



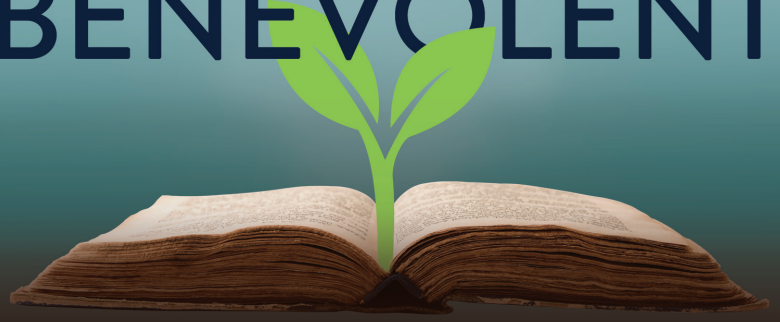
**PRINCE  
OF PEACE**  
Love God. Love People.

September 27 – 28, 2025

**Enough**

Ruth 1:1 | John 6:31-35

**BENEVOLENT**



**MUSIC THIS WEEKEND**

**CONTEMPORARY**  
SAT 5:30 pm | SUN 10:30 am

House Of The Lord  
Rest On Us  
Gratitude  
So So Good

**CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am**

We're celebrating the work of Bruce Becker at this service, and you are invited to a reception in the community room after worship.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
All Creatures Worship God Most High  
There Is a Time for Everything  
Die Bankelsangerlieder  
The Lord's Prayer  
Now Thank We All Our God

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**

Communion: (Saturday 5:30 pm)

We offer sympathy and support to the family and friends of **Geraldine (Gerry) Brown** as they grieve her death and the family of **Pablo Tezoco Perez** as they grieve his death.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Service:  
**Joyce Smith** (October 11)

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

**Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)**  
**Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm (chapel) | Sun 10:30 am (sanctuary)**  
Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: [popmn.org](http://popmn.org).

**JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY**

**FREE Breakfast! | Sunday, October 5**  
Enjoy a free breakfast served by Men's Ministry next Sunday, thanks to the Preserve-Open-Plant campaign.

**Engage Bible Study | Begins September 30 – October 1**  
**Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 am | Wednesdays noon – 1:00 pm**  
Join Pastor Paul to pull back the layers on each week's scripture reading. Come as you are. Bring your Bible and a friend.

**BBQ, Brew and Soda, Too! | October 4 | Cleary Regional Park**  
Join us for this family-friendly gathering hosted by Men's Ministry! There will be an opportunity to make a donation for Doulos Discovery School student scholarships. [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)

**New Member Orientation | October 5 & 12 | 11:45 am**  
Are you interested in becoming a Prince of Peace member? Join us for our next new member class series. [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)

**Mission Trip Informational Meetings**  
**Sunday, October 5 | Mission Outpost**  
**Dominican Republic: 9:00 am | Ilambo, Tanzania: 11:30 am**  
Dominican Republic travelers can choose a one-week trip (February 28 – March 7 or March 7 – 14) or a two week trip (February 28 – March 14). The trip to Tanzania will take place July 8 – 23.

**JOIN US IN GENEROSITY**

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



**Welcome to Prince of Peace!**

We are an open and affirming community, here to love God and all people.



**Connect with Prince of Peace!**  
Scan here to join our mailing list and find ways to get involved.  
Paper copies of this form are available at the Connect Desk.

Plans for front door visits on Sunday, October 5 have changed.

Instead, stop by the Inspiration Team's table on the first level by the chapel the weekend of October 4–5 to pick up your Inspiration Bag and learn more about the campaign. We look forward to connecting with you!

[popmn.org/give/preserve-open-plant/](http://popmn.org/give/preserve-open-plant/)





## Abundance or scarcity?

In one version of the stage production script of *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present are watching Bob Cratchit and his family eat a very meager Christmas dinner. Scrooge is aghast at their excitement over what he considers a pitiful feast. There isn't enough to go around! But the Ghost of Christmas Present says something like this: "That's an interesting word – 'enough.' It means something different to everyone."

*How much do you think is enough? Your answer can refer to anything: food, money, time, hope, resources, love. Are we living in a world of abundance or scarcity? Do we need to hoard resources to stay alive? Or is sharing them safer? Are we meant to seek that kind of safety and security? How does the world work?*

In the first verse in Ruth, we learn that there is a famine in Bethlehem, which ironically means "the house of bread." Ruth flees with her husband and two sons to the foreign land of Moab, a nation that was not generally friendly with the Israelites. Ruth's family did not heed God's promise of provision to the Israelites in the wilderness.

*Do you think there is a statute of limitations on God's promise of provision? Did God promise to provide for everyone, forever? As you look around you today, does this kind of promise feel possible? What is our role to play in the enough-ness of the world?*

*Why do you think there was a famine in Bethlehem, but food was available in Moab? Bethlehem appears to be populated when Ruth returns years later – so why does Ruth's family leave the town when other families stay? Does this situation have anything to say about the way resources are shared? Can you think of other situations in which some people have more than enough to eat while others starve? Can abundance and scarcity exist side by side in the same city, on the same block, even in the same family? Is that God's dream for the world? Are we waiting for God to fix it?*

In John 6, Jesus reminds the people about the manna in the wilderness, provision intended to give the people a sense of what "enough" means, and how to live free of anxiety and hoarding. But there is no actual manna falling from the sky these days.

*What does Jesus mean when he says that those who come to him will never hunger or thirst?*

Use the QR code to find the video about the woman and the police officer from Pastor Paul's sermon.

*How does that clip illustrate abundance over scarcity? What changed the direction of their interaction? Do we all have access to the kind of abundance exhibited by these people? How can you harness abundance to make the world better? Would a safer world allow for more abundance? How can we make that happen?*

