

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

November 17, 2024, at 10:00am

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“Great Is the Lord”

“Standing on the Promises”

“My Lord! What a Morning”

“There Is Sunshine in My Soul”

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Praise Him With Trumpets” (Blake)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16:7–11

Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.

Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad!

Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life.

Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #35** *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”* (Gesangbuch)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Since we have a great high priest, Jesus Christ, let us approach the throne of grace in full assurance of faith, for God has promised to be merciful.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news! Our guilty hearts have been sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with pure water. Live in peace, forgiven and freed.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***HYMN #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

Chorus: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end,
without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (Chorus)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another offering signs of welcome and acceptance of love.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Reverend Jim Bignell

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You Raise Me Up” (Lovland) Wayne Bevers

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:4-20

SECOND READING

Mark 13:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Reverend Dr. Kelly Pigott

***HYMN #840**

"It Is Well with My Soul" (Bliss)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living 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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Kum Bah Yah" (Wilson)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

PASTORAL 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

***CLOSING HYMN #37** *“Let All Things Now Living”* (Welsh Folk Melody)
(November Hymn of the Month)

***BENEDICTION**

Hold fast to hope, for God is faithful. Provoke one another to love and good deeds while you wait and watch for the coming of Christ's reign. May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all, be with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE #687** *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

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