



PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

February 21– 22, 2026

Screen Time

1 Corinthians 6:12 | Matthew 11:16-19



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

House of the Lord
Goodness of God

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
It Really Is Amazing Grace

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

O God Our Help in Ages Past
Choir Anthem: To You, I Lift My Soul
Brass: Musical Offering
Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

MESSAGE: Rory Philstrom
COMMUNION: 5:30 pm Saturday

Upcoming Celebration of Life Service:
Bill Hammerlund – February 28
Bob Klungness – March 17
Sandra Bergsten – April 24

LOOKING FOR PRAYER?

Prayer ministers are available after both Sunday services to pray with you in the sanctuary.

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.

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.

RESCHEDULED – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 25 | 7:00 pm

Join us for this time of reflection and preparation as we begin Lent.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Dinner for 8 | Register by March 4 at popmn.org/register

Join a group of 8 from March-June for a casual monthly meal while making lasting friendships. Contact Pastor Sarah: sfike@popmn.org.

The Connection Series: Faith & Parenting | Begins March 1 10:00 – 10:30 am | Room 200E | No registration necessary

Connect with other parents and discuss faith formation for children and the book *Woven* (\$12 at the Welcome Desk).

Lenten Soup Suppers | Wednesdays

February 25 – March 25 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm | Community Room

Gather in community for a simple meal. The meal is free, the table is open throughout the Lenten season, and we'd love to see you!

Mid-Year Financial Forum | February 22 | 10:00 – 10:30 am

Join the Finance Committee in the Community Room for a report.

NEW DATE: Trail Church (Snowshoe Edition) | February 28

Meet at the Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge at 9:00 am!

Prince of Peace Board Member Applications | Due March 31

Want to serve on the board? Visit popmn.org/about/leadership.

We're excited to share that a recent anonymous donor has given a generous \$10,000 gift to the FMSC South Metro MobilePack!

We'd love to match this incredible donation. If you feel led to be part of matching this gift, we've placed a box at the back of the chapel (Saturday) and Sanctuary (Sunday) to accept gifts designated for FMSC only. You can also give online by scanning the QR code below and choosing FMSC from the drop-down. We're almost to our \$50,000 goal!



JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!

WHAT IS YOUR GOLIATH?

DUNGEON or BATTLEFIELD

What is the battlefield or dungeon? What fearsome or mundane realities have kept you away? What guardians block the way or seal the doors?

SKILL or CHALLENGE

What potential allies or enemies show up at the dungeon or battlefield? What else do you find here that could help or hurt your progress, depending on your approach? Are there puzzles to solve?

SETBACK

Success is hardly ever a straight line. What pitfall might you have to navigate on your way to gaining what you seek?

CLIMACTIC CONFLICT

What climactic challenge – or Goliath – stands as the final guardian between you and what you ultimately seek?

REWARD

What lies on the other side of this battle? What is your reason for risking the danger of the fight? What will you gain? What surprise might be in store after your victory here is won?

In the stories of the Bible, demons are entities that can trap people, rendering them lost and helpless. They are powers that make a person lose sight of who they are and doubt the presence and power of God. They often impact an individual's ability to communicate or participate in the community. One example is the story of Goliath, a single man who made an entire army lose its trust in God.

Stories like these, in the Bible and in our lives, can be mapped onto a play experience. Think about them as a dungeon in Dungeons & Dragons. Dungeons are deep and intractable, where no one can hear you and you may lose your way.

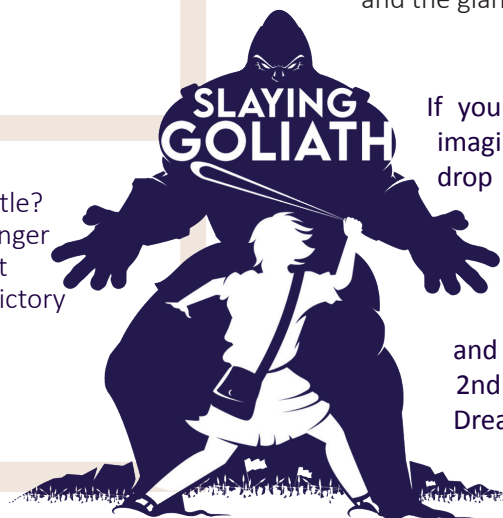
The monsters that call the dungeons home are there to rob you of your power and challenge your abilities. Here lies the kind of conflict that makes you lose sight of yourself and challenges your trust in God. But if we use play to imagine these places, we can also use play to imagine ourselves overcoming them.

We can map the dungeon. We can name the demons. We can slay the goliaths and gain the reward on the other side.

The Goliath of SCREEN TIME

Slaying the Goliath of screen time begins with a simple declaration: "I will not be dominated." Like the giant on the battlefield, our screens can fill our vision and shape our attention and emotions.

But in Christ we are not captive. We are free. Each small choice to set the phone down, to be present, to choose conversation and prayer over scrolling, is a smooth stone of holy resistance. The question is simple: Whom does this serve? When we choose presence over scrolling, conversation over consumption, and imagination over isolation, we participate in God's liberating work in our lives and the giant falls one undominated step at a time.



If you would like to flex your powers of imagination with screen-free community, drop by **Roll for Joy: Adventurers League**, a local partnership of play between Prince of Peace and Living Joy Lutheran Churches, rooted in the belief that imagination, community, and joy are sacred gifts. Games run every 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 5-8pm at Dreamers Vault Games.