



A Little Something



October 25, 2026

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Ole Time Gospel Sunday**

Hymns & Songs

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
Just a Closer Walk With Thee
We're Marching to Zion

Scriptures

Psalm 90:1-6,13-17
Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18
Matthew 22:34-40

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New Members classes will
be held on:

Thursday's, @ 6:00 pm
November 5th, 12th & 19th

If you are interested in
becoming a member of the
church or just want a
Presbyterian refresher
course, there is a sign-up
sheet in the Parlor or you
can let the office know.

Empty Bowls

Fill a bowl.
Feed our community.

Empty Bowls

Coos County

When:

Saturday, October 24th
11 AM to 2 PM

Place:

Oregon Coast Culinary Institute
988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay

Cost:

\$35.00

Kids: \$10.00

Attendees receive a simple meal
of soup and bread and a
handmade bowl.

All proceeds benefit local food
pantries.

Lord of the Conscience Webinar

PCUSA is celebrating the 250th
anniversary of the US with a
series of webinars titled: The
Lord of the Conscience.

The 2nd session titled:

*State & Citizen: Their Mutual
Responsibility* will be on
October 16th @ 10 am.

The 3rd session titled:

*The Church's Role in Civil
Society* will be on
October 30th @ 10:00 am.

If you are interested in these
webinars click on the link below.

[Click here for Webinar](#)

What Was Candy Corn Originally Called?

Chicken Feed

Food Cupboard

October Challenge

Peanut Butter



Coats & Jackets Needed

**NO OTHER CLOTHING
PLEASE!!!**



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Alice Bray



Sunday, October 25, 2026

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

Better is a neighbor who is nearby than kindred who are far away.
—Proverbs 27:10, NRSV

I don't particularly enjoy watching media clips of some ideologue on a university campus who is facing students with questions. It's an adversarial atmosphere. Everyone knows that the student with the mic is going to try to trap the speaker into an embarrassing or illogical admission. It rarely works.

And it didn't in today's text, when the Pharisees and Sadducees went after Jesus with questions about taxes, resurrection and legal disputes. It had turned into a theological chess match. Then a lawyer stepped forward with one more question: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

Jesus didn't hesitate. He didn't need to consult a scroll or recite a list. He answered with the center of Scripture itself: "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (vv. 37-39).

Everything hangs on love. Not ritual. Not rule-keeping. Not intellectual bandwidth. Love is the hinge upon which the entire life of faith turns.

This is both liberating and comforting. Many people can no longer do what they once did — volunteer, serve, lead, host, travel. Yet Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandments are still within reach. To love God in prayer, gratitude and trust; to love neighbor through kindness, forgiveness and intercession. These holy acts remain possible for every believer, no matter the season of life.

Jesus then asks his own question, turning the tables: "What do you think of the Messiah?" Suddenly, the conversation shifts from rules to relationship. The question isn't simply how to live but *whom* we follow. Jesus says that love begins with recognizing who he is: David's son, yes, but also David's Lord.

When the dust settles, the religious leaders fall silent. Their debates cannot match the clarity of love. Their tests cannot box Jesus in. And their arguments cannot overshadow the truth he places before them: *To love God and neighbor is the heart of holiness*. To know the Messiah is the beginning of wisdom.

For all who feel weary or uncertain, Jesus offers simplicity: start with love. Stay with love. End with love.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God of love, help us to center our lives on what matters most. When we feel scattered or burdened, draw us back to your command to love you and love others. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 19:11-41,

2 Corinthians 1-3

Monday: Ezra 5-7

Tuesday: Ezra 8-10

Wednesday: Nehemiah 1-3

Thursday: Nehemiah 4-6

Friday: Nehemiah 7-9

Saturday: Psalms 124-126

Verse to Remember

*May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
 shall come home with shouts of joy,
 carrying their sheaves.*

—Psalm 126:5-6

MYSTERY WORD!

	A	B	C	D	E
1	J	O	X	V	N
2	T	L	W	U	D
3	A	N	S	T	G
4	F	I	K	C	B
5	E	M	P	O	R

- Use the box to the left to fill in the letters in the grid below.
- There are seven letters in the mystery word corresponding to the seven columns in the grid below.
- In the grid, the correct letter may be the bottom one or the top one. Hint: Fill out all the boxes. Then see if you can find the word.

What is the word?

B5	D2	C3	B1	D5	D4	E2
A1	A5	E5	D3	B4	A3	A5

RIDDLE: I am round on both ends and high in the middle. I have two friends that have the same first initial. What U.S. state am I?

**Answer to
Mystery
Word:**
Justice.
**Answer to
Riddle:**
Ohio.