

Living in Christ

Greetings



November 16, 2025

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

“To gather with God’s people in united adoration of the Father is a necessary to the Christian life as prayer.”

— Martin Luther

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 5)

Liturgist, Dan Scace

Rejoice, let us take refuge in your house.

Let us ever sing your joy.

Let us bow toward your holy temple.

Let your paths be straight before us.

For in your house, you protect us with a shield.

For in your house, we sing your joy forever.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to be disciples, to carry out your work here on earth welcoming others in your name. Yet we confess that we are often idle and instead are merely busybodies who fail to see others. Forgive us and help us live our lives as resurrection people who reach out to others with kind words, meaningful actions, and purposeful “hellos.”

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

He Came Down

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He came down for our for - give - ness; he
came down for our for - give - ness; he came down for our for -
give - ness; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Leader: Why did he come?

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The score includes triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in both the vocal and piano parts. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, NTE*

CHANCEL CHOIR "Now Let Us All Rejoice and Sing" Gordon Young
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *Luke 24:36, NRSV*

MESSAGE "Living in Christ—Greetings" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 693 "Though I May Speak"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from the Confession of 1967)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

L. Gillum

***DOXOLOGY**

(Hymnal # 606)

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God’s call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 703**

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

“Let All Things Now Living”

Welsh Hymn, Ash Grove

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Monday, November 17

11:30am Presbyterian Women
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
4:00pm Session
5:00pm Oratorio final rehearsals

Tuesday, November 18

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
12:00pm PEO Chapter AV
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, November 19

12:00pm Bible Study
4:00pm Joyful Bells
6:00pm Oratorio final rehearsals

Thursday, November 20

4:00pm Chancel Bells
3:00pm Columbarium Committee
5:00pm EVICS
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 21

10:00am Adult Study Group
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
7:00pm Oratorio Society Concert

Saturday, November 22

10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
3:00pm Inurnment of Paula Megorden
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
5:45pm Ballet Renaissance

Sunday, November 23

8:30am Journeys
10:00am Worship
4:00pm Grace & Grub Pizza Party

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

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Diane Palmer - Chuck Bonza - Deborah Webb
Chuck Slicker - Mike Dempsey - Brenda Gillum
Jack Holmquist - Joanie Kleckner - Patti Dolezal
John Davis - Larry Pierce - Marilyn Irwin

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Sibyl Gardner & Grace Stephen.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Joyful Bells.

Today is a special Thanksgiving Crossroads Donation Day. Let's pay our blessings forward by filling our grocery cart to the brim with peanut butter, breakfast foods, hearty soups and paper products.

The Presbyterian Women's Bible study will meet Monday, November 17 in the church library to discuss the third lesson in the study book, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. This month we will be discussing how we find resilience in our lives and what helps us survive the difficult challenges we encounter. The lesson is based on Jesus' wilderness experience in Luke 4:1-13. We gather at 11:30 a.m. with the lesson beginning at 12 noon. The Bible study books are still available in the church office or at our meeting. We hope you can join us.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will be on Wednesday, November 19 at 12:00 noon in the church Library. This week's topic is "Israel" Genesis Chapters 35-36. All are welcome to join!

Highlands Camp & Retreat Center is hosting a Winter Speaker Series and on Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00pm, PCCR's own **Hulda Bachman-Neeb** will be telling her family's story of survival and freedom from Japanese jungle prison camps during WWII. Highlands Camp is located at 1306 State Highway 7 Business Route Allenspark, and the talks are free and open to the public.

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —

The Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) continues on Friday, November 21 at 10:00am. The group is doing an in-depth study of Matthew chapter 5. Listening to the panel of 3 experts (one teaches an entire class on Matthew), we are beginning to see past the quick read of the "red verses" - i.e. the words of Christ—and are deepening our understanding of this most loved Bible chapter. All are welcome!

Advent Study—Join Pastor Christine either in person or on Zoom for a 4-week Advent study, reading and responding to Cynthia Campbell's *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes*. Learn how the different gospel writers told (or did not tell) the Christmas story and discuss how that shapes our understanding of Jesus' arrival.

In-person gatherings: Mondays, December 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 2:00pm in the church library

Zoom only gatherings: Sunday evening, November 30, December 7, 14 and 21 at 7:00pm

All are welcome to attend! If you would like to participate, please let Brenda in the church office know, so we can order you a book.

It's time to update the church Directory! If you would like to add your picture or change your picture, now is the time. Peter Plaut and his trusty camera will be available following this worship service and next Sunday's service as well to take your picture. You will find him in the Narthex or the church office so stop in and see him. He will be happy to make you smile!

Upcoming:

Friday, November 21—Oratorio Society of Estes Park Orchestra & Chorus Concert at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, directed by Denise Stookesberry

Saturday, November 22—Oratorio Society of Estes Park Orchestra & Chorus Concert at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary, directed by Denise Stookesberry

Sunday, November 23—Christ the King Sunday with a special service of communion

Thursday, November 27—Church Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 30—Zoom Advent Study begins at 7:00pm

Monday, December 1—In-person Advent Study begins at 2:00pm in the church library

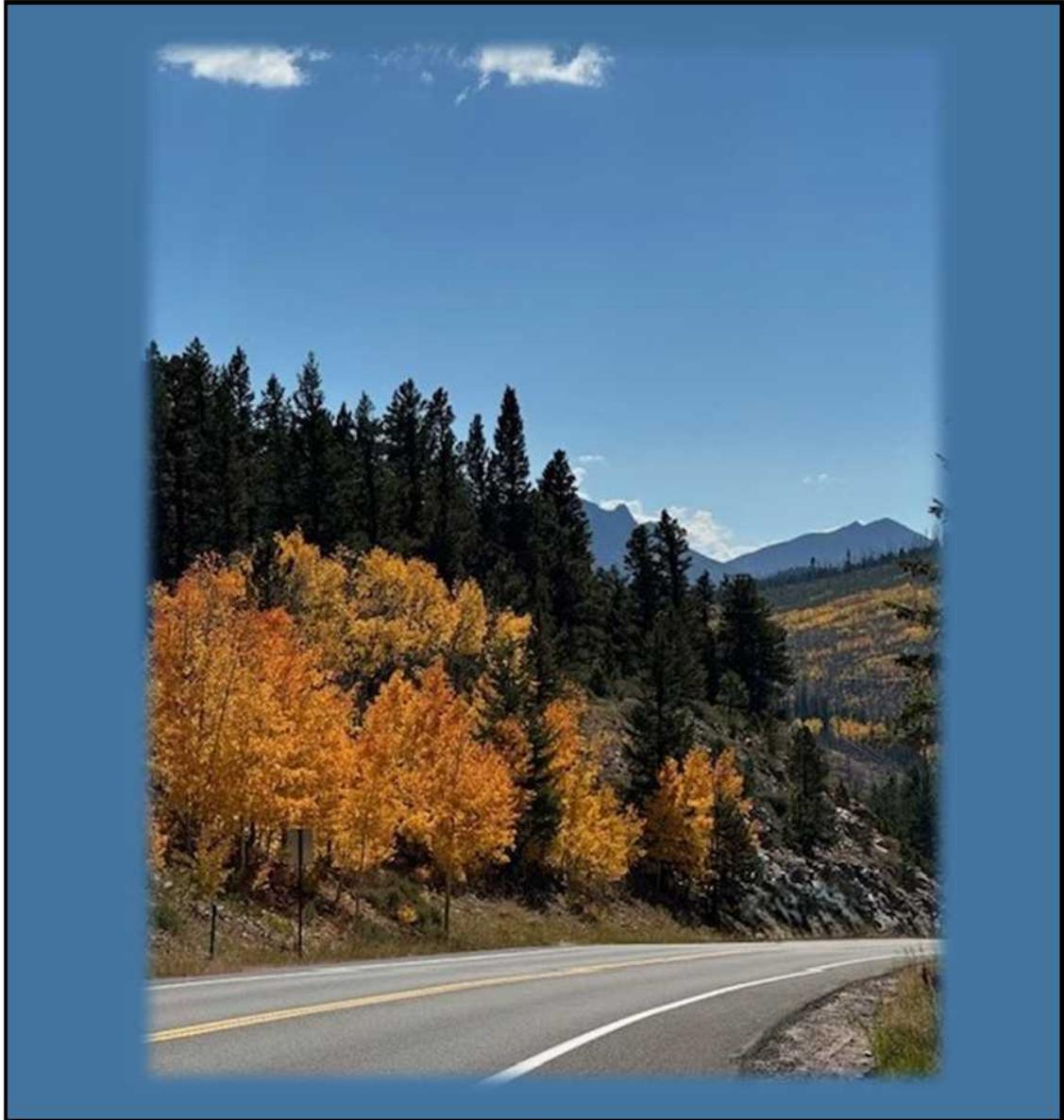
Saturday, December 6—Estes Valley Chamber Singers Christmas Concert featuring the PCCR bell choirs, Larry Gillum and the Highland Brass at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary, directed by Rich Dixon

Saturday, December 13—Estes Park Chorale Concert at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary, directed by Denise Stookesberry

Sunday, December 14—Congregational Meeting following the worship service

Sunday, December 21—Blue Christmas service at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary



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