7:36-50

Pew Bible page 731

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon

Running with God, Running Against God

Rev. Jeff Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

Take My Life

No. 697

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.