FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.



REMEMBER



RELEASE



REIMAGINE

Traditional Worship

October 18, 2026

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INTROIT *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Through Moses, God said,
"Let my people go." (Ex.9:1)
In scripture, the law declares:
"In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts." (Deut.15:1)
With grace, Jesus said:
"Give one coat away." (Luke 3:11)
With honesty, Jesus taught:
"Sell what you have, give that money to the poor." (Matt. 19:21)
Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free, dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.
So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us. May we worship with open, untamed, and porous hearts, so that we can walk freely with God.
Let it be so.

***HYMN 169** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we admit to remembering the wrong things. We remember worldly lessons like, "Everyone for themselves," "An eye for an eye," and "All is fair in love and war." And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to live like the body of Christ. Why is it so hard to remember the right things? Release us from our muscle memory and re-center us in a new place, a fresh place, a space grounded in your love. Help us to receive your word anew, and to consider stewardship not with the world's rules, but with your rules. Help us trust you. With hope we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Ralph Miller, Elder

Abigail Joanna Zhang, *child of Jesse Zhang and Jane Fu*
Bethany Tabitha Zhang, *child of Jesse Zhang and Jane Fu*

Children are invited to come forward for the baptism.
Children attending Kids' Church and Sunday School will be led to the Narthex following the baptism.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 96:1-9 (OT, pg. 550) Claire Rocha
Matthew 22:15-22 (NT, pg. 24)

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Holding Loosely, Trusting Deeply Rev. Cheryl Khyllep

***HYMN 223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps!* arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'till your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 741** *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Danish Amen*

Amen, amen, amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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** Please stand as you are able.*

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Pastor (john@fcpc.us)
The Rev. Cheryl Khyllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
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Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer
Alex Shroyer, Livestream (alex@fcpc.us)
Tommy Caldwell, Caretaker

For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to Kids Kingdom Room 310 (Lowest Level), where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Children ages 3rd to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Sunday School prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children will be called to the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to Kids Kingdom Room 302 (Lowest Level), where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Kids Kingdom Room 306 (Lowest Level).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (near the main entrance) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights, page 3, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.
If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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