The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 22, 2026
Reign of Christ Sunday



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: Psalm 95:1-7a
O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry Pastor Aaron Punt

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach
Marlene Brewbaker, organ Arr. S. Drummond Wolff
Jillian Leman, trumpet; Andrew Lasceski, trumpet
Maddie Cagle, horn; Sam McCarthy, trombone; Parker Davies, trombone

Choral Introit *Lift Up Ye Gates* Andrew Mitchell Thomson
PCO Chancel Choir (1778-1831)
Shelby Laird, director

*** Call to Worship (**Psalm 100) Brian McWilliams, liturgist
One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
All: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
One: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.
All: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

*** Hymn** #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun,* vs. 1, 2, 3, 5 Arr. James Biery
[Duke Street]
Brass and Congregation

Prayer of Confession Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Let us come before Christ our King with our hearts humbled, acknowledging that we have fallen short of the glory to which he has called us. Come, let us seek the mercies of our Lord and Savior! Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge that your Son Jesus, who came to us in the humble form of a man; who walked alongside us and cared for us; who taught us and broke bread with us; who wept for us and gave his life for us, has purchased our salvation at great cost. We acknowledge that, despite his merciful sacrifice, we continue in our sinful ways. We do not follow his commandments or live as he instructs us to. We fail to act in accordance with his will, and remain silent when we ought to speak. Though we long for the way, the truth, and the life that we know Christ to be, we so often wander off, following temptations and distractions. Hear us as we lift our sins before you in confession, and by your grace, help us to repent and be changed through the power and authority of Jesus Christ. *[Silent prayer.]* **Amen.**

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

One: Friends, hear the good news: in his grace and mercy and by his power and authority, Christ declares that all who confess and repent of sin are made clean by his blood!

All: Thanks be to God. Glory and honor and power be to our Lord Jesus Christ. 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** #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Prayer of Illumination Brian McWilliams, liturgist

One: O Lord, our God, as we receive your word today, we ask for your blessing to be upon us. Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, make our eyes to see and our ears to hear; cause our minds to perceive your will and our hearts to long for your way. Holy Spirit, move in and through us to bring the kingdom of God, so close at hand, into being around us as our words and deeds conform with the will of Christ, our King. Amen.

Time of Wonder Pastor Aaron Punt

First Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Brian McWilliams, liturgist

Second Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 Pastor Lisa Schrott

Third Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46 Pastor Aaron Punt

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Christ the King*
Pastor Aaron Punt

Anthem *Celebrate the Day* Pepper Choplin
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director
Brass Quintet

Moment for Mission Catholic Charities Giving Tree Trudy Sturk

Offering Pastor Aaron Punt

Invitation

Offertory *Let All Things Now Living* Robert A. Hobby
Marlene Brewbaker, organ Based on *The Ash Grove*

***Doxology** #606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Brian McWilliams, 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** #268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns,* vs. 1-4
[Diademata]

*** Charge & Benediction** Pastor Aaron Punt

Postlude *Sing to the Lord of the Harvest* Dennis Eliot
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

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

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk; Beth Layhe, Dorinda VanKempen

Flowers: The chancel flowers are given by the PCO staff and Personnel Committee in celebration of the installation of the Rev. Aaron Punt as Associate Pastor. We welcome him and his family to our PCO family.

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Mickey Martin & Shirley Rumminger for providing snacks this morning and to Edward Ennen for washing the dishes.

Education Hour following worship and fellowship time

Elementary & Middle School Education in Room 116 led by Barbara Fretwell-Cooke
Confirmation Class in the Temple Room with Pastor Lisa

Next Week November 29, 2026 First Sunday of Advent, Lighting the Candle of Hope

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9; Hymn of Focus: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
No Elementary or Middle School Education due to Thanksgiving holiday.
Adult Education Sermon Talk Back with Pastor Lisa

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