

Announcements

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for our Fall Picnic next week! Working within the Public Health guidelines we will be serving BBQ hotdogs and enjoying our first fellowship event in almost two years! We hope to see as many of our church family as possible for this time of re-connecting with friends.

Come and celebrate our 10 yr Anniversary of our Church Building on Thanksgiving Sunday! It is just one of the many things we have to be thankful for. Please plan to join us on this day for a very joyful celebration of all that God has done, and continues to do among us.

As an act of giving thanks, we will be collecting non-perishable food items from now until Thanksgiving to share with our local food bank.

An Education for Robina

Robina lives with her mother, father and five siblings in a make-shift house in Afghanistan. Both of her parents are unemployed, and Robina is the only member of her family attending school. In Afghanistan, 62 percent of children do not attend school. Often, families with many children cannot afford uniforms and school supplies for each child. Girls are especially disadvantaged because of a shared cultural belief that if girls study, they bring shame on their families. Only one in five students in Afghan schools are female, and only about one in 10 adult women are literate. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is passionate about ensuring a world in which all children can access quality education. Working with local partners, PWS&D helps parents and religious leaders understand girls' rights—most importantly, the right to education.

We give thanks and pray for organizations who work in partnership with Presbyterian World Service & Development to empower and teach girls in Afghanistan to read, write and improve their standard of living.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and
to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

Hymn: **#433 All creature of our God and King** (vs. 1, 4, 6)

Opening Prayers

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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

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Hymn: **#339 He's got the whole world in his hands**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

♪ *Open our hearts, open our minds.* ♪

Open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.

Readings:

In the Beginning (Genesis 1)

#307 God of the sparrow, God of the whale (vs. 1, 2, 6)

In the Garden (Genesis 2)

A Catechism for Today, Questions 1 & 2 (responsive)

Ministry of Music: "Holy, Holy"

Message

Hymn: **#716 Pray for the wilderness**

Our Response to God's Word

Offering

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creature high and low

Praise God in Jesus fully known

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.* ♪

Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn: **#726 May the God of hope go with us every day**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following thoughts...

"The whole world is a theatre for the display of the divine goodness, wisdom, justice, and power".

~ John Calvin

What does the overall act of creation reveal about God?



This morning's readings are found in "Read Wonder Listen: Stories from the Bible for Young Readers" by Laura Alary (Wood Lake Publishing, 2018)

Question 1 What is God's purpose for our lives?

We have been made for joy; joy in knowing, loving and serving God, joy in knowing, loving and serving one another, joy in the wonder of all God's works.

Question 2 What does it mean to know, love and serve God?

We know God in Jesus Christ witnessed to in scripture. We love and serve God in worship and in the care and compassion we show for all creation. Worship draws us into the work of Christ. In union with him we pray and work for the healing and salvation of the world. Christ calls us to a life of kindness and generosity. How can we love God, whom we cannot see, without loving those who we can see?