

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



At PCO we strive to be a faithful, open, and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any age, ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

Preparation: “We assume that if something important is happening, it should be visible. If growth is real, we should be able to measure it. If transformation is occurring, we should see immediate results. The farm teaches otherwise. Most growth happens underground. Roots deepen before leaves appear. Seeds break open long before anything emerges above the soil. For weeks, the tomato looks the same. Then one morning, it starts to turn red, showing that change was happening the whole time.” Rev. Cameron Trimble. *The Wisdom of Ripening*. Piloting Faith: An (Almost) Daily Meditation June 24, 2026

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Aaron Punt

Prelude

Sonata in C minor for Organ
Allegro ma non presto
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Giovanni Battista Pescetti
(1704-1766)

Introit

Praise the Lord, for He is Good
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

Welsh Folk Song
Arr. Hugh Davies

*** Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 106)

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord or declare all God’s praise?

All: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

One: Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;

All: that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,

One: that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,

All: that we may glory in your heritage.

*** Hymn #60**

Your Endless Love, Your Mighty Acts, vs. 1-5
[Psalm 106, St. Magnus]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We come before God as a people who recognize we do not always sit and rest in God’s goodness and glory. We come before God as a people who are in need of confession for those broken places in our lives. We come before God to seek forgiveness. Let us share together our needs in a communal voice and in the silence of our hearts.

All: Holy God, forgive our impatience with everyday life. We rush around, irritated at delays, frustrated with things and people which do not move at the pace we would like. Forgive our impatience with answers to prayer. Sometimes we treat you like a vending machine, or assume to know your will and your best for us. Help us to trust your timing and your kindness. We give you thanks that you are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. You are patient with our mistakes and forgive our sins. We receive your peace afresh today. Teach us to walk in your rhythms of grace. *Silent prayer Amen.*

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Beloved, hear the good news: Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach to reconcile us to God. We are forgiven and freed!

All: Thanks be to God!

One: It is as a forgiven and freed people that we share the peace of Christ. May the peace of our Lord Jesus 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

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Aaron Punt

God of all time and places, your scripture keeps us seeking after that which is true. May these words written so long ago to a people in a land so different from ours today speak into our hearts and minds. May it transform us to serve you and world with renewed passion and fresh understanding. Amen.

Children's Sermon and Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

First Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-7

Pastor Aaron Punt

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14 (CEB)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Perils of Impatience

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy

Giovanni Pergolesi

PCO Chancel Choir

(1710-1736)

Shelby Laird, director

Arr. Hal Hopson

O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgressions.

Cleanse my sin. Restore me, forgive me, uphold me.

From all my sins, hide Thy face. O, hear me. I cry to Thee. Hear Thou my prayer.

Cast me not away. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. My mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Offering

Pastor Aaron Punt

Invitation

Offertory

Moderato
[Sonata in C minor]

Pescetti

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Ewen Todd, liturgist

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

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.

*** Hymn #308**

O God in Whom All Life Begins, vs. 1-3
[Noel]

*** Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Benediction Response

Hymn #853
We Are Marching in the Light of God
[Siyahamba]

Postlude

Presto
[Sonata in C minor]
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Pescetti

** Please rise in body or spirit*

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from words by Sam Hargreaves/Engage Worship, online at <https://engageworship.org/ideas/rhythms-of-grace-confession-prayer>

Ushers: David & Kathi Cook, Ron & Barbara Dorr

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Deb Major for supplying the snacks and to Dave Rumming for washing the dishes.

Education Hour following worship

Elementary Education in Room 116 led by Barbara Fretwell-Cooke and Jane Dettore

Middle School Education in the Middle School Room with Kathi Cook

Presbyterian 101 in the Board Room with Pastor Lisa

Adult Ed Discussion on Exodus 32 facilitated by Ewen Todd & Brian McWilliams

Next Week October 18, 2026; All In Stewardship Campaign, Week 1.

Scripture: Matthew 22: 36-40 *All in With Our Hearts*

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