



“Resilience”

*Gift from
the Heart*



Stewardship
2026

September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost

"The best of all is, God is with us."

— John Wesley

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

PRELUDE

"Prelude in D minor"

Henry Purcell

"Dear Lord and Father of All Mankind"

Hymntune "Rest," p. 169

Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 114)

Liturgist, Sue Yowell

(This Call to Worship tries to capture the spirit of its acrostic nature)

Alleluia! Today we lift up God our King!

Blessings to God is what we sing,

Celebrating God's goodness forever and always.

Declaring God's accomplishments so worthy of praise.

Ever and Ever we worship our Lord.

For he is our Savior now and evermore!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 409**

"God Is Here!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come to confession today acknowledging that we often give up instead of trusting in you. You give us hope when we are hopeless. You give us strength when we are weak. Yet, when we are in the throes of difficulty, we often lose our patience. God, forgive us and reassure us that in you we are resilient and capable stewards of your call on our lives.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his

glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "2 'Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.'"

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:1-4; 31-32, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"It Is Well With My Soul"

arr. Dixon
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE

Philippians 1:21-30, CEB

MESSAGE "Gifts from the Heart: Resilience"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY No. 543 “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

Verse 1: Chancel Choir

Verse 2: Congregation & Choir

Verse 3: All Women

Verse 4: All Men

Verse 5: Congregation & Choir

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

from The Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men & women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Sue Yowell

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Welsh Hymn, “Rhosymedre”

Vaughan Williams

***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 congregation responds, **“Hear our prayer.”**
Following each petition which concludes, “God, in your grace...”*

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

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Else”

*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

German Hymntune: *Weisse Flaggen*

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Monday, September 21

10:15am Estes Valley Library Writing Group
11:00am Prayer Team
11:30am Presbyterian Women
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, September 22

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
12:00pm Quota Club of Estes Park
1:30pm Nada Quartet Rehearsal
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
6:00pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, September 23

4:00pm Joyful Bells
6:30pm Estes Park Chorale rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

4:00pm Chancel Bells
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 25

9:30am Merry Marthas
10:00am Adult Study Group
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
6:00pm Organ Recital-Weston Jennings
6:30pm Mixed Nuts Al-Anon Group

Saturday, September 26

10:00am Memorial Service-Shirley Albers
10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, September 27

8:30am Journeys
10:00am Worship
2:00pm Blessing of the Animals
4:30pm Oratorio Society Rehearsal

See the full church calendar on

www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Rebecca Chopp & Fred Thibodeau.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Building & Grounds Committee.

CROSSROADS GROCERY CART will be in the Narthex today. Especially needed items are canned corn, canned chicken and grape jelly.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will NOT meet on Wednesday, September 23rd but will resume on September 30th at 12:00 noon in the church library. Come join us as we continue a study series on the book of Exodus. All you need is your bible. Next week's topic is "Starting Over" Scripture: Exodus 35-39. See you there!

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will be held on Friday, September 25th at 10:00am in the church library. All are invited!

The Presbyterian Women's Bible study will meet tomorrow, **Monday, September 21**, in the church library to discuss lesson one in the Bible study book, *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other."* The Bible study, based on 1 Corinthians 1-2, explores Paul's letter to the Corinthian church which was experiencing division for a variety of reasons. He reminds the church that through their baptism, they were united with Jesus Christ and with each other. Instead of focusing on differences, we learn to look for what we have in common. We will gather at 11:30am with the lesson beginning at 12 noon. The new Bible study books are available at the meeting and in the church office for \$15. If you pay by check, make it out to PCCR with PW Bible Study Book in the memo line.

The PCCR Mission and Outreach Committee has sent \$2,000 to World Kitchen to support their on-location efforts to feed the people in the flooded area of Nepal. We chose World Kitchen for their ability to respond immediately and their practice of preparing traditional food items. The money comes from a fund established for the church's mission work by anonymous donors.

First Sunday of October – World Communion and Offering – All of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of the atonement that happens around this Table is reconciliation, which is the focus of the World Communion Offering. Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all people from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering.

Upcoming:

Friday, September 25 – Organ Recital by Weston Jennings at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Saturday, September 26 – Memorial service for Shirley Albers at 10:00am in the Sanctuary

Sunday, September 27 – Blessing of the Animals at 2:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel

(Please note date change)

Sunday, October 11 – Harvest Soup Festival immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 12 – Church Office Closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day



All are invited to attend an
organ recital by

Mr. Weston Jennings

Director of Music & Organist of
First Presbyterian Church
in Tyler, Texas

Friday, September 25
6:00pm

in the PCCR Sanctuary

*Read Mr. Jennings full bio in the
September newsletter*

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Mimi Hardendorf - Jennifer Workman - Bruce Ellingwood
Fred Thibodeau - Dale Bonza - Diane Palmer - Brian Rood
Mike Warren - Clerk of Session: Barb Cole



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 27

2:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel

Pastor Christine will conduct this special service to include pet family members in a celebration of God's love for all his creation.

All pet animals – dogs, cats, horses, llamas, birds – are welcome to receive individual blessings as witness to our dependence on other creatures and our stewardship responsibility for their care.



SIGN UP NOW FOR HEARTSAVER CPR/AED CLASSES

Three opportunities are available in October to attend a CPR/AED class at PCCR:

Saturday, October 3 – 9:00am-12:00pm OR 1:00-4:00pm

Sunday, October 4 – 2:00-5:00pm

Cost is \$38 per person, to be paid at the start of class. A minimum of 6 people is required to hold class, with a maximum of 10. Sign up sheets are located in the narthex.

Registration deadline is Sunday, September 20th.

Contact Beth Carle at bcarle17@gmail.com with questions.



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