First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship
November 23, 2025

Prelude I *Now Thank We All Our God* – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Prelude II *Holy Forever* – Tomlin, Ingram, Wickham
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Christian Johnson
Pass the Peace

Responsive Call to Worship Mike Gerlach
One: O God, You are the One who makes a way where there is no way.
Many: You open paths through the impossible and lead Your people to freedom.
One: When fear surrounds us and enemies press in,
Many: You speak: "Do not be afraid. Stand firm. I will fight for you."
One: Today You are here — mighty to save, faithful to deliver.
Many: We fix our eyes on You alone, O Lord our Redeemer!
All: Come, meet us now! Show us Your salvation and fill us with Your presence!

*Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #65

Call to Confession Mike Gerlach

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You brought Your people out of Egypt, yet we so often choose to live as though we are still slaves. We confess that we have feared the wrong things and trusted in the wrong strength. We have grumbled in the wilderness instead of praising the One who provides. We have looked back longingly to old bondages and have been slow to follow where You lead. Forgive us for our unbelief and our stubborn hearts. Wash us, free us, and make us Yours again. In the name of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Doxology *Now Thank We All Our God* #643, Vs. 1

Prayer for Illumination Mike Gerlach

Scripture — 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (ESV) and Psalm 114 (First Nations Version)

Anthem *Come, Ye Thankful People* – Van Denman Thompson
Sanctuary Choir

Video – Why? A Thanksgiving Comedy

Time with our Children		Anita Ramsey
Sermon	Defining Moment of the Rescue Plan	Rev. Christian Johnson
Scripture — Exodus 14:10-31 (ESV)		
Hymn of Affirmation	*Hand to Hold* HolyGrounds Praise Band	– JJ Heller
Reception of New Members – Matthew & Ashley Sweeney		
Baptism of a Child – Adeline Nora Sweeney		
Call to Offering		Mike Gerlach
Offertory	*Festive Piece on "Simple Gifts"* Barbara Walker & Bea Towe, Piano Duet	– Joseph Martin
Prayer of Dedication, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Rev. Christian Johnson
*Closing Hymn	*When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*	#52
*Benediction		Rev. Christian Johnson
*Benediction Response	*Everybody Praise the Lord* HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation	– Lincoln Brewster
Postlude	*Toccata*	– Joseph Jongen

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

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