The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
November 8, 2026
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: K'A Mura — Fela Sowande (1905-1987)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82),* **#423 Immortal, Invisible**

The Opening Acclamation **BCP *355***

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider says to the people

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading – *Wisdom 6:12–16*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *(Please use the Book of Common Prayer)* **BCP 682**

The Epistle - *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, **#13 My Lord, what a morning**

The Gospel Reading - *Matthew 25:1-13*
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People *adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People*
Made righteous through faith in Christ, asking that we may be faithful to the gift of God's grace, let us now pray to our God in the power of the Spirit, with the response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes with this prayer:
Eternal and compassionate God, receive and fulfil all that we ask according to your will. Give us the grace to welcome your word who is Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin
The Deacon says:
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace
Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.
Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Music: A Holy Celebration Mark Hayes (1953-)

The Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82),* **#640 Watchman, tell us of the night**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B *(inclusive language)*
Presider God is with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider says
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,

who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82),*#**S114 Holy, Holy, Holy**

Presider continues
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People
We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Presider continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say...

The Lord's Prayer *(traditional language)* **BCP 364**

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82),* **#S158 Lamb of God**
The Presider continues
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Communion Luis Urteaga (1882-1960)

The Post-Communion Prayer
Presider and people together

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.
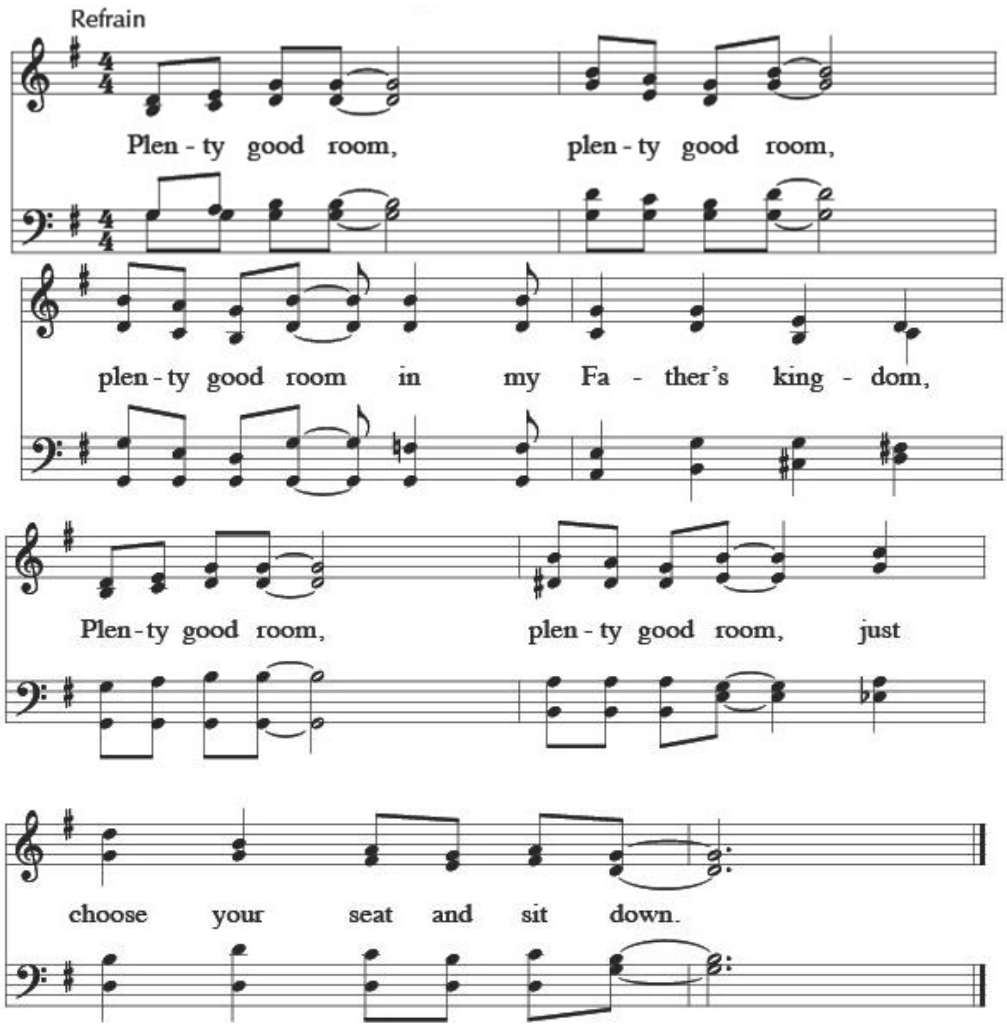
Sending Forth

Prayer in Thanksgiving for National Life *(Please use the Book of Common Prayer)* **BCP 838-839**

The Blessing

Seafarers Collection & Fleece Blessing

Stewardship Theme Song: Plenty Good Room



Stewardship Reflection Debbie DeKalb

Birthdays and Anniversaries
When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

River Rhodomoyer	*11/08*
Linda Matt	*11/12*
Willow Neske	*11/13*
Bill Roth	*11/13*

Anniversaries:
None this week.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer **BCP 830**
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- Today's adult forum will be a discussion on advance care and planning for the future, presented by Peggy Jansen of Life Celebration Funeral Homes, following morning worship.
- You're also welcome to join community partnerships for ditty bag scarf cutting following morning worship in the back of the parish hall during the forum.
- The Youth and Teen group will gather at 5:30 p.m. tonight for its monthly meeting, with guest speaker Deacon Jeannie Sachs.
- Plenty Good Room-Stewardship Campaign: Plan to attend Ingathering Sunday, next week Nov. 15, where we will formally submit our pledge cards, using our stewardship boat. Even if you have submitted your pledge card already (online or physically) please submit it next week for the official blessing. Begin donating today!
- On Thursday, Nov. 12, Rabbi Elyse Wechterman to Lead ICE In Our Communities Training at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. See the newsletter to register.
- Special thanks to Suzanne Teleha and all who volunteered, donated goods and purchased during the Pies at the Polls event. We grossed $1000.
- On Sunday, Nov. 22, well be making advent wreathes following worship. This year you are asked to donate greens from your yards and/or gardens if you have them. Use the signup genius in the newsletter or the physical form near the chapel. *Special announcement by Deacon Jeannie.*
- Scan the QR code to read the latest newsletter.

Closing Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)***, #226 Mine eyes have seen the glory**

The Dismissal

Deacon*:* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: In Paradisum Ghislaine Reece-Trapp (1992-)

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