

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

GATHERING

Welcome

from Colossians 1:17-20

L Jesus is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

C He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything

L For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,

C whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Litany

L Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

C Christ will reign forever and ever!

L The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

C Christ will reign forever and ever!

L God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

C Christ will reign forever and ever!

L God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with equity.

C Christ will reign forever and ever!

L The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

C Christ will reign forever and ever!

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #477)

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Worship from the Psalms

(from Luke 1:68-79)

L "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

C He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David,

L as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

C that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

L Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

C to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

L And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

C to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

L Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

C to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Prayer of Confession

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

(from Colossians 1:13-14)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

"Love Will Never Fail"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #384)

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord, in your mercy,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

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

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #555)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 23rd, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Bruce Brown, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



If you did not return your **pledge card for 2026** last week, please return it as soon as you can. There are extra stewardship cards in the back of the sanctuary.

Our **Wednesday Advent Celebrations** with Christ United Methodist and St. Paul United Methodist are shaping up:

- On Wednesday, December 3rd, we are invited to the Christ United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. for some hors d'oeuvres and a casual worship while we decorate Christmas cookies.
- On Wednesday, December 10th, we are inviting both Methodist churches to join us here at 6:00 p.m. to sing carols, have a soup supper and a game night.
- On Wednesday, December 17th, we are invited to St. Paul United Methodist Church for a dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a blues Christmas worship service at 7:00 p.m. with the "Third Floor Blues Band".

Congregational Life meets at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4th.

Connecting to the Community meets at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4th.

Operations meets at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 5th.

On Sunday, December 14th, we will have a **Christmas-themed potluck** after church.

There are several **Christmas Concerts** at area churches on the portable bulletin board in the south alcove. If you would like to go to any of them, please talk with Bruce.

Our **Card of the Week** is for Dollie Smith. Next week will begin signing Christmas cards for groups of people.

Love Will Never Fail

By The Porter's Gate and Leslie Jordan

From the album Neighbor Songs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6POYkzWuNM>

Love is patient, love is kind
It has no arrogance or pride
It seeks the good of others first
It keeps no record of wrong or hurt
It finds no joy in wickedness
But rejoices in the truth
Through it all it will endure

Love will never fail
Love will never, never fail
Love will never, never fail
Love will never, never fail
Love will never fail

Though all prophecy will cease
Though all knowledge, it will fade
Oh, an end will come to speech
Even death will pass away
We will see You face to face
And Your mercy will prevail
Faith and hope, they will remain, oh

Love will never fail
Love will never, never fail
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CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher	VANCREST: Dollie Smith
BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb	ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson
PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)	