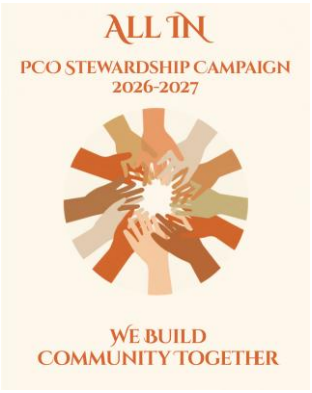


The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Dedication of Our Gifts

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: Journey to 2030 Vision
Guided by the Holy Spirit and looking to the future, at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, we…
… open our doors wide in welcome, inviting all to join us in community, worship, service, and fellowship. We will continue to build a congregation where all people can feel accepted, encouraged, and embraced as beloved children of God.
… embark together on a life-long journey of faith formation. We will create opportunities for all ages to worship, study, serve, and make music alongside one another.
… know we can't do it alone. We will partner with other faith groups and local organizations to pool resources, form community, and work together in service of God's love and justice.

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry Pastor Aaron Punt

Prelude *Morceau De Concours* Gabriel Fauré
Marlene Brewbaker, piano
Ivana Chacon Ramirez, flute

Choral Introit *Bless the Lord* Taizé
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

*** Call to Worship (**adapted from 1 Kings 8:55-58) Mitch Marcus, liturgist
One: Solomon blessed the people saying:
All: "May the Lord be blessed! The Lord has given rest to his people Israel just as promised.
One: The Lord hasn't neglected any part of the good promise made through the servant Moses.
All: May the Lord our God be with us, just as the Lord God was with our ancestors.
One: May the Lord never leave us or abandon us.
All: May the Lord draw our hearts so we walk in God's way, and observe God's commands, laws, and judgments given to our ancestors."

*** Hymn** #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending,* vs. 1-3
[Beach Spring]

Prayer of Confession Pastor Aaron Punt

One: God is the giver of every good gift and has offered us abundance. Let us confess communally and individually the ways we have failed to live with this abundance at the center of our lives.

All: Generous God, sometimes we hold on to the gifts you give us to calm our fear, saving up for our own security, insurance against days of scarcity. Sometimes we hoard, wanting to have the most and the best. Sometimes we insist we don't have anything to offer, closing our eyes to the talents you bestow. But mostly we are inertia-bound. We know what to do, but we don't do it. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes, our hands, our hearts, to know your abundance is enough for all, to know your gifts are for using, not looking at, to know we are blessed in order to be a blessing to others, and to act on that knowledge. *Silent prayer.* **Amen.**

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace Pastor Aaron Punt

One: Beloved, hear the good news: through Christ we are forgiven! Our hope is in the Lord our God, who keeps faith with us forever. God's mercy is everlasting!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! 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 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 1 Kings 8: 1-6 and 18-23 (CEB) Pastor Aaron Punt
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Response *Simple Gifts* arr. Mark Wilberg
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director
Ivana Chacon Ramirez, flute and Emily Dierickx, piccolo
Sarah Mayhew and Linda Cravotta, handbells

Second Scripture Reading 1 Kings 8: 28-29 and 59-61 (CEB) Pastor Lisa Schrott
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *All In*
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music *Alleluia!* Arr. Fred Gramann
PCO Handbell Choir
Irene Shutt, director

Dedication of Our Commitments Pastor Lisa Schrott
Please come forward and place your Pledge Cards and Every Member in Ministry Time and Talent Sheets in the basket at the front of the chancel.

Prayer of Dedication Patty Wilson, Chair of Stewardship Committee

Response of Praise #708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own,* vs. 1

Minute for Care Hospice and Palliative Care Month Sean Clark

Offering Pastor Aaron Punt
Invitation
Offertory *Pavane* Gabriel Fauré
***Doxology** #606
***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Mitch Marcus, 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** #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation,* vs. 1-3
[Ar Hyd Y Nos]

*** Charge & Benediction** Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude *Rondeau* Joseph Mouret
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Congregational Meeting. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for November 15, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is to act on recommendations from the Nominating Committee for a slate of church officers for Elders, Deacons and members of the Endowment Committee. The meeting will be in person and via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84065852997

***** *Please rise in body or spirit*

Music Notes: Today the handbell choir will be performing *Alleluia!* This piece was commissioned by our church to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our bell choir. The dedication written on the opening page of the piece reads: "*Commissioned in 2025 in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Handbell Choir of the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, Michigan, celebrating the joy, commitment, and fellowship that our past and present ringers have found through music."*

Ushers: Brett & Lynette Cone, Deb & Joel Major

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Parish Life for the birthday cake as we celebrate our November birthdays and to Gary VanKempen for washing the dishes.

Education Hour following worship and fellowship time
Elementary & Middle School Education in Room 116 led by Barbara Fretwell-Cooke
Intergenerational Bible Study in the Board Room led by Pastor Aaron
Adult Ed: Hospice and Palliative Care Month

Next Week November 22, 2026; Reign of Christ Sunday
Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23 and Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer of Confession is adapted from words by the Rev. Teri Peterson, Ridgefield Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church. https://www.liturgylink.net/2011/11/08/confession-a-closet-of-unused-tools/

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