Worship at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 10 am

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! God's faithful love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1)

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **HYMN #473: *FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH* (verses 1–2, 4–5)**

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. *[Refrain]*

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. *[Refrain]*

For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. *[Refrain]*

PASSING THE PEACE and PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
God's faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.
God's faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords.
God's faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles.
God's faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who made the heavens so skillfully.
God's faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who placed the earth among the waters.
God's faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights—
God's faithful love endures forever.
the sun to rule the day,
God's faithful love endures forever.
and the moon and stars to rule the night.
God's faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord who sent his only Son.
God's faithful love endures forever
He redeemed us and forgives our sins.
God's faithful love endures forever
He reconciled us to himself, making peace through the cross.
God's faithful love endures forever
He adopted us as his children and made us his own family.
God's faithful love endures forever
Give thanks to him who assures us of eternal life in Christ.
God's faithful love endures forever
Nothing can separate us from his love.
God's faithful love endures forever
He remembers us in our weakness.
God's faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to him who sustains us through every season of life.
God's faithful love endures forever.
He gives food to every living thing.
God's faithful love endures forever.
He provides for our needs and blesses us with the gifts of each day.
God's faithful love endures forever.
He surrounds us with the love of family, friends, and the community of faith.
God's faithful love endures forever.
He gives us strength when we are weary and hope when we are discouraged.
God's faithful love endures forever.
He is with us in our joys and comforts us in our sorrows.
God's faithful love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of heaven.
God's faithful love endures forever.

Based on Psalm 136.

* **HYMN #555: *NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD***

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessèd peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son
And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

After corporate prayer we will have a few moments of silence for personal confession.

CHOIR: *IT IS A GOOD THING*

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"Gentiles, Too!"*

Acts 10:34–48

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. 35 In every
nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. 36 This is the message of
Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus
Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning
in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. 38 And you know that
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus
went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God
was with him.

39 "And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in
Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him to
life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, 41 not to the general public,
but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who
ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he ordered us to preach
everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of
all—the living and the dead. 43 He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying
that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name."

44 Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who
were listening to the message. 45 The Jewish believers who came with Peter were

amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too.
46 For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.

Then Peter asked, 47 "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" 48 So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.

Ephesians 2:11–22

Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. 12 In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. 13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. 15 He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. 16 Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. . . . Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.

19 So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.
20 Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. 21 We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. 22 Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.

* ***DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *AND* THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **HYMN #155:** ***REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING***

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail,
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints
For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Thanksgiving Potluck (after the service)
Tuesday, Nov. 24	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Sunday, Nov. 29	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Sharing Table (before and after the service)
LOOKING AHEAD	December 5: Greening of the Church (9:00–12:00) Christmas Open House (6:30–8:00)

Our church was one of the founding churches that started the Aberdeen Food Bank—and we continue to support them. The Food Bank is very dependent on donations from congregations here in Grays Harbor. They especially appreciate peanut butter, pasta, pasta sides, and canned soups, beans, and vegetables. You can help by dropping your donation in the box in the office hallway. Thank you for your support! *(One quick note: they no longer use or need egg cartons.)*

Church Financial Update (through October)

Actual Expenses to Date: $179,215.36 ☙ Giving to Date: $138,000.98
Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our church and its mission!

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