

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.*



World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026
10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rise Against Hunger

INTROIT

The Rice of Life

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*The rice of life from heaven came to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim, in joy and pain give thanks for love.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From north and south, from east and west, we are gathered.

We are a people called to the Table where grace nourishes us.

From down the street to across town, from different sized households,

We are God's people, called to community, where we live and serve others.

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts,

We are God's people who seek to worship God, to offer peace to a shattered world, to feast together at one table of love.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity, but we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than we need. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty. While asking you for the forgiveness of our debts, we claim debt forgiveness is unfair. Almighty God, forgive us our sins. Liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free us for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities. 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sam Harding

Children attending Kids' Church and Sunday School may meet in the Narthex following the Children's Message.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23 (OT, pg. 501)
Philippians 3:4b-14 (NT, pg. 198)

Wilberta Pickett

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pressing on Ahead

Rev. Dr. John Bell

***HYMN 518**

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

***THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

*What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.*

*To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine" Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.*

*To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, the future's sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.*

*To this I hold: my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

*With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.*

*To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat "Yet not I, but through Christ in me".*

***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**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore with all creation we sing Your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest!**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Today we will receive Communion by **intinction**. After the choir receives communion, everyone is invited to
come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the juice and eat. If you
prefer pre-sealed, gluten-free elements, they are available from the servers on the far sides. After partaking
of the Lord's Supper please return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served Communion in
your seat, please let the servers know and they will bring the elements to you.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN 769**

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

***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 H. Bell, Jr., Interim Pastor (john@fcpc.us)
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For Children and Families during 10:00AM 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 and in memory of Bill Meyer by the Meyer family.

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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