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God's Grace leads to Our Gratitude!

Come Grow with Us on the Presbyterian Campus

November 15, 2026 – Stewardship Sunday
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert
Worship Leader: Dorothy Wallace
TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.
Special Guest Musician: Nancy Slezak
Choir Director: Chrystal Sircely

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Lift up your eyes to the God who rules in heaven and walks beside us on earth.
People: We come just as we are, trusting in God's boundless mercy and grace.
Pastor: Not by our own strength or merit are we welcomed here, but by the free and unmerited gift of God in Christ Jesus.
People: God's grace meets us in our weariness, restores our spirits, and calls us into new life.
Pastor: Let us open our hearts to the wisdom of the Spirit and the joy of our salvation.
All: Come, let us worship the God of all grace with thanksgiving and praise! Amen.

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant mercy, we confess that we suffer from spiritual amnesia. You have rescued us from the debt of sin and given us a life we could never earn. Yet we walk through our days acting as if we are the authors of our own success. We look at our homes, our talents, and our financial security and proudly declare, "My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth." We hoard

what you have trusted us to manage, and we live in anxiety as if our security depends on our own striving. Forgive us for treating your grace as our entitlement. Clear the pride from our hearts, and give us the humility to receive your love as the unmerited, beautiful gift that it is. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news! God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

People: **By grace we have been saved!**

Pastor: It is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Receive His forgiveness, rest from your striving, and know that you are loved. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**RESPONSE C54 *To God Be the Glory* MY TRIBUTE

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me; With His pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST & THE NOISY OFFERING OF LOOSE CHANGE

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 260 v.3 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Bread of angels, here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners. earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

HT LESSON Deuteronomy 8:11-18 *Pew Bible P.145*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 103 HYMN 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

NT LESSON Ephesians 2:1-10 *Pew Bible PP.949-950*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

CANTICLE 49 V.3 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

Your godly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

MESSAGE *Glorious Grace from God's Holy Hands* PASTOR JOHN

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God,
Creator of the universe,
Giver of every good gift,
Author of life itself.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom,
who commanded us to care for those in need,
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth,
and who gave us the example of self-giving love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts,

in whom we live and move and have our being,
by whom all things are possible.
We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy.
We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home.
We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.
We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with 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 Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Make This Church a Welcome Place* ~ Raney/Williams

**DOXOLOGY 647 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (x2)
And now, let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say. "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (x2)
Give thanks. Give thanks.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we thank You for the boundless gift of Your grace, poured out on us freely and without measure. Before we ever had anything to give, You gave us everything through Your steadfast love and mercy.

In grateful response to Your generosity, we now bring these offerings before You. Bless these gifts and the hands that give them. Use what we return to You to extend Your grace, bring hope to the hurting, and share Your love with a world in need. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Your greatest gift to us. Amen.

Sending

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Stewardship* David Loebell, A & S Chairperson

**HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

Stewardship Reminders

Stewardship 2026: God's Grace (charis) Leads to Our Gratitude (Eucharistia)
Today we begin our two-week stewardship emphasis. Before we look at what we give, we must look at what we have received. Ephesians 2 reminds us that our life in Christ is a pure gift of grace (Charis). As you receive your 2027 Commitment Card today, please do not fill it out just yet. Take it home, pray over it, and use this week to reflect on Deuteronomy 8—remembering the Lord who provides all things. We will gather next Sunday, November 22 (Christ the King Sunday), to joyfully return these cards as an act of worship and gratitude (Eucharistia).

Per Capita Reminder: We also encourage you to help defray the cost of being a member church of Beaver-Bulter Presbytery by remitting per capita costs from 2026 ($46.66) and into 2027 ($49.00).

Church Notices:

Wait! Don't Go Yet!

Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall.
Thanks to *Ann & Lars Morrison* for hosting today!

Mission

Trinity Food Pantry
Nov 22 & 29 Pasta/Rice Sides & Canned Meats

Calendar

Nov 22 "Christ the King" Sunday with Holy Communion
Nov 29 Advent I: Hope
Dec 6 Advent II: Peace & Church Christmas Luncheon
Dec 11 7:00 PM *Kings of Kings* - movie for the family
Dec 13 Advent III: Joy
Dec 20 Advent IV: Love & Noisy Offering of Loose Change
Dec 24 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship (Preludes begin at 3:45)

Christmas Memorial Plants

Order Deadline Wed. Dec. 2 12:00 Noon – Bring to church office WITH payment.



Please Pray for:

Tom Deluga, Lynn Deluga's Father-in-Law, had a stroke while visiting this past week.

David Muir, husband of Pastor John's cousin, Kendra, seeking medical attention for a throat condition;

Betty Butler, on the mend from a touch of pneumonia;

Pearl, Betty Butler's sister, celebrated her 100th birthday, on October 29, 2026;

Audrey Carlson, doing well at her Concordia apartment recovering from a broken pelvis;

Janie & Lowell Wetzell, long-time church members, both with health issues;

Zoanne Weckerly, Melanie Rodger's Mother, for healing & transitions;

Elaine Nucci, for strength and endurance as she returns to work tomorrow;

Roberta, long-time friend of Elaine, recovering from cancer surgery

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, with continuing housing concerns and **Scotty McAliley,** Ann's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continuing bi-weekly chemo-therapy for the remainder of her life.