



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

November 1 – 2, 2025

Sacrifice

Ruth 4:5 – 10 | John 21:15–17

BENEVOLENT



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

The King Is In The Room
Your Word
Ancient Words
Battle Belongs

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

When Peace Like a River
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
BELLS: Break Thou the Bread of Life
Blessed Assurance

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**

Communion (Saturday 5:30 pm)

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.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Emergency Food Bags for Mission Outpost! | Through November
Respond to the community’s increasing need by donating non-perishable items for emergency bags. Pick up shopping lists and empty bags at the Welcome Desk. We also need volunteers! Sign up for orientation on November 4 at popmn.org/register.

Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive | Through November 14
Donate \$25 Cub gift cards for Mission Outpost to distribute to families so they can shop for their Thanksgiving meals. Bring donations to the Welcome Desk or the Connect Desk.

Beer Church | November 16 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm | Ineffable Brewing
We’ll enjoy live music by **Russ Parrish**, share stories, and talk about faith without losing our minds or sense of humor.

POP Culture | Wednesdays | 5:30 – 6:45 pm | Room 200 BC
Make connections and practice living into the culture of Jesus.

Dinner Church | November 26 | 6:00 pm
Save the date for Thanksgiving Dinner Church — a time to gather in community, share a meal, and worship around the table.

Celebration of Light with Santa Lucia | December 9 | 11:00 am
Seniors! Join Life Savors for a Scandinavian luncheon and the American Swedish Institute’s fiddling group, Spelmanslag. \$25 per person. Space is limited! popmn.org/register

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



Upcoming Celebration of Life Services:

Dennis Anderson (November 7)
Kenneth Wuori (November 29)
Sharon Norrbom (December 12)

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.

**CELEBRATION
WEEKEND!**

NOVEMBER 8/9

Bring your statements of intent – which include giving options for both the capital campaign and our annual stewardship fund – to worship!

Learn more about the campaign at popmn.org/give/preserve-open-plant/





Trust the Story | Benevolent | Sacrifice

At a glance, today's story from Ruth reads as though Boaz is trying to sell Ruth like property, and then buying her himself when there are no takers. But there's a lot more going on here.

In Ruth's time, when a married man died, it was customary for one of his close male relatives to marry his widow in order to provide for her and her children. Whether or not this was a good thing would depend on his circumstances. For a man whose inheritance was already divided between many family members or someone without access to wealth, this could be a financial hardship. But for the widow, this kind of union probably meant the difference between starvation and survival.

The "next of kin" that Boaz is talking to in Ruth 4:5-6 is the person who technically should marry Ruth, both to keep her dead husband's name on the land and to provide for the widows. But he says no, because taking on two widows would be too expensive for him.

So Boaz steps up and takes Ruth and Naomi into his family, regardless of the expense. He makes a sacrifice because that kind of provision was the customary and compassionate thing for him to do. It was a life-saving sacrifice. And one result of this story is that Ruth, a Moabite woman and therefore an "outsider," becomes the great-grandmother of King David and is listed in the genealogy of Jesus.

What does this story have to say about welcoming a stranger, an immigrant, an unexpected visitor? What does this story say about providing for those in need? Can beautiful things come from unexpected kindness? Where have you seen that happen in your life?

What do you think would happen to Naomi and Ruth in this country today? Would there be opportunities for them to work, to provide for themselves? Would we be quick to give up a part of our inheritance in order to provide for someone like them, new to this country and without options? What do you think would happen if this kind of sacrificial love was common?

How are expectations subverted in this story? Think about the stories of Joseph, Jacob, Tamar, Moses, Jonah, Zaccheus, and more. How are these stories radical and subversive? Do you think the whole Bible is like that? Why, or why not? Do stories like these, read collectively, have a message for us? Is it a message we want to hear?

In the reading from John, Jesus tells Peter three times to "feed my sheep."

Why do you think Peter gets a little frustrated when Jesus keeps repeating himself? Does Jesus know his request is harder than it sounds? Can you hold back your time, resources or heart and still "feed your sheep"? What is he really asking of Peter? How does this story relate to the reading from Ruth?