First Presbyterian Church of North Bend

Order of Worship

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

Gathering the Community

Welcome/Announcements

- Welcome to both our in-person and online folks...
- Check out the Community Calendar in the Parlor...
- Food cupboard donation item of the month: Canned Soup...
- All Church Dinner Out: Nov. 19 6pm Puerta Vallarta in CB...
- Also, we are always looking for volunteers Food cupboard, Snack Bags, Saturday Meals, Hearts with a Mission...
- Birthdays: () ... Miss anyone? – *Praise be to you O God for your generous gift of life!!*

Now, let us allow the sounds of our prelude to prepare our hearts and minds for worship together this morning...

Prelude Tom

Call to Worship Jack/Cynthia

One: Let us come together for the Call to Worship...

Give ear, my friends, and listen for the words of our Lord.

Many: **We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.**

One: Let us pass on our faith so our children would know and believe.

Many: **And our children might rise up and tell their children and grandchildren.**

One: Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.

Many: **We will tell the great story of our God and continue to come together to worship that living God. Glory be to our Lord. Amen.**

Passing the Peace — Jack/Cynthia

One: In this time of Thanksgiving, we welcome the presence of the Spirit of God that brings us together as one people of God. With that great gift, let us stand together and share with one another the peace of Christ that binds us together in love. Let us pass the peace…

(Congregation will pass the peace...)

Eric: As you find your seats we invite you to join as one voice as we sing our opening hymn *Our God our Help in Ages Past...*

Opening Hymn — Tom

Our God our Help in Ages Past — *210-PH all 5 verses*

Sharing God's Word

Scripture Reading — Jack/Cynthia

(Joshua 24:14-18 & Psalm 78:1-7, NRSVue)

Hear the Word of the Lord from *Joshua*…

14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." 16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Our second reading comes from the Psalms...

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, 3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done. 5 He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our

ancestors to teach to their children, 6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, 7 so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

This is the Word of the Lord… (**Thanks be to God**)

Confession & Assurance of Pardon: Jack/Cynthia

One: If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we seek to begin again. With confidence that God hears us as we pray, let us confess our sins.

Many: God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sin, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy. Amen.

One: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.

Let us stand together as we sing the Hymn of Confession…

Confessional Hymn	Tom
Gloria Patri	*579-PH*
Youth Minute	Phil
Sermon Text	Eric

Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVue)

1 Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon Eric

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith Eric/**Everyone**

Speaking the truth in love, today's text calls us to grow up in every way into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together… In response to God's Word, let us proclaim the good news of Jesus our Lord through the words of the Confession of 1967...

God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

(Confession of 1967, 9.54-9.55, PCUSA)

Sermon Hymn Tom/Eric/Trevor

They'll know we are Christians *677-FOG all 4 verses*

Offering Invitation Dennis

The gifts of God are abundant, and we have received far more than we know. Out of gratitude and with hope, let us bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us as we wait for the day of Christ's appearance in our midst.

(Pass the plates…)

Offering Music Tom

Offering Hymn Tom

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow 592-PH

Offering Prayer Dennis

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Receive these gifts as symbols of the dedication of our very lives and signs of trust in your coming reign of justice and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People Dennis

Eternal God, your people call out to you today. For the prayers and joys spoken this morning, hear us and heal us. For your mission here and everywhere, work through us. May we know and show the unity of your church, bringing honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

God of grace, we give you thanks that you have drawn us together as your church. We pray that we might find Unity in your call to love and serve you, in the common mission that we share. Grant those called to serve as ministers, elders, deacons and leaders an extra measure of your Spirit as they discern your vision as opposed to their own. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

God of beauty, we give you thanks for the wonders of your creation. We know we have not served as the stewards and caretakers that your world needs and deserves. Inspire us to care for each creature and keep us mindful of all those who will dwell in this place in the generations that follow us. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

God of wisdom, on this Sunday after an election, we pray for those candidates who were victorious and for those who did not achieve victory. We need your reconciliation and a commitment to the common good. May those who govern us be guided by your wisdom as they work for justice and provide care for all. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

God of hope, we ask you to draw near to those who grieve; to those who are ill and in need of healing; to those struggling to find meaningful work; to those whose memories are fading; to those who fear what tomorrow will bring. We collectively grieve all that has been lost and yet ask that you might encourage us with your promise so that we may not grieve as those who have no hope. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

God of illumination, fill our lamps with oil. May our preparations and trust in you carry us through any unexpected delay. Keep us awake so that we might welcome you when the call comes. Gather us into the feast that you have prepared. ***O Lord, hear our prayers...***

God of faithfulness and love, give us words to speak as a witness to you. In all that we say, type, post and do, may it be evident that we serve the Lord of heaven and earth, even as we watch for the new

heaven and new earth you have promised and as we join our voices with the saints of all the ages to pray together:

Lord's Prayer **Everyone**

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Leaving to Serve

Sending Hymn Eric/Trevor/Tom

This is the Day *PS*

Charge and Benediction Eric

As we go forth from this place; as our service of worship comes to an end, may our lives of worship and service begin anew. May the Spirit draw us forth and unite us with all those who eagerly await the coming of the Lord. May our work as we watch and wait always be pleasing to the one who loves us beyond all measure.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord's face be lifted upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude Tom

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*Presbyterian Hymnal – **PH**, The Faith We Sing – **FWS**, Family of God – **FOG**, Glory to God – **GTG**, Praise Song – **PS***