



October 17-18, 2026

Led by Prayer

Esther 2:10-13

**MESSAGE:** Paul Dean

**CONTEMPORARY | SATURDAY, 5:30 pm**

*Communion | Songs + Scripture*

Goodness of God

Great is Thy Faithfulness

You're Here

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

**CLASSIC | SUNDAY, 9:00 am**

Be Thou My Vision

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*Flutes: Little Fugue*

All Creatures Of Our God And King

**CONTEMPORARY | SUNDAY, 10:30 am**

*Baptisms: Ellie Lou Brostrum,*

*Kayden Forst Hoyne, Maxwell Jared Schroeder*

This Is Amazing Grace

I Know A Name

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Battle Belongs

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**Contemporary | Saturdays 5:30 pm | Sundays 10:30 am**

**Family | Wednesdays 7:00 pm**

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**Confirmation Worship | October 25 | 9:00 & 10:30 am services**

Student Ministry is leading worship as we celebrate students  
completing confirmation! Join us!

**Twin Cities Praise Symphony Concert | October 25 | 4:00 pm**

Join us for an evening of music from this interdenominational  
orchestra. A free-will offering will benefit worship arts!

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**Family Ministry** – [popmn.org/children](https://popmn.org/children) OR [popmn.org/students](https://popmn.org/students)

**Pillars Bible Study | Tuesdays, 6:30 am | Wednesdays, 12:30 pm**

Ask questions, wonder, discover and grow together in faith during  
this weekly Bible study. Choose Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

**Treats & Trivia | October 20 | 6:30 pm**

Join Repurposed Adults for an evening of connection featuring  
desserts and a round of trivia.

**Boo Bash | October 24 | 10:00 am**

Kids and families – you're invited to a fun morning of not-so-scary  
costumes, trick-or-treating, and activities!

**Making Sense of Estate Planning | October 26 | 6:30 pm**

We'll talk about trusts, wills, probate, and getting things in order  
for you and those you care about. [popmn.org/register](https://popmn.org/register)

**Grief Support Group | 10-week series | Mondays | 6:00 pm**

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Share the Message: Love God. Love People. (Cash or credit cards.)

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## LED BY PRAYER

As Esther is “prepared” for the king, Mordecai paces daily outside the palace in hopes of hearing word about how Esther is doing. The text paints a picture of a long, stressful, anxious time of waiting.

How does Esther’s predicament sound today, in a culture that is struggling with sexual assault and abuse? Do we still have a long way to go? Is it even possible to address, change or re-direct this human need to control other people, and other peoples’ bodies, or are we eternally stuck in this cycle of control and abuse?

Esther has access to luxuries like extravagant chambers, food, clothing, oils and perfumes. Does the way she is cared for within this system make the system good? Are there ways today that we are blind to oppression that happens under the trappings of apparent wealth or favor? Do these systems stand in the way of shalom, peace, wholeness? How do we participate in or benefit from these systems?

What does Mordecai do when his cousin is at risk? Why does he tell her not to reveal her background and lineage? How might it feel to have your life depend on hiding your true identity? Are there people in the United States right now who are hiding their true identity in order to survive? What can we do as a community of faith to create spaces of belonging in which all identities are welcomed and celebrated?

Think of the months that Mordecai paced outside the palace, anxiously waiting for news. When have you experienced long, anxious times of waiting? Waiting is built into our spiritual life together; Advent is a season of waiting, and we wait in darkness between Good Friday and Easter. Think about waiting for a call from a doctor, waiting for a child to be born, waiting to see if a relationship will work out, waiting for a storm to pass, waiting to hear about a job offer or a school acceptance or a test result, or waiting for confirmation that your loved one has arrived safely home.

How do you handle these periods of waiting? Are there habits or practices that get you through? Does Mordecai’s extended period of waiting have anything to say to us today?



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE?

**PRAYER MINISTERS** are available to pray with you after worship on Sundays in the lounge through the doors at the back of the sanctuary.

If you would like to submit a prayer request at any time, email [prayer@popmn.org](mailto:prayer@popmn.org).

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *as of October 13*

#### PRAYERS OF HEALING:

Jody Gunderson | Gary Jacobson | Tom Moran | Matt

#### PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY:

Family and friends of: Alan Olson | Tom Whitney | Linda Olstad | Jerry Bonkoski | Clare Haugen

#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES:

Clare Haugen | October 19

Audrey Peterson | November 2

Alan Olson | December 5