

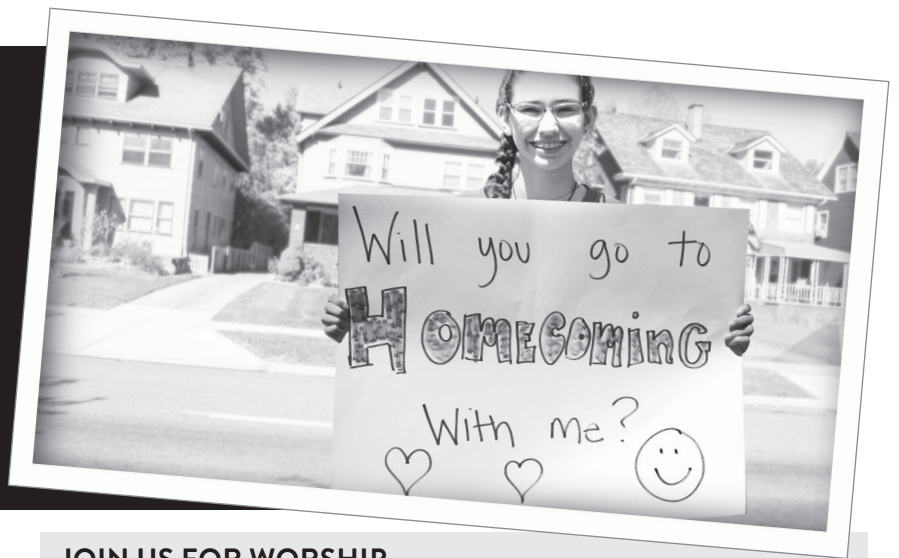


PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

August 17-18, 2024

John 2:1-11



WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Praise You Anywhere

The Way

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**

The Blessing

Let Everything (5:30 pm & 10:30 am)

**Now Thank We All
Our God** (9:00 am)

Go in peace, and remember
that you are all brothers
and sisters in Christ.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Download sermon resources: popmn.org/worship/downloads/

Congregational Vote | August 24-25 | All Worship Services
Vote for our new Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation.

Interested in being part of worship?

Find information and a volunteer form at the Connect Desk.

Want to learn the songs we sing in worship?

Follow our Prince of Peace Worship Playlist on Spotify.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

POP in the Park | This Sunday, August 18!

Join us for an end-of-summer celebration! popmn.org/register

Pick up a POP invitation for our fall sermon series launch
and personally invite someone to come to church with you.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

POP Child Care, POP Pre-K (ages 3-5), POP Kids (grades K-5)
POP Praise Choir, and Student Ministry (StuMin)

Register to participate or volunteer: popmn.org/register

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Your gift supports mission and ministry. Thank you!



Connect With Us

We are here to love God and all people by being the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world so that all might know that they are loved. We are an open and affirming church. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond. **Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church!**



Connect with
Prince of Peace!
Scan here to
join our mailing list
and find ways to
get involved.



Scan here
to register
your child for
Family Ministry.



Scan here to
make a **prayer
request** or to
have a member
of the Spiritual Care
Team contact you.

PAPER COPIES OF THESE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CONNECT DESK.

FOR ALL

John 2:1-11

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION: On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it.

When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Making an invitation can be both awkward and exciting.

Invitations are ripe with an awkward vulnerability because you have to wear your heart on the outside and wait for someone else's response. And they're exciting because maybe, just maybe, the person you ask will say yes ... and that opens up a whole new world of opportunities.

You won't know until you ask.

Using your voice is important, whether you're asking someone to the Homecoming dance, speaking out against injustice, or offering a word of love and peace to someone who desperately needs it. It's time for us to use our voices to speak these words of hope into a world that needs a lot more of it. **We can proclaim a God of love for ALL people, with no conditions and no exceptions.**

Somehow this message gets lost in the noise of our world today, or it can get muddled as people try to tack on amendments or rules. When rules become more important than people, you start losing people. Jesus didn't worship rules. Jesus loved God and people, and that is our goal at Prince of Peace.

This fall we are kicking off a three-year overview of the Bible. We're not reading every page and we're not studying every story. But we are going to notice the larger themes, particularly the God that keeps circling back to the people with love and grace, over and over and over again. No exceptions. It's a better story than divine anger or conditions, battle or domination. And we think this story is so compelling that we want to share it.

So we are inviting you to invite your friends home to Prince of Peace. Let's travel through these pages together and learn how each one of us is beloved and important in this ongoing, unfolding story of love for the earth and everything in it.