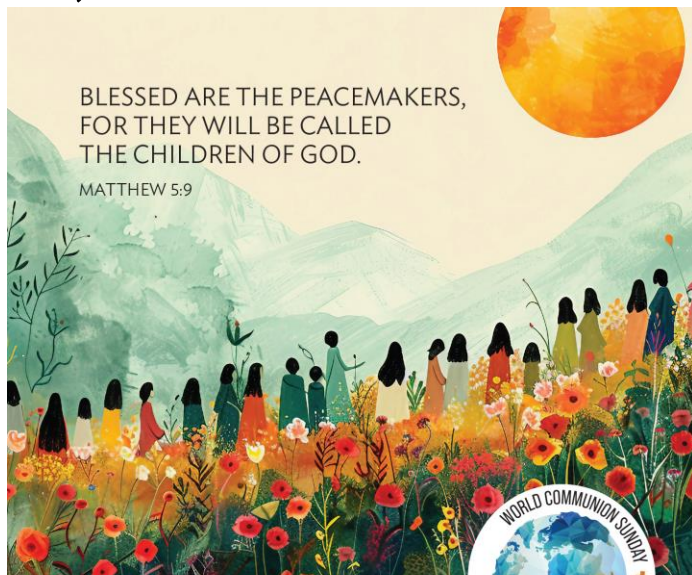


# World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship



BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,  
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED  
THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

MATTHEW 5:9



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION  
SEPTEMBER 8-OCTOBER 6, 2024



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For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 12:12-13*

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# Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

**This service is being livestreamed** and can be viewed on our YouTube channel in real time or as a recording. **Large-print copies of this order of service**, as well as **audio enhancement devices** are available **from the ushers**.

## **We gather on Sunday for 3 reasons:**

- **To seek God**- whom we find in sacred text and sacrament, in music and in song, in prayer, in the beauty of this space, in the stillness where we can hear our hearts. We offer God our thanks and praise, our lament and longing, and our resources. We let go of burdens and receive grace and forgiveness. We see the One our hearts love.
- **To practice Community** – rejoice w/those who rejoice, weep w/those who weep. To break bread with those whom we love and those whom we need to love more fully. We practice things our culture does not emphasize: resting, forgiving, sharing. Jesus asked us to love one another as he loved us, and we cannot do so without practice.
- **To listen for our Call**- often an invitation to go out and be or do or remember. God is speaking all the time: through conscience, nature, friends, and certainly scripture. We gather to listen for that Call and to recommit ourselves to discipleship.

Information on our common life can be found on our website [www.fpcsb.net](http://www.fpcsb.net), along with sermons and newsletters. You can participate in our work by supporting us financially with a one-time or sustaining donation.

Children are welcome in worship. Younger children may go to the Nursery at any time.

**OUR NEXT COMMUNION will be Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

# Morning Worship†

Lector: Christian Usher

## REFLECTION before the SERVICE

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for our service. *-from a prayer by the Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt, United Church of Christ*

*The liturgy for this week is taken largely from Liturgy offered by the PCUSA for the Peace & Global Witness special offerings 2024. The names of authors and their communities are noted within the service.*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Prelude & Fugue in G* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT *Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind* Frederick Maker  
Dear Lord, Creator good and kind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

## \*CALL to WORSHIP

*(Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia)*

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!

\*HYMN 388 *Come All You People* UYAI MOSE

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† The symbols you will see in this order of worship mean:

\* Stand if you are able    ✠ The congregation will read.

## **PRAYER of CONFESSION**

*(Armenian, Shant Agoushian, Near East School of Theology student, Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East)*

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 God's children let us confess our sins.

*(Arabic, Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology student, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land)*

✘ **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.  
We confess that we have defaced your creation  
and poisoned our environment  
through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.  
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.**

*(Moment for silent reflection and confession)*

✘ **Forgive us, Lord, 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 our sins.**

*(We remain seated for the kyrie, an ancient song of the church. We will sing it through in Greek first and then in English.)*

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

*Dinah Reindorf*

✘ **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, Have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

✘ **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and are being made whole!**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE 591** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*<sup>1</sup>

*John L. Bell*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*(Repeat)*

## TIME with the CHILDREN

*[After Time with the Children, our children are encouraged to worship with us. There are activity bags and books in the narthex. Children Pre-K and younger may go to the nursery as necessary.]*

## ANTHEM

*Christ for the World We Sing*<sup>2</sup>

*Craig Courtney*

*The congregation may join with the choir for part of the anthem. See the music printed inside the back cover of the bulletin.*

## PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

✘ **Holy Spirit, grant us openness  
and give us understanding  
of what each one of us needs to receive  
through Holy Scripture.  
When we are facing a difficult choice  
between the easy and the right decision,  
help us to choose the narrow path.  
We also pray for all  
who are about to set out on an adventurous journey of faith  
anywhere in the world. Amen.**

## Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on  
the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For  
there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

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## **1 Corinthians 12:4-13**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **SERMON**

*Pastor Wendy Lamb*

### **\*SUNG RESPONSE 853**

*Siyahamba*

*South African*

*(We will sing this three times: Marching, Praying, Singing)*

### **MOMENT for MISSION**

*Robin Edwards*

### **THE OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

*(We offer our gifts as a response to God's Word, to be part of God's purposes in the world. You may bring forward and place gifts in the plate during the offertory, or on your way out – or by mail or online.)*

### **OFFERTORY**

## **SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE**

*(From Quechua, Spanish, Portuguese, Guaraní, and Tsotsil liturgies)*

### **SURSUM CORDA**

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 our thanks and praise.**

## GREAT PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

### SANCTUS

*James C. Huffstutler*

✘ Holy, holy, Lord Almighty,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Glory in the highest!  
Blessed! Blessed!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,  
hosanna in the highest.

### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and OUR LORD'S PRAYER<sup>3</sup>

✘ 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.

### PRAYER of CONSECRATION

### WORDS of INSTITUTION

### We SHARE GOD'S GIFTS

*(The cup is non-alcoholic. There is gluten free bread available  
Communion will be served by intinction at two stations. As you feel ready,  
please come up by the inside aisle to a station, receive bread, dip it in the cup,  
eat it, and return to your seat by an outside aisle.*

*If you would rather remain seated, rovers will bring the elements to you.  
During this time, we invite you to sing these prayers.)*

### Refrain

***God Bless to Us Our Bread*<sup>4</sup>**  
**God bless to us our bread,  
and give food to all those who are hungry  
and hunger for justice to those who are fed.  
God bless to us our bread.**

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<sup>3</sup> This prayer is included but uncredited in the Liturgy created by the PCUSA for the Peace & Global Witness special offerings 2023.

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Refrain 466

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*<sup>5</sup>

Come and fill our hearts with your peace;  
You alone, O God, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace; Alleluia.

Refrain 742

*We Will Walk with God*<sup>6</sup>

We will walk with God, my brothers;  
we will walk with God.

We will walk with God, my sisters;  
we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

### PRAYER after COMMUNION

✘ In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment,  
this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as your Beloved ones  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same. Amen.

\*HYMN 765

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

\*MOMENT for REFLECTION

\*CHARGE and BENEDECTION

RESPONSE

*Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind* Frederick Maker

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; Let sense  
be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still,  
small voice of calm!

\*POSTLUDE

*Improvisation*

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**USHERS:** Dave Thomas, *Lead Usher*

Marilyn Kraft, Al Rueda, *Security Ushers*

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**CAMERA OPERATORS:** Kevin Lamb, Lynn Usher

**LIVESTREAM ENGINEER:** James Welte

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

**Lorraine Bishop, Noé Falconi, Marianna Fowles**

***Elders:* Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis**

***Deacons:* Katie Smith, Rebecca Allen, Brad Smith**

***Pastor Nominating Committee:***

**Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris**

**This Weeks' Celebrations**

***Oct 7*** Carmen Avila

Edward Munz

***Oct 9*** Phyllis Hough

***Oct 11*** Zachary Garcia

***Oct 12*** Mimi Lange

Jeoff Molcan

Owen Morris

***We will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering today.*** 25% of the Offering will be used in our local community. This year that money will be donated to CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), an organization that advocates for children who become involved with the justice system. You can learn more about them at <https://www.casaofsb.org/>

***Prayer & Healing Service.*** There will be a service of prayers and healing on **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in the Chapel.

***Deacons' Blood Drive!*** The Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Sign up for a time slot between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. A deacon will be in Fellowship Hall this Sunday after the service to answer questions and sign you up.

***Hallowe'en Concert.*** Symphonie Jeunesse Youth Orchestra will present their annual Hallowe'en Concert on **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, at**

**3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Admission is free. Donations are accepted. For more information, go to [symphoniejeunesse.org](http://symphoniejeunesse.org)

***Reformation Sunday***, which we traditionally celebrate with bagpipes and dancers and shortbread cookies, is only four weeks away! We will have the Kevin R. Blandford Memorial Pipe Band and highland dancers. If you would like to help pay this cost, perhaps as a memorial to a loved one or friend, please get your offering, and the name of the person(s) you wish to honor, to the church office by **Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

***And what is Reformation Sunday without shortbread cookies?***

(Well, it's still Reformation Sunday, but we *really like* the cookies!) If you are able to bring shortbread for our celebration (you can make it or buy it), **please let the church office know by October 18<sup>th</sup>**, and then bring it to the kitchen before church on or before Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The church will purchase some gluten-free shortbread, so that everyone may celebrate!

***News and announcements are available*** in your Friday *Keeping in Touch* emails. If you are not receiving these, and you would like to, contact Mimi in the church office.

### **Music Box**

Once upon a time, in a small village at the edge of a great forest, there lived a wise teacher named Serin. People traveled from far and wide to hear Serin's lessons, hoping to uncover the secrets of peace and fulfillment. Despite all their learning and achievements, many still felt a sense of emptiness they couldn't quite explain.

One day, a group of scholars approached Serin, their minds weighed down by questions.

"Teacher," one of them began, "you speak of a place where true peace and joy are found. How can we reach this place? We have studied, and practiced, and yet it feels far from us."

Serin listened quietly and then smiled. Without answering, he stood and gestured for the scholars to follow. They soon found themselves in a meadow where children played, their laughter ringing out as they chased butterflies, played in the mud, and explored the flowers with wide-eyed curiosity.

Serin watched them for a moment and then turned to the scholars. "What do you see?"

The scholars exchanged puzzled looks. "We see children playing," one of them replied. "They are full of joy and wonder. But what does this have to do with our search?"

Serin knelt beside a young girl who was carefully examining a dandelion. The teacher spoke gently, "What do you see?"

The girl looked up, her eyes bright with awe. "I see a tiny sun," she said, "small enough to hold in my hand. If I blow on it, its light will float away like stars."

Then Serin knelt beside a small boy crouched on the ground, watching ants march across a stick.

"What are you looking at?" Serin asked the boy gently.

The boy looked up with wide eyes. "The ants are building something," he said. "They know where they're going, even though I don't."

Serin smiled and stood. "These children don't see the world through a mind cluttered by knowledge or burdened by expectations. They are present in this moment, accepting it fully, with joy and wonder."

The scholars stood in silence, watching as the children continued their play, free from the weight of the world.

"You seek peace and fulfillment," Serin said quietly. "But your minds are tangled in what you think you must become or know. The path you seek is not reached by effort or mastery. It is found by returning to the way you once saw the world — like these children."

The scholars listened intently as Serin continued, "To see the world with fresh eyes, to be present without judgment — this is the way."

One of the scholars, still confused, asked, "But how can we, with all our learning, return to such a way of being?"

Serin looked at them kindly and replied, "Let go of the need to understand everything. Instead, allow yourself to be filled with wonder again. To be truly free, you must unlearn much of what you've been taught. Only then will you find the peace you seek."

The scholars left the meadow in thoughtful silence, each one reflecting on Serin's words. Over time, some of them came to understand. They began to look at the world with fresh eyes, to notice the joy in small things, and to approach life with curiosity rather than control. And as they did, they found the peace they had long sought — not by trying to master life's complexities but by becoming open to its mysteries, like children who trust and wonder without hesitation.

*-- William Zeitler*

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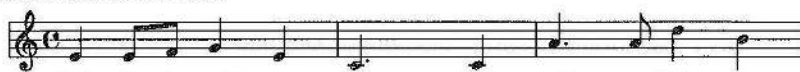
## Christ for the World We Sing

Based on Matthew 28: 19-20 and  
words of Samuel Wolcott, 1869

CRAIG COURTNEY  
(ASCAP)

**CHOIR:** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the name of the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all I commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the very end of the age!

**CHOIR AND CONGREGATION:**



1. Christ for the world we sing,      The world to Christ we  
2. Christ for the world we sing,      The world to Christ we  
3. Christ for the world we sing,      The world to Christ we  
4. Christ for the world we sing,      The world to Christ we



bring,      With lov - ing zeal;      The poor and them that  
bring,      With fer - vent prayer;      The way - ward and the  
bring,      With one ac - cord;      With us the work to  
bring,      With joy - ful song;      The new - born souls whose



mourn,      The faint and o - ver - borne,      Sin - sick and sor - row -  
lost,      By rest - less pas - sions tossed,      Re - deemed at count - less  
share,      With us re - proach to dare,      With us the cross to  
days,      Re - claimed from er - ror's ways,      In - spired with hope and



worn,      Whom Christ doth heal.  
cost,      From dark de - spair.  
bear,      For Christ our Lord.  
praise,      To Christ be - long.



Christ for the world we sing,      The world to Christ we bring.



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*The basic symbols in the seal are the cross, Scripture, the dove, and flames.*

As a church of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), our congregational life is governed by the Ruling Elders of our current Session:

Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Pat Morris, Martha Pinckney, Lily Bolaños, Margaret Doane, Jon Horstmann, Phyllis Hough, Sue Alexander, Jeanne Clark, Kathy Showman, Norm Wallis, and Clerk of Session Amy Smith

and supported by our Board of Deacons:

Rebecca Allen, Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Rick Rodriguez, Katie Smith, Brad Smith, Dave Thomas, Chris Wright-Thomas, Kristine French, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Mindy Rueda

In this time of change for our congregation, a Pastor Nominating Committee has been elected by the congregation:

Susan Addington, Mary Bolaños, John-Paul Fletcher, Brian Gano, Kendra Lamb, Jim Morris, Shelby Obershaw, Christa Wallis, Neal Williams