



First Presbyterian
Church *of* Dunedin

October 18, 2026

Celebration

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Carol O'Briant, Liturgist

Let us sing to the LORD a new song.

We will bless God's name from day to day.

Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people;

For God is great and greatly to be praised.

Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn 307 – "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

**The Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

***Prayer of Confession**

Patient God,

we confess we need your mercy.

We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do.

We claim to seek your guidance, but we follow our own ways.

Forgive us, O God,

Amend who we are and direct who you would have us be

for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend.

(pause for silent personal confession)

Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response (Hymn 447)**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

Discovery

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prayer for Understanding

Please pray with me:

**God of Word and Wisdom, as we turn to the scriptures,
may we hear your voice calling us to deeper faith and truer devotion.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 33:12-23

Pew Bible, page 70

The Word of the Lord! /Thanks be to God!

Choral Response

“Song of Autumn”

Kirkby

When the lamps are lit, when the days begin to wane,
When the mountains glow and the creation is all aflame,
We give thanks to him, whose riches from the ripened fields we bring,
And praise him, our God and King.

As the earth waits in wonder, as winter draweth nigh;
We await the ancient promise of new birth as fields in silence lie.
May the blessings of this season come to you;
The mist of autumn eve and morning dew;
For bounteous gifts of fruit and grain our harvest hymn we sing,
And praise to him our God and King.
Amen.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:15-22

Pew Bible, page 803

The Gospel of the Lord! /Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David Shelor

***Hymn 343 – “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”**

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

**And in Jesus Christ, his Only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & 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.**

Action

for God’s love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Call - *To creation, to others, to self*

**We invite you to consider the ways you are called to serve.
Your generosity helps build God’s Beloved Community and change lives.**

Prayer of Dedication Please pray with me:

**God of abundance, we bring what we have to share,
a portion of your goodness to us. Bless our gifts and our lives,
so that generosity and justice will join hands,
and your goodness touches those
in physical, emotional, and spiritual need, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Hymn 716 – “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

***Benediction & Sharing Peace**

***Postlude**

Again, welcome, All! It is good to be together!

You are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment in Hager Hall.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are available.

An usher would be glad to help you.

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