

Presbyterian Disciples Church

The Ecumenical Parish

Newsletter



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World Communion Sunday History

World Communion Sunday, observed on October 1 or the first Sunday in October, originated within Presbyterian circles in 1936 and subsequently expanded across Protestant denominations affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches).[1]

The observance emerged in the twentieth century to address a practical concern: encouraging churches that don't follow a liturgical calendar to participate in the Lord's Supper simultaneously at least once yearly.[2]



Join us for Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

This mattered because non-liturgical churches traditionally reserved communion observances for major holidays like Christmas and Easter, while liturgical churches celebrated weekly, and other Protestant denominations typically held communion on a monthly basis.[2]

Beyond its structural purpose, World Communion Sunday carries theological significance. Though not part of the traditional Christian calendar, the day holds particular value for congregations as a tangible expression of their connection to the broader, universal church.[2] As globalization has become increasingly prominent, World Communion functions as an important unifying bond among Christians across different regions.[1] This emphasis on unity reflects New Testament priorities—the New Testament emphasizes church unity as integral to God's purposes, with

Jesus praying for unity among his followers as a reflection of his relationship with the Father, and Paul declaring that through sharing one loaf in communion, believers who are many become one body.[2]

[1] Robin Knowles Wallace, *The Christian Year: A Guide for Worship and Preaching* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2010).

[2] Robert Webber, *The Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship, The Complete Library of Christian Worship* (Nashville, TN: Star Song Pub. Group, 1993), 209.

October 4

Sermon: Spiritual But Not Religious
Matthew 21: 33-46
Elder of the Day: Lindy Hudson
Liturgist: Carolyn Johnson

October 11

Sermon: In the Here and Now
John 11: 1-45
Elder of the Day: John Manning
Liturgist: Lori Hamburger

October 18

Sermon: Show Me the Money
Matthew 22: 15-22
Elder of the Day: John Manning
Liturgist: Lu Ann Christian

October 25

Sermon: Heartburn
Luke 24: 15-22
Elder of the Day: John Manning
Liturgist: Laura Renfrow



**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**



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Special Days in October

World Communion Sunday,
October 4

Pastor Appreciation Sunday,
October 11

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

OCTOBER 11
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Hostesses,
Laura Renfrow
Andrea Renfrow
Lori Hamburger

Member's Corner

Birthdays

- 1 Gentner Drummond
- 4 Brandon Lawrence
- 7 Brad Fuller
- 9 Nancysu Herron
- 15 Shari Helmer Coldren
- 18 Bob Priest
- 19 Missy Culver
- 20 Jonathan Grooms
- 25 Tyler Thomas
- 27 J.D. Coldren
- 30 Lynn Fuller

OCTOBER



Prayers for those we know dealing with health issues:

Carolyn Helmer
Linda Priest
Ron Eldridge
Randa Bloomfield
Steve Thomas
Brad Fuller

Prayers for the family of Robert "Bob" Jones, Brady's brother. Bob went to be with the Lord on Sept 23 in Weatherford, TX. A Celebration of Life will be held on October 31 in Weatherford. He will be missed by Brady, Lonnie, and all of his family.

Anniversaries

Josh & Kathryn Williams,
10-7-2016



Celebrate New Life



Mauricio and Alex Drummond Scott welcome their second child, Charlie, named after Ladd's father, Chuck. Little sister approves.

Ladd and Ree are proud grandparents and will show pictures if coaxed.

REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV



Member's Corner



James Allen has the honor of performing the wedding ceremony.

How exciting!

Meet Montana Fuller and Sarah Broussard. They split their time between Little Rock, AR during the week and Fuller Angus Ranch in Pershing, OK on the weekends.

Montana has a background in agriculture and investment banking and he recently took up livestock photography.

Sarah has a background in merchandising and cosmetology and loves anything creative, from baking to helping with projects around the ranch.

Their goal is to one day be full-time at their family's Registered Angus Operation where they raise bulls for their annual fall bull sale.

They're getting married at their ranch on November 7, 2026, so much of their year has been filled with wedding planning, ranch projects, and preparing for their future together.

If you haven't met Montana and Sarah, they are in church most Sundays. Also, Montana's father, Brad Fuller, has been attending. I'm sure they would love for you to introduce yourself and make them feel at home. They started visiting our church while looking for a church home for their new family. I hope they have found that home in us. Their contact information is in the newest Church Directory.



One thing we can say for 2026 is that it has been a year of Fixing Up. You know how it goes with property. Maintenance is required, and at some point, it must be done.

We added a new roof this year, which absolutely necessary. As I write this, I see ladders being moved and painting in progress outside the office window. Yes, it is a complete paint job that was started on Monday, Sept 29, 2026. and approved by your Council in their September meeting.

I will add that after having a dry spell, rain is predicted.



Confession: The Bible Nuggets seemed more like a boulder and just didn't come together in time. I rather hate sending the newsletter without one, but it is what it is. Hope you will understand.

In the Community

Our Father's House

Pastor Kathy has been asked what Our Father's House is about. Using notes from a newsletter given to me by founder Amanda Bickford, here is the scoop. If you haven't heard of this benevolent organization in the community, here is a chance to learn about it.



Launched March 2026 and located at 321 W. Main
Serving Pawhuska and surrounding communities

Highlights

Giveaway Room

Supporting Pawhuska's 88% poverty-affected population, the Giveaway Room provides free items to offset household costs and improve quality of life. Categories include household goods, pet supplies, sports and outdoor equipment, party items, arts and crafts, electronics, beauty products, and hygiene essentials—helping families live with dignity and stability.

School Resource Room

Located on school property serving all four Pawhuska Public School buildings, this room provides clothing, shoes, snacks, and school supplies directly to students in need.

Clothing Room

Each month, residents may receive gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for men, women, and children—meeting practical needs with compassion.

Application Assistance

Weekly support is available for completing applications for **Medicaid**, **Medicare**, **SNAP**, and **Assist Wireless cellphones** for qualifying individuals.

Bless That House

Upon referral, families emerging from homelessness, treatment, or DHS reunification receive **brand-new furnishings and household essentials**—restoring dignity and hope as they rebuild their lives.

Shower Voucher Program

In partnership with *The Dam Place General Store*, residents access safe, clean shower facilities weekly during business hours.

Hotline for Moms

A compassionate line offering prayer, guidance, and resources for mothers facing challenges. The hotline also supports families with children who have **special needs or IEPs**, connecting them to advocates and therapy resources.

Treatment / Court Advocacy and Navigation

Provides confidential guidance for individuals navigating court or treatment systems—connecting them to rehabilitation, counseling, and social services to promote recovery and accountability.

Haircut Referral Program

Through community partnerships, referred individuals receive complimentary haircuts to boost confidence and professionalism for job interviews or new beginnings.

Counseling Services

Licensed counselors offer confidential support for emotional, behavioral, or situational challenges—helping individuals heal and grow through faith and guidance.

The program also collaborates with Help Works, Methodist Church Blessing Box, Cedar Ridge Elderly Housing, and Christ's Cupboard Food Pantry.

Annual Community Outreaches Held:
Back to School Bash, Christmas Giveaway, Youth Fall Festival and Teacher & Nurse Appreciation.