

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2026

An open Bible lies on a light-colored wooden surface. Two vibrant orange lilies with dark spots on their petals are placed across the open pages. The lilies have long green stems and leaves. The Bible's pages are visible, showing text in both English and Hebrew. The English text includes verses from Romans 10:13 and Psalm 61. The Hebrew text is also visible, corresponding to the English verses. The overall scene is peaceful and symbolic, likely representing the church's message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Everyone
who calls
on the name
of the Lord
will be saved.**

Romans 10:13

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben Leitch

PRELUDE

***SONG**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#487

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God lifts us from death to life

All: and preserves us for God's purposes through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. With thanksgiving, praise the Lord!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you! **People: And also with you.**

***SONG**

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

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CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. . . .

We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Kathy Nealand

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM "Chatter with the Angels" arr. Lana Walter

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 9:1-5, 10:5-15, 11:1-2, 29-32

Leader: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kathy Nealand

"The God Who Saves and Shows Mercy"

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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

***SONG**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

BOLD TEXT – All participate

* - Stand if you are able

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