

Fairview United Methodist Church

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026



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11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

**Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for
worship.

PRELUDE

Siciliano

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into the presence of the God who knows us completely.

People: We come as we are, trusting in God's mercy.

Leader: Come with your joys and your sorrows, your faith and your failures.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's grace.

Leader: Come, not because we have made ourselves worthy, but because God has welcomed us.

People: With humility and hope, let us worship the Lord.

All: Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

TFWS # 2236 (v. 1-2)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

UMH # 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

UMH # 70

CHOIR ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

(Lojeski)

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS

I Love You, Lord

TFWS # 2068

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious and merciful God, temper our certainty with humility and grace. When we are quick to see the faults of others but slow to recognize our own, open our hearts to your wisdom. When we excuse our failures, defend our actions, or resist admitting that we were wrong, give us courage to tell the truth. Forgive us for the ways we have failed to love you and to love one another. Free us from the need to hide or pretend, and remind us that your mercy is greater than our failures. By your grace, help us to begin again, following your ways more faithfully and carrying your love into the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PROCLAMATION** Depths of Mercy UMH # 355 v. 1, 3, 5

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 18:9-14

SERMON

FALL SERMON SERIES

Why We Worship This Way

Week Two

"Why Do We Confess?" Rev. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Jacque Bertier

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian UMH # 402 (v. 1 & 4)

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Strengthened by the presence of God,

People: we go forth in hope.

Leader: Guided by the teachings of Christ,

People: we go forth to serve.

Leader: Led by the power of the Holy Spirit,

People: we go forth to love.

POSTLUDE Theme and Variations from Abdelazer Suite Henry Purcell

ACTIVITIES: OCT. 19 – OCT. 25

Monday, Oct. 19

Pantry 9 A.M.

SPRC Mtg. 6 P.M.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Senior Resource Fair NW Partnership

NW Library 2410 Philadelphia Dr. 10 A.M.

Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6 P.M.

Thursday, Oct. 22

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, Oct. 23

Pantry 9 A.M.

Sunday, Oct. 25

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

VAN DRIVER FOR OCT. 25

Van Request: Greg 937-620-1472

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR WEEK OF OCT. 25

[Deuteronomy 34:1-12](#), [Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17](#), [1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#), [Matthew 22:34-46](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Please submit the name of your loved one who has passed away **in the past year** to the church office. Each name will be read aloud and a candle lit in their memory as we give thanks for their life. We will also celebrate the Holy Sacrament of Communion.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Ed Rapp

Greeter

Mike Zuber

Trustee

Fred Poland

Kids' Bible Class Teacher

Cecelia Long

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale,

Director of Music Michelle Forshaw, **Church Musician**, Barbara Kaskinen,

Treasurer Fred Poland, **Audio Visual Technician** Roger Christian, **Kids' Bible**

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