



## **WELCOME!**

Families are valued here! Thank you for trusting us with your time and spiritual care. Kids activity sheets and crayons are available on tables as you enter worship.

Two family-friendly rooms are located to the left and right of the main level sanctuary. One room is exclusively for nursing moms while the other is available for families who might need a quieter environment or simply more space to move during worship.

Kids Care is available during the 10:45 AM worship service in the Kids Ministry hallway. Little ones (Birth–Pre-K) will be welcomed into an engaging and fun experience. They will learn how much God loves them, what a special creation they are, and how Jesus wants to be their best friend forever!

## HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper as instituted by Jesus the night before He died. In keeping with 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, we ask everyone seeking communion to examine themselves by asking:

Am I sorry for my sins and desire forgiveness?

Do I believe that Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness?

Do I believe that I receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and wine?

Do I desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sinful ways?

All who trust in these words of Christ, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," who share our confession of faith, and can answer "Yes!" to the questions above, are invited to join us in this celebration!

If you choose not to commune with us, we invite you and any children who have not yet received communion instruction to come forward to receive a blessing. To communicate that you want a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms when you come forward. For those who prefer, we offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays, and you can ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come forward.

Our worship assistants and ushers are available to bring communion to those unable to come to the rail. To indicate that you need this service, please speak to one of our team members with the blue-colored lanyards before communion, and they will make sure to bring it to you.

*Please speak with a Pastor before the service  
if you have questions regarding communion.*

## Prelude

## Announcements

## Welcome

## Third Sunday Offering Announcement

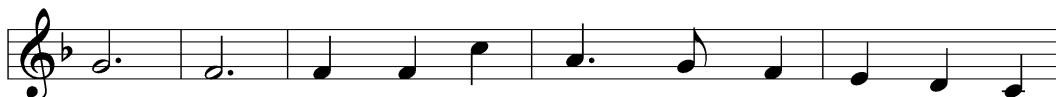
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## Passing of the Peace

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, hear the prayers of confession we bring before You.

*A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.*

- P** Together we pray:  
**C** Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not feared, loved, and trusted in You above all things. We have allowed other things to distract us from Your presence in our homes and Your mission in our lives. We have often failed to share Your saving love and Your good blessings with those around us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Grant us the Spirit of Jesus, who cleanses us from our sin that we may worship You with joyful hearts and proclaim Your kingdom all our days. Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. His kingdom has come near to you in Christ, and you are blessed to be part of His mission and ministry. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, it is my joy to proclaim Jesus' words of peace to you and, by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

## Communion

# To God Be the Glory



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things He has done, So  
 2 To God be the glo - ry, great mer - cy He's shown: He  
 3 To God be the glo - ry, His Word is great truth, In -  
 4 To God be the glo - ry, His great - ness di - vine Now  
 5 To God be the glo - ry, great things He has done, Our



loved He the world that He gave us His Son. Who  
 saved us and cleansed us and made us His own; Re -  
 struct - ing and guid - ing since days of our youth: The  
 of - fers for - give - ness with bread and with wine, And  
 lives have been touched by the light of His Son— Called



yield - ed His life an a - tone-ment for sin And  
 newed by the Spir - it, re - born from a - bove, That  
 Law to re-prove, to cor - rect, and to train; The  
 fed by His bod - y and blood in this place, We  
 out of the dark-ness of death and de - spair; Made



o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 we might be jus - ti - fied by His rich love!  
 Gos - pel to com - fort, to heal and sus - tain.  
 taste and we see the Lord's won - der - ful grace!  
 priests in His king - dom, His deeds to de - clare.

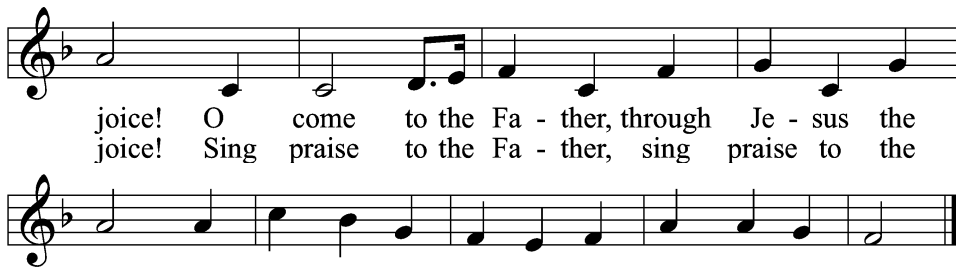
## Refrain



1-4 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His  
 5 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His



voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo-ple re -  
 voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo-ple re -



joyce! O come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the  
joyce! Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the

Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He has done!  
Son, Sing praise to the Spir - it— our God, Three in One!

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## I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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## Dismissal

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks, gracious Lord, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life. We ask Your guidance and encouragement so that as we meet other people, we share with them the gifts and promises You have so lavishly given us. Grant that the Word we share move hearts and minds to praise Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### First Reading

*Acts 4:23–31*

<sup>23</sup> On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup> You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“‘Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the Lord  
and against his anointed one.’

<sup>27</sup> Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. <sup>28</sup> They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



*Please stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

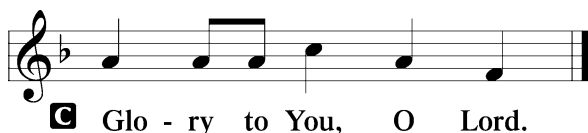


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:5-13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



1 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly Thee;  
4 I am trust-ing Thee to guide me; Thou a - lone shalt lead,  
5 I am trust-ing Thee for pow - er; Thine can nev - er fail.  
6 I am trust-ing Thee, Lord Je - sus; Nev - er let me fall.



Trust - ing Thee for full sal - va - tion, Great and free.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.  
Words which Thou Thy - self shalt give me Must pre - vail.  
I am trust - ing Thee for - ev - er And for all.

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*Please be seated*

## Sermon

### Offering & Connect



GIVE



GUEST

*Please stand*

## Prayers

*We pray for our sick and hospitalized.*

*We pray for peace and healing in our country.*

*We pray God's blessings on the marriage of Savannah Stull & Spencer Bright. (Sept. 21)*

*We pray God's blessings on the marriage of Patsy Deaton & Dylan Meek. (Sept 19)*

*We give thanks for the baptism of Elena Nichols, daughter of Nate and Liv Nichols.*

## The Lord's Prayer

**C** 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with

dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His

might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## Postlude

*St. Peter's is a place where you can breathe and belong. So we'd love for you to join us for coffee and donuts in the cafeteria! Afterward, stick around for Sunday Morning Bible Groups, Quest, and Youth Bible Study – there's a place for everyone!*

## SERMON NOTES

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**Main Idea:** A praying church is a thriving church. This week focuses on the power of corporate prayer to unite, strengthen, and guide the church. We'll explore how prayer anchors us in God's mission, draws us closer to one another, and empowers us to live out His will.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### KIDS MINISTRY

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#### September Quest Groups

Quest Groups (Birth–6th Grade) meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:30 AM in the Kids Ministry hallway! This month, our kids are learning how God can give you courage when you don't feel ready. Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw ([dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org))

#### Kids Ministry Play & Grow Fall Dates

Upcoming Events for kids birth-PreK with their grown-ups:

**Regular Dates:** September 26, October 24, November 7 & 21, December 5 & 19 @ 9:15am - Meeting in the Kids Ministry rooms

If you would like notifications, contact Katey at [kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org).

### YOUTH MINISTRY

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**TREK (7th-8th Graders):** Sunday, September 21, 4-5:30pm at St. Peter's in The Den.

Join us for games, worship, and community. Questions: Bethany Hayes at [bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org)

**VENTURE (9th-12th Graders):** Sunday, September 21 at St. Peter's, 6-8pm.

Join us for dinner, games, worship, and small group time. Questions: Mark Kelly at [mark.m.kelly59@gmail.com](mailto:mark.m.kelly59@gmail.com) or Lisa Witte at [lwitte@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:lwitte@stpeters-columbus.org)

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (7th-12th Graders):** 9:30-10:30am in the Summit (youth room). Join us for a new in-depth exploration of God's Word. Starting in the book of Mark, we will study Jesus' life on earth and delve deeper into what it means to live as He has directed us. Questions: Julie Clore at [julie@theclores.com](mailto:julie@theclores.com)

**EXPLORE FAMILY LUNCH** - Sunday, October 5, 12:00pm at St. Peter's in The Den. Join us for our monthly check-in. Please bring your Guided By Truth journal, a pen or pencil, and any questions you might have. Questions: Bethany Hayes at [bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org)

## OCTOBER CONCERT

Join us Friday, October 3rd at the Crump from 6-8pm for a "Night of Hope" Concert featuring Christian singer/songwriter, Josh Wilson, and author, poet, and speaker, Tanner Olson.

Through their songs, poems, and stories, Josh and Tanner will bring hope and encouragement.

They'll speak honestly about the goodness of God's grace, the heaviness we endure as humans, and the power of community. You can expect the night to be fun, inviting, and entertaining. This event is geared toward middle school-aged students and adults. Scan the QR codes to discover more about Tanner and Josh.



This concert is free, but due to limited seating registration is highly encouraged. Doors open for registered participants at 5:15pm. Doors open to the public at 5:45pm. Concessions will be open, including Hot Box Pizza.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUPS

The new **Torah Club** study will start October 19th with the study, "End of Days-is Just the Beginning." End of Days immerses you in the second-century Jewish prophetic worldview-the perspective that shaped Jesus, His apostles, and the first disciples. Like in the days of Noah, when people lived unaware of what was coming, this study calls disciples to wake up and prepare.

This year-long Torah Club study begins in the Torah and traces the unfolding hope of redemption through the Prophets and Writings and into the book of Revelation. Along the way, it reframes your understanding of the end times with biblical clarity, historical depth, and spiritual urgency. Contact Kari Spurgeon now at 812-371-5295 to enroll, or for more information.

## **MASTER SITE PLAN FORUMS**

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Attend a forum where you can learn more about the Master Site Plan, pose questions, and give feedback. The Master Site Plan is a long-term visual document that is adaptable and guides the physical layout of our campus to support our Mission: To Transform Lives and Grow God's Kingdom. Scan the QR code to register or get more information.



## **JAPANESE MISSION SOCIETY**

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Do you like to talk and want to make international friends? The Japanese Mission Society (JMS) is in need of an English conversation teacher to join the team of three other teachers to help with the ESL (English as a Second Language) program held at Grace Lutheran Church. The class meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11am. Teacher resources and support are available and NO Japanese language is necessary... only fun authentic English! If interested or have questions, please contact Tom or Debi Going @ (812) 350-4483.

## **LOVE CHAPEL**

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Love Chapel ([columbuslovechapel.com](http://columbuslovechapel.com)) is a nonprofit charitable organization that has been committed to serving our neighbors in Bartholomew County for over 50 years, providing access to food, shelter, and financial assistance. Love Chapel is a Christian organization, but our services are for everyone, regardless of their walk of life.

Love Chapel is seeking nominations for two Executive Board Positions: Executive Vice President and Secretary. Both positions are volunteer.

The Vice President's responsibilities include chairing the Resource Development Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee. The Vice President also covers for the President as required. Typically, the Vice President serves for 2 years and then serves as the President for the following 2 years, a total term of 4 years.

Secretary responsibilities include recording and publishing minutes for both the Executive Committee and Board Member meetings. Each meeting is held monthly except for June and December. The Secretary is also responsible for maintaining the Roll of Members and Directors. The Secretary is a member of the Love Chapel Membership Committee. The term for Secretary is one year, but typically the Secretary will be nominated to continue forward until the secretary chooses to resign.

Nominations will close on 10/15/2025. If you have any questions or would like to be considered for either board position in support of this very important community ministry, please contact Christine Schaefer at 812-374-8289 or [chris\\_ti@msn.com](mailto:chris_ti@msn.com).

## SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Tim Carter

Worship Leader: Pastor Adam Rodriguez

Organist: Lindsey Fugill

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6pm Saturdays and 10:45am Sundays

Traditional: 8am Sundays and 7pm Wednesdays

## TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Call 812-372-1571 x2121 or complete the Prayer Request Form at: [stpeterscolumbus.org](http://stpeterscolumbus.org)

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