

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 23, 2025
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Reign of Christ Sunday & Agape Meal



Gathering As a People of God

Preparation: Agape meal, in Early Christianity, refers to a communal meal among early Christians, designed as a feast of charity. This gathering was meant to embody love and community, promoting fellowship and generosity among believers. – Wisdom Library

“The true Agape, or love-feast, is not a carnal supper, but a contemplation of the truth, a partaking of the divine good that Christ gives.” – St. Clement of Alexandria

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Lighting the Candles

Prelude

Trumpet Tune and Air
Micah Laird, trumpet
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Jacques Albert
(1689-1753)

Choral Introit

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

*** Call to Worship** (adapted from Joel 2:21-26)

Nina Roy, Liturgist

One: Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!

**All: Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.**

One: O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for the Lord has given the early rain for your vindication;

All: The Lord has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

One: The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

All: You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

*** Hymn #367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, vs. 1-4
[St. George's Windsor]

Prayer of Confession

Nina Roy, Liturgist

One: We do not confess our sins in the hope of forgiveness; we confess our sins with the certainty of forgiveness. For the apostle Paul assures us that we have been rescued from the power of darkness, and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. And so with that promise, that assurance, and that redemption we confess our sins before God and one another.

All: **Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit.** Silent prayer.
Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen!**

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.** *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Nina Roy, Liturgist

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken to your people through teachings, deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have called your people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1: 13-20 (CEB)

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One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Complete

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Anthem

O God, Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst
arr. Richard Proulx

PCO Chancel Choir

Micah Laird, trumpet

Shelby Laird, director

Responding to the Word

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Jesus Shall Reign

David Cherwien

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn #265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

[Duke Street]

Sent Out As a People of God - Agape Meal

Please join us in Fellowship Hall as we partake in a time of fellowship, prayer, and storytelling around the table. Thank you to all who brought food to share, and to those who helped set up for the meal.

Thank you to Edward Ennen for preparing this morning's coffee and washing dishes. There will be no formal education hour this morning.

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Dave & Kathi Cook, Ron & Barbara Dorr

Next week: November 30, 2025 First Sunday in Advent

Mark 13:24-27, 35-37 and Isaiah 2:1-5

Education Hour:

Elementary Education in Room 116

Intergenerational Bible Study (High School and Adults): Colaborate New Testament Series with Roy Meland in the Board Room

Adult Ed: Isaiah in Advent. We will discuss the context for the use of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah's words in the season of Advent. Facilitated by Pastor Lisa.

Our Prayer of Confession, Promise of the Gospel and Prayer of Illumination are from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2*. 2013 Westminster John Knox Press

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