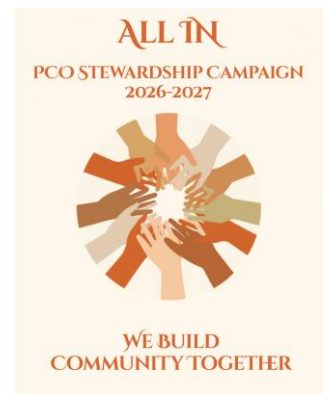


The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 18, 2026
Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

*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: “Stewardship begins not in the wallet but in the heart. And not just some or parts of the heart. Jesus says all. If we give everything else but withhold our hearts, we're completely missing the point. Because love - sacrificial love- reshapes what we do with our time, our energy, our priorities, and, yes, even our money. That's why Jesus doesn't start with rules. Jesus starts with relationship.” – Joseph Yoo, *All In* Topical Sermon Series, 2026,

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Aaron Punt

Prelude

Siciliano (Flute Sonata No. 2)
Gail Lytle Lira, piano

Bach/Kempff

*** Call to Worship**

Jay Wilson, Liturgist

One: Here, in the midst of these people, we come to worship you.

All: We come with the groans of our lives, and the whispers of hope in our hearts.

One: Here, in the midst of these people, we come to remember you.

All: We come, trusting you have not forgotten us; and that here, promises will be fulfilled.

One: Here, in the midst of these people, we come to have our hearts touched.

All: We come, knowing you hear our souls; we come, to praise you for your steadfast love.

*** Hymn #401**

Here in this Place, vs. 1-4
[Gather Us In]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Aaron Punt

One: The Lord says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”
It is with that confidence that we turn our hearts to God, confessing what has separated us from God and each other.

All: Merciful God, you call us to live life with abundant love – abundant love for you and abundant love for our neighbor. And yet too often we live with a mindset of scarcity. You promise us daily bread, and yet we can be so anxious for our futures that we hoard our resources. Forgive us when our insecurity about what lies ahead moves us to make our world smaller rather than expanding to include all of our neighbors. Encourage us to open our hearts wide in embrace and fortify us when our commitment wavers. Help us traverse new paths so that we may be formed and re-formed in your image of expansive love. *Silent prayer.* Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Aaron Punt

One: Hear the good news: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In Jesus Christ, therefore, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

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 #582**

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination (together)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God be in my mind (touch forehead)
and in my mouth (touch mouth)
and in my heart. (touch heart)

Be on my left hand (touch left side of chest)
and on my right hand. (touch right side of chest)

May the words of my mouth (reach with outstretched hands)
and the meditation of my heart (touch heart)
be acceptable in your sight (reach outstretched hands up)
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (raise finger skyward)
Amen! (Clap hands together)

Children's Sermon and Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Pastor Aaron Punt

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22: 36-40

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

All In with Our Hearts

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. Benjamin A Tucker

PCO Handbell Choir

Irene Shutt, director

Matthew Leslie, percussion

Minute for Stewardship

All In with Our Hearts

Judi Harris

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Amazing Grace

Arr: Jack Schrader

Gail Lytle Lira, piano

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Jay Wilson, 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 #697**

Take My Life, vs. 1-6

[Hendon]

*** Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Arr. Jan Sanborn

Gail Lytle Lira, piano

** Please rise in body or spirit*

The Call to Worship *In the Midst* is from the Rev. Thom Shuman from Lectionary Liturgies. Online at <https://www.liturgylink.net/2012/04/03/good-friday-ctw-in-the-midst/> The embodied Prayer of Illumination is from Keith Tanis, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Online at <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/articles/kinesthetic-prayer-example-prayer-holy-spirits-illumination>

Ushers: Ron & Barbara Dorr, Brett & Lynette Cone

This Morning's Fellowship Team: It's birthday cake Sunday! We will celebrate our October birthdays this morning. Thank you to Parish Life for supplying the cake and to Gary Van Kempen for washing the dishes.

Education Hour following worship

Elementary Education in Room 116 led by Eunice Creswell and Barbara Fretwell-Cooke

Middle School Education in Room 107 with Kathi Cook

Intergenerational Bible Study in the Board Room for high school youth and adults with Pastor Aaron

Adult Education Sermon talk back in Room 108 with Pastor Lisa

Next Week October 25, 2026; All In Stewardship Campaign, Week 2.

Scripture: John 13:1 -17 *All in With Our Hands*

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