

October 2025



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**Sunday Morning Schedule**  
11:00am in the Sanctuary  
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**2025 Office hours:**

Rev. Dr. Sandlin:  
M appt. only; W, Th., 9-3

Kate Baird: M, W, Th, 9-3

10/01: 8:30am, Preservation Committee

10/05: World Communion Sunday & CROP Walk

10/08: Session Mtg., 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

10/09: 12:00pm, Preservation Comm.

10/10: Out of the Garden Project, 3:00pm

10/10: Tenant Party, 5:00—9:00pm, F. Hall

10/12: Pennies 4 Hunger Collection

10/13: Indigenous Peoples Day, Fed. Holiday

10/14: Sierra Club, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

10/15: PEO mtg., 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

10/19: Stewardship Lunch, 12pm, Fellowship Hall

10/20: Outreach Comm. Mtg., 2:00pm; Fellowship Comm. Mtg., 3:00pm

10/25: Monthly Work Day

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The Covenant Compendium

***A Letter from Reverend Sandlin***

Hello PCoC family,

For those who haven't heard yet, a big shift is happening in our life together: we've officially sold our church building. That building has held our prayers and our potlucks, our laughter and our tears. It's where we celebrated new life, where we mourned loss, where we learned to sing in harmony even when life felt out of tune. We honor that sacred space and the generations who filled it with faith, hope, and a whole lot of love.

But Love is always nudging us forward. Just across the street, a new beginning is waiting. We'll soon be gathering in a house—not as a step back, but as a step closer. Like the earliest followers of Jesus, we'll meet face to face, around tables and in living rooms. We'll share meals, share stories, and share life in a way that draws us nearer to each other and to what Love is calling us to be right now.

The walls may change, but our heartbeat doesn't. We're still here to be a community of compassion, justice, and welcome. The past is a gift we carry with gratitude. The future is an open door we step through with courage. And together, we'll keep discovering what it means to be the church for our time.

PEACE!  
Mark

## ***Sunday Service Information, October 2025***

### **October 5: *World Communion Sunday***

Music: Stephanie Lindley *CROP Walk!*  
Usher: Celia Starling

### **October 12: *Pennies 4 Hunger***

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Usher: Nancy Schaefer

### **October 19: *Stewardship Luncheon***

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Usher: Clara Kelly

### **October 26:**

Music: Stephanie Lindley  
Usher: Celia Starling



## ***CROP Walk 2025***

This year's CROP Walk will be on Sunday, Oct. 5th at 2 pm. Our team will be walking to raise money to end hunger ; this year's team is: Nancy Schaefer, Margaret Foley, Beth Latture, and Clara and Pat Kelly.

If you would like to join us or make an online donation, go to [greensborourbanministry.org](https://greensborourbanministry.org), and click on CROP Walk at the top of their home page. From there you can search for our team, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, and join or support our walkers.

If you prefer to write a check, make it payable to CROP Walk and give it directly to a walker or place in the offering basket during a Sunday service. Thank you!

## ***World Communion Sunday***

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 5th, during our 11:00am Sunday Service. Please join us to share in our quarterly Communion; everyone is welcome to partake.

## ***Annual Stewardship Luncheon***

The annual PCoC Stewardship Luncheon will take place on Sunday, October 19th, immediately following the 11:00am service. Please plan to attend and learn about what the future holds for the church. Lunch will be provided.

## ***A Request to The Congregation***

From Joyce Powers: As part of the celebration of our time on THIS corner of Walker and Mendenhall, I would like to have our congregation share a few things: 1) A special memory of time involved with the church; 2) A statement about what the church has meant to them. Comments may be emailed to me at: [jkpowers42@gmail.com](mailto:jkpowers42@gmail.com), or may be submitted on paper by mail to the church office, Attn.: Joyce Powers. Please include your name. I'd also appreciate the loan of, or awareness of any written or otherwise collected remembrance folks might have. Thank you!

## ***Monthly Work Day on Saturday, October 25th***

Volunteers, donate a morning of your time, 9:30am to 12:00pm! Help us keep the building and grounds in top condition and attractive. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to see the monthly chore list.

## September 2025 Session Meeting Minutes

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Discussion of UKirk house:** We will plan a celebration regarding the years we have spent in the old buildings; tentative date Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. We also are meeting to plan the move to the UKirk house, which is Mark's suggestion as the best new location for us. Motion passed unanimously that we proceed with plans to use U Kirk as our new worship and operating location.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Revising Update/offer on PSA with Citadel:** Waiting for our lawyer to complete the PSA with new "anti-demolition" wording, and hoping to have that present when the Committee has a special meeting at 1 PM tomorrow to celebrate all the work the Committee and especially David Kolosieke have done, and have Ralph sign the PSA. (Spoiler alert: the celebration was held but neither the wording or the PSA signing happened at that time; it took until 17 September for it to be signed and notarized!)

**PASTOR'S UPDATE:** Mark had an exciting time at the Wild Goose meeting in the mountains; is starting on a new sermon series; continuing to post on social media; will officiate at a wedding this weekend; is continuing with his ministry at a local bar. He is starting to think about what the Church can do when we move; the Session will start on this at its next meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Resource Committee:** Deficit was less than usual in July, but still awaiting the cost of repairs to chiller. Planning an Oct. 19th Stewardship luncheon. When and if we move to U Kirk we will be renting, so our expenses will be more predictable.

**Spiritual Formation (includes Worship and Music):** Sunday Study Group about to start *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom on Oct. 5th.

**Sunday morning music:** Congregation members have been having mixed reactions to the music program, have talked with both Mark and Stephanie. He said this has been a constant issue since we have gone to only one service and he is working with Stephanie to create the right balance of classic and contemporary music. Stephanie is planning to have the handbells played at the Christmas service.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Clara is talking with the College Hill neighborhood about need for cutting back some limbs on one of the trees on our property.

**Interior:** Preservation Committee is hard at work deciding planning for the future move.

**Communications:** Is working on the website.

**Fellowship:** A church potluck meal was held on Sunday, September 21st.

**Outreach:** Committee has revised the wording about Outreach for updating the website. Committee working on CROP Walk, will have a speaker to talk to us about Turkey GSO; SOP coming up.

**Congregational Care:** In July we had 41 contacts by 3 providers; in August we had 44 contacts by 4 providers.

## Members of PCoC and Citadel of Praise Church



On Saturday, Sept. 27th, the PCoC Preservation Committee met for several hours to plan for the upcoming transition to our new space. They were joined unexpectedly by the pastor of Citadel of Praise Church, the new building owners, and some of the congregants. Rev. Drumwright is standing between PCoC members Nancy Schaefer and Charlene Holler. Other committee members present were Barbara North, Joyce Powers, Ann Finch, and Clara Kelly. Not present: Betty Allen, Kate Baird/

## Join us Online for Services and Fellowship

On Sundays at 11:00am, our service is broadcast live at these sites:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCar8ZVg434DF1uTtL86JEhg> (YouTube)

<https://www.facebook.com/PCoC.GSO/>

<https://www.facebook.com/revmarksandlin>

<https://www.facebook.com/marksandlin>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheChristianLeft>

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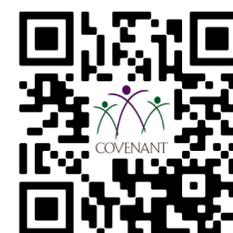
And see us on Meetup.com at:  
[Meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant](https://www.meetup.com/Presbyterian-Church-of-the-Covenant)

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