

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out a visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it into an offering plate near a sanctuary exit.
- **New Members' Class:** Anyone interested in joining RPPC or who would just like to learn more about us, please join us in the church parlor at 10 am, November 1, 8, 15, and 22.
- **Nursery Care and Sunday School** are available during our 9 am worship service.
- **Blood Drive** - Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 - 2:00. Sign up today at redcrossblood.org. More information on the bulletin board.
- **Women's Book Club** will meet in the Parlor this Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 PM.
- **October Collection:** We are collecting the following non-perishable foods for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Items can be placed in the wooden collection box in Friendship Hall: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing mix, Canned Vegetables and Cranberry Sauce. All donations are needed by November 1.
- **Youth Group:** Youth in grades 6-12, join us for lunch, games, discussion, planning, and fellowship today from 12:15 – 1:30.
- **GriefShare:** Meets from 6 – 7:30 on Tuesday evenings in the church parlor and is for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one.
- **Alpha** has begun! Whether you're yet to believe, new to the Christian faith, or have been a believer for decades, please join us for dinner and discussion tomorrow at 6:30 pm. Alpha is one a great way to meet others and to connect with them -- and with God.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets Thursdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM and is studying Lifeway Publishing's "The Names of God." Study guides are on Amazon or Lifeway websites. Join us! Links are in the all-church email.
- **Church Library:**
 - New Library: Check out our church library in the parlor. Sign out a book today!
 - Old Library: There are many older books in our former library in the Upper Room available for anyone who wants them.
- **PCUSA Special Offering:** The World Communion Offering helps fund programs for peacemaking, global ministry, and international and racial-ethnic students. Find an envelope in your envelope box or the pew rack. Offering ends on October 4.
- **PBJ'S:** Help us share a little love, one sandwich at a time! Volunteers are needed to make PBJ'S which are delivered to those in need every other Monday. Find a sign-up link on our website by clicking the "Connect" tab and finding "Community Outreach."

Opening Prayer

* Opening Hymn #8

Come, Thou Almighty King

** if comfortably able, please stand*

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*** Hymn #815**

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before You with humble hearts, knowing that we have fallen short of Your glory. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have been quick to judge others while overlooking our own faults. We have been selfish and have failed to reflect the grace and mercy You show us through Jesus. Forgive us for the times we have neglected the needs of others and missed opportunities to act justly and with compassion. Help us to live each day in a manner that reflects the forgiveness we have received and the hope we have in Jesus. In His holy name, we pray. *(Time for Silent Prayer)*

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*** Hymn #648**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away.

¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Sermon: Glory Grows

Pastor Thomas

Congregational Prayer

*** Hymn #33**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*** Benediction**

*** Closing Chorus #233**

Grace, Love and Fellowship