

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8:30am & 10am

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRYSunday @ 9:55am First Floor
of the Altar Building**YOUTH GROUP**

3rd Thursday of the month 6:30-8pm

ADULT MINISTRY**Psalm 91 Women's Prayer Group**

1st Thursday of the month 10am

Women's Bible Study

2nd Thursday of the month 10am

Men's Prayer Breakfast

2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30am

Dear Friends of the Drive In Church,

Linda and I have just returned from an amazing adventure—a cruise to Alaska. It is difficult to describe the grandeur of what we saw: towering mountains, immense glaciers, whales, dolphins, porpoises, and mile after mile of breathtaking natural beauty. Daryth, our cruise naturalist, described the experience this way: “It’s like going to SeaWorld, except it’s the real world—nature.”

We also met beautiful people and learned about cultures, communities, and traditions whose roots reach back long before the founding of our country. Travel has a way of widening our view. It reminds us that the world is much larger than the places we know, the routines we follow, and the experiences we share. It also reminds us that wherever we go, we encounter people who carry their own stories, history, hopes, and God-given dignity.

That seems like a fitting thought as we look ahead to World Communion Sunday on October 4. World Communion Sunday began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr. His hope was that Christians might gather around the Lord’s Table on the same Sunday and be reminded of their unity in Christ. Today, congregations around the world observe World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. We may worship in different languages, sing different songs, follow different traditions, and understand some matters of faith differently, but we gather at one Table and belong to one body.

That witness feels especially important this year. We live in a world marked by war, division, suspicion, and fear. Even within our own communities, it can seem easier to focus on what separates us than on what we share. World Communion Sunday reminds us that Christ’s Table is larger than our disagreements, wider than our borders, and more gracious than the walls we build between one another.

Closer to home, our ramp project continues to move forward. This project is about much more than concrete, railings, and construction. It is another way of making our welcome visible—helping ensure that people of differing abilities can enter and participate more easily in the life of our church. I am especially grateful to the volunteers from our congregation who have or will be painting the stucco fascia. By giving their time and labor, they helped move the project forward while saving the church the expense of hiring a contractor to complete that work. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for taking such pride in the care of our church campus.

Perhaps these seemingly different experiences belong together after all. Alaska reminded Linda and me of the vastness of God’s creation and the beauty of people and cultures beyond our familiar surroundings. World Communion Sunday will remind us of the worldwide family to which we belong. Our ramp project reminds us that our faith must also become visible right here at home—in practical acts of hospitality, generosity, and service.

God is always inviting us to widen our view, enlarge our table, and open the way for someone else. May we receive that invitation with gratitude. May we care for the world God has created, welcome the people God places before us, and use our gifts to build a church—and a community—where all people know there is a place for them.

I look forward to seeing you at the Table.

Rev. Bob



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As we move deeper into the fall season, there is a lot happening in the life of our church, and we hope you'll find a place to connect, serve, and celebrate together.

- Our weekly **Fall Bible Study** resumes this **Wednesday** and offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. We'll gather for a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by the study at 7:00 p.m. This season, we'll be exploring Howard Thurman's *Meditations of the Heart*, a collection of reflections that continues to inspire readers with its wisdom, faith, and insight. For those unable to attend in person, a Zoom option is available. Registration is required to receive the access link, which can be found on the Connections tab of our website or scan the QR code in the lower right-hand corner of this page.
- Our annual **Trunk or Treat** will take place on **October 24 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** and promises to be a fun-filled evening for children and families throughout our community. We're looking for individuals, families, businesses, and ministry groups to host decorated trunks. This free community event provides a safe, fun, and welcoming environment for children and families, and it takes many helping hands to make it happen. Whether you're decorating a trunk, volunteering, or inviting neighbors and friends, your participation helps create a memorable evening for our community. We will also be holding a candy drive next month to help ensure plenty of treats for all of our young guests. Register today on our church app!
- Looking ahead to November, our **Annual Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner** is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m. To allow everyone the opportunity to enjoy both a quality meal and meaningful fellowship, a traditional thanksgiving meal will once again be professionally catered. Watch for additional details in the coming weeks.
- And while Christmas may seem far away, preparations are already underway for **Drive Through Bethlehem**, taking place **December 10-13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** each evening. This beloved outreach event welcomes hundreds of visitors each year and depends on a large team of volunteers. Whether you enjoy building sets, portraying a character in the Bethlehem cast, greeting guests, serving behind the scenes, or helping with teardown after the event, there is a place for you. Cast member sign-ups are available now through the church app, and additional volunteer opportunities will be announced soon.

As the seasons change, may we continue to grow together in faith, welcome new faces, and share God's love with our community in meaningful ways. We look forward to all that God has in store for us in the months ahead.



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TRUNK OR TREAT!
Saturday, October 24th
5-6:30pm



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Wednesday

**Potluck Dinner 6pm
& Bible Study 7pm**

*except on the 3rd
Wednesday of the month*

**Zoom Option
Available**
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Register

