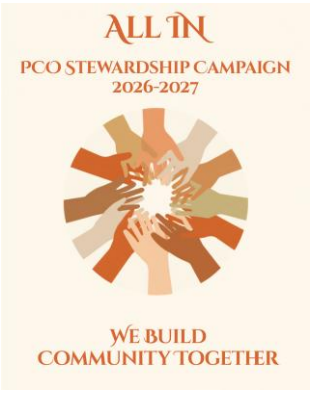
The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Celebration of the Lord's Supper



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 are constantly in the process of becoming something more than our lives present today. In fact, it would be absurd to think we stay the same, merely rolling along through life as finished products. … As I track the movements of Jesus through the gospels, I'm struck by how many people pursue him for what they believe they might get through him, rather than who they might become through him." Peter Marty, All We May Become. *Christian Century*, September 2026

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude Sarabande on *Land of Rest* Gerald Near
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Choral Introit *Enter His Presence* C.O. Beck
Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

*** Call to Worship** (from *Balloons Belong in Church* by Ann Weems) Beth Layhe, Liturgist

One: I celebrate anger at injustice. I celebrate tears for the mistreated, the hurt, the lonely...
All: I celebrate the community that cares... the church...
One: I celebrate the church. I celebrate the times when we in the church made it...
All: When we answered a cry. When we held to our warm and well-fed bodies a lonely world.
One: I celebrate the times when we let God get through to our hiding places
All: Through our maze of meetings. Our pleasant facade...deep down to our selfhood.
One: Deep down to where we really are. Call it heart, soul, naked self
All: It's where we hide. Deep down away from God. And away from each other.
One: I celebrate the times when the church is the Church
All: When we are Christians. When we are living, loving, contributing as God's children...

*** Hymn** #691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life,* vs. 1-4
[Land of Rest]

Prayer of Confession (adapted from *Yes* by Walter Bruggemann) Beth Layhe, Liturgist

One: We worship a God who reaches out in love to us and who is committed to our well-being. We worship a God who offers grace when we struggle to respond to this love and commitment.

This grace forms us and shapes us and allows us to reach out and confess our hearts communally and individually:

All: Merciful God, you have committed yourself to us. You have said yes to us in creation, yes, to us in our birth, yes to us in our baptism and yes to us in our awakening this day. But we are of another kind. We are more accustomed to "perhaps, maybe, we'll see." So we pray for your mercy this day that we may live "yes" back to you. Yes with our time. Yes with our money. Yes in our strength and yes in our weakness. Yes to our neighbor. Yes to our gathered community. Yes to our future. *Silent prayer.* **Amen.**

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace Beth Layhe, Liturgist

One: God said yes to us, coming in the flesh as Jesus Christ. It is through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we are freed from the places we have said no to God's will for our life.

All: Thanks be to God. Allelulia! Amen!

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 Aaron Punt

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)

Time of Wonder All Church Participation Pastor Lisa Schrott

Scripture Reading Luke 5: 1-11 Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *All in With Our Future*
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain* Carolyn Jennings
Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

Minute for Stewardship *All In with Our Future* Emily Conroy-Krutz

Offering Pastor Aaron Punt

Invitation

Offertory *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table* Thomas Canning
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

***Doxology** #606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion Pastors Aaron Punt & Lisa Schrott

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice and partake as you return to your seat. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

Communion Prayer Pastor Aaron Punt

*** Hymn** #521 *In Remembrance of Me,* vs. 1-3

*** Charge & Benediction** Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude *Processional in D* David N. Johnson
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: Jeff & Michele Arbour, Gary & Trudy Sturk

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to the Haskels for supplying snacks and to Dave Rumminger for washing the dishes.

Education Hour following worship

Elementary & Middle School Education in Room 116 led by Barbara Fretwell-Cooke
Intergenerational Bible Study or **Adult Ed** - No classes this week.. We encourage people to attend the Larzalere lecture at The Peoples Church

Next Week November 15, 2026; Commitment Sunday. We will offer and dedicate our pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets.
Scripture: Selected reading from 1 Kings 8
The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship to elect church officers for the Class of 2030.

The Call to Worship is a portion of the poem *Balloons Belong in Church* by Ann Weems. The full poem can be found at: https://www.lafpres.org/single-post/2020/06/10/musings-6102020-balloons-in-church.
The Prayer of Confession is inspired by and adapted from a prayer written by the Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann. The original version can be found in English and Spanish at https://prayersandcreeds.wordpress.com/2011/08/05/yes-si-by-walter-brueggemann/

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