

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 4, 2026



GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Miller

PRELUDE

***SONG**

"O Sing to the Lord"

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Siyahamba"

Trad. Zulu arr. Hopson

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way.

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!

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 7:15-25

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

“Winning the War with Your Mind”

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

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG

“Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

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WORDS OF INVITATION & GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Pastor: And so we raise our voices in praise singing Holy, Holy, Holy:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(Sanctus)

J. M. S.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Lord God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most
High. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is He that come-th in the name of the
Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

MYSTERY OF THE FAITH

All: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, through the cup and bread that we have just received that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.

SENDING

***SONG** **"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"** **#367**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

BOLD TEXT – All participate

* - Stand if you are able

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