

**First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont
Welcomes You to Worship
19th Sunday after Pentecost Year A
World Communion Sunday
Sunday October 4th, 2026**



We are glad you are here. You are a beloved child of God. Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community and by living God's love in thought, word, and deed.

First Presbyterian Church of Barre, VT

GATHERING

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Hymns today are from the Glory to God purple hymnal

Abenaki Land acknowledgement, welcome and announcements (see insert), pastor greeting, visitor cards, and opening prayer.

Call to Worship

Micah 6:8

What does the Holy One require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness
and to walk humbly with God.**

Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn No. #15 “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**2. Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**3. And all ye saints of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,**

**Praise God and on him cast your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**4. Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYING FOR RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

(Silent confession of personal sins)

Leader: Amen.

Assurance of pardon (2 Corinthians 5:17; Book of Common Worship)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Congregational response **Hymn No. #582 Glory to God (1st verse)**

**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**

***Passing of the Peace** please greet one another with “Peace be with you”

and you may respond “And also with you.”

Forgiveness from Jesus Christ brings peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7)

Prayer for illumination

Faithful God, how blessed are those
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LISTENING

Scripture Lessons Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Matthew 21:33-46

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Lousy Tenants”

Rev. Dwight McCormick

Meditation music

RESPONDING

Invitation to the Offering

The World Communion Offering of the PC(USA)

supports racial and gender justice,

peacemaking efforts, global witness, and nurturing ecumenical and interfaith relations.

With great thanksgiving and praise

for the work of God throughout the world,

let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Merciful and gracious God,

you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.

with gratitude, we bring out gifts to you.

bless these gifts and bless our lives

that together we may share your mercy and grace

for the world you dearly love. Amen

Communion

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

On the Lord's Day, Christians from around the world gather at the table, one family sharing one meal. On this day, we focus our attention on that global gathering that happens every time we share the cup and the loaf. Christ invites us: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink." (John 7:37–38)

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
Loving God, creator and sustainer of life.
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You planted the first fields —
wheat, barley, rice, and maize —
and made us in your image
to care for your creation.

You fed your people in the wilderness
with manna from heaven,
leading them to a land of milk and honey.

When human greed trampled the poor
you spoke through the prophets,
calling us to worship you with justice and peace.

Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent Jesus Christ, the living bread,
to lift up the oppressed and lowly
and fill the hungry with good things.

Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful
Who hunger and thirst for righteousness
And singing the hymn of the whole creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, most holy God,
for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh.

He taught us to share the abundance of your love,
feeding the multitude,
eating with sinners and strangers,
offering his own body to save us,
and pouring out his life for the world.

When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples,
he made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread.
Even now he sets the table for us,
inviting all to taste and see that you are good.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus
on the night before he died, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ,
we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving
as we share this feast of love and grace.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
and one with all who share this meal,
a great multitude from every nation.

Keep us faithful to Christ's teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers,
sharing our goods with one another,
and giving our possessions to those who are in need,
so that all people may have their daily bread,
this day and every day.

Just as the grain, once scattered across the hills,
was gathered together in this loaf of bread,
gather your people from the ends of the earth,
so that we may feast with you in glory

in the joy of your new creation.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion

(Please wait until all are served so that we may eat and drink simultaneously)

Prayer after Communion

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
creator and ruler of the universe,
for you have satisfied our souls
with this feast of your grace.
Keep us faithful in your service
until your realm of glory comes;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn No. #526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

**gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]**

Joys, and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Traditional prayer found on p.35 of Glory to God hymnal-Please use Mother in place of Father if that is closer to your heart.

***Closing Hymn No. #354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of this terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.**

Refrain:

**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.**

**2 I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on. [Refrain]**

**3 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. [Refrain]**

**4 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on. [Refrain]**

Benediction

The blessing of the holy, triune God,

Who was and is and is to come—

First and last,

Beginning and end,

Alpha and Omega -

Be with you now and always. Alleluia!

Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Thanks to Alison Cerutti for the beautiful worship music.

Thanks to Roxanne Casadonte for helping us lead in worship this Morning.

Today's liturgy provided by PCUSA.org

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Announcements

October 4, 2026 following worship 11:15 Jesus and John Wayne book study chapters 6, 7, and 8.

October 5, 2026 Deacons meeting on Zoom 7:30pm-meditation link.

October 7, 2026 Worship Committee 4pm on Zoom meditation link on website.

October 8th Weekly meditation group through Meditation link on our website 10am-11am every Thursday. Reading is chapter 4 for this week. We are reading the book *The Tears of Things* by Father Richard Rohr.

October 14, 2026 Building Committee 9:30am in person at FPC.

To Keep in Prayer

We pray for people in our congregation each week. This week please pray for Paula Chiuchiolo.

Gracious God, thank you that we get to serve alongside Paula. Please surround her with your steadfast love and empower her relationships with gentleness, humor, love, and respect. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Gracious God, thank you for the Community Church of New Boston and their ministry of love and justice. Please continue to empower them by your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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