

# 1010

*for*

Week Three

## OPEN HANDS

*Sacrificial Giving*



FEBRUARY 1, 2026 ✝ 8:00 AM + 10:15 AM

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as you're comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

## SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT TODAY: BIBLE STUDY IN SERVICE

At the end of the service today (like the last two Sundays) we'll spend about 15 minutes with a short Bible study. Feel free to take notes, raise your hand to answer a question, or just listen. The goal of these short Bible studies is to think through some of the many parts of the Bible that encourage faithful stewardship.

## A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Gracious God, all that I have comes from you: my body and mind, my strength and intelligence, my time and abilities, my energy and possessions. Guard me from the temptation to use these gifts only for my personal benefit. Make me willing to use them joyfully and sacrificially in service to you and to your people. Amen.

## OUR OFFERING APP/ELECTRONIC GIVING IS CHANGING!

**Please note that we are rolling out a new app that will be a home for much of the communication and scheduling and giving we do here at PoP.**

**Here's a QR code that takes you to our church center app:**



**Please get the app and look around! It's easy to sign up and this will also be our new church directory. More info will come but it's not too soon to use this for giving.**

**We want to switch to using this app for giving because the fees are much lower than our current electronic giving system. Both ways to give will be available for a while to make sure everyone is able to switch over. In the offering section of the service, there's a QR code to take you directly to our giving page if you already have the app.**

## 10 for 10 : OPEN HEARTS (Sacrificial Giving)

This weekend is the third of a three-week stewardship emphasis titled Ten for Ten.

The Lord speaks to us about worldly wealth and possessions over 2,300 times in his Word.

Two weeks ago, we heard that the Lord asks, without apology, to be first in our hearts. The Lord's position in our heart is to be reflected in our firstfruits giving. Last week, we considered the matter of proportional giving. What percentage of the Lord's blessings do we really need to live on? This week, our series concludes by examining what God has to say about sacrificial giving.

These biblical accounts of sacrificial giving are another one of God's blessings to us. May we hear them, be inspired by them, and—as God gives us opportunity—make them our own story!

If you haven't received a Ten for Ten packet yet, please grab one in the entryway today.

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### Some encouraging words and stories from fellow believers here:

God knows my heart, tithing helps me to know where my heart is. -Member of PoP

"It's not about me." I'm not sure when exactly this sunk in. Maybe it was opportunities I had to serve underprivileged. Maybe it was just serving others in general, but at some point, it really sank in. I could have a nicer car, a fancier place to live, a bigger tv, more toys, etc., but it's not about me. It's all about Jesus. It's about the souls he loves who are lost and need to be reached. It's about the souls he loves who know him and need to be nurtured. It's always about others and, more importantly, it's always about Jesus and his work. So, I forego some of the things I could have in order to give because I can't take those with me, but I can help make sure those souls are singing Jesus' praises with me eternally. Because, in the end, it's all about Him. -Member of PoP

My parents were great models of both ordinary and extraordinary giving. Though I never knew how much money my father made, I always knew that 10% of it went straight to Church. Beyond that, I saw them give time and money repeatedly to many in need. When I got my first real job and first real paycheck, I should've known exactly what to do. Oddly, I had a lot of good reasons why I couldn't tithe "just yet." It was not until I was married and encouraged by my husband to set those excuses aside (even in our early very lean years together) that regular giving became an ordinary part of life for me again. There was no "aha moment," but through the ordinary discipline of regular tithing God quite literally changed my stingy heart, and then slowly and miraculously allowed me to see what a gift and privilege it might be to give beyond that. -Friend of PoP

A long time ago, my wife and I had a small apartment, a 10-year old car, my student loan to pay back, my wife's tuition and books, income taxes, and other living expenses. How much would we be able to contribute to our church? My \$685/month salary and a small income from my wife working odd jobs hardly covered our expenses. This was before personal computers and Excel spreadsheets, so we used an envelope system as a budgeting tool. Each month, we would divide our incomes into labeled envelopes: rent, food, gasoline, utilities, church and miscellaneous, and hoped there would be no surprise expenses.

We were not pleased with the amount of our church offering and tried to come up with a way to increase it. What worked for us was to give a major portion of every pay increase that we would receive to our church, eventually surpassing 10% of our income. Our Lord does not tell us how much to return to him, only that it should be freely given from our hearts. 10% seemed like a reasonable goal. This procedure worked well for us. Normally, pay increases are received for overtime pay, promotions, cost of living adjustments (COLA), etc. As our children grew, we tried to instill in them that they should set aside at least 10% of their babysitting, paper routes, yard work income, no matter how big or small, to be returned to our Lord. After all, everything belongs to him anyway. -Friend of PoP

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

∞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type. ∞

## OPENING HYMN 877 - STANZAS 1-4 Reformation Song

*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### VERSES OF PRAISE

*Psalm 24:1; 145:1,3,4,13*

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.**

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.**

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.**

### OUR CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, heavenly Father, we humbly come before you today knowing that we have failed to speak lovingly, think purely, or act rightly. We have sinned against you and against others...

...in our lack of love for one another

**...in our slowness and hesitancy to spread your Gospel.**

... in often wasting the precious time you give us.

**...in our restless and relentless preoccupation with worldly wealth.**

...in failing to care for the bodies and minds you have given us.

**...in our refusal to make you our first priority. Lord, have mercy on us.**

*Silence for personal reflection*

### OUR LORD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the Word of the Lord:

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. (*Isaiah 1:18*)

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*)

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to

God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phant-ly raise, who fash-ioned and

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, giver of life and source of all love, we know that all we have received comes from your gracious hand. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send your Holy Spirit to work through us, that many more might come to know the saving riches of your Son. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of your Son in our hearts, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

Be seated.

## FIRST READING

## 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

St. Paul tells us of the Macedonians who, moved by the grace of Jesus Christ, gave sacrificially.

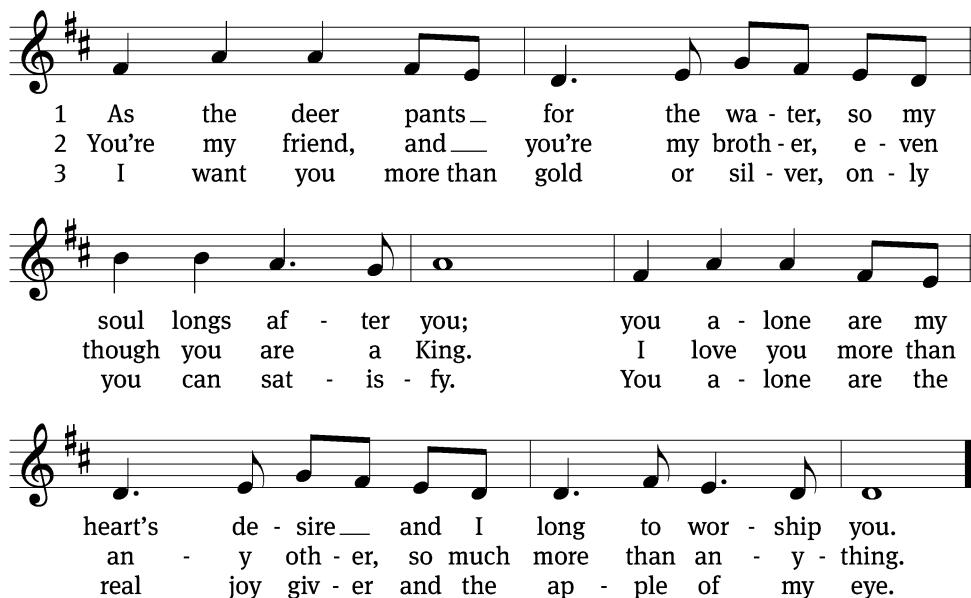
**A**nd now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on

your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 145



1 As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my  
 2 You're my friend, and you're my broth - er, e - ven  
 3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly

soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my  
 though you are a King. I love you more than  
 you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the

heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.  
 an - dy oth - er, so much more than an - dy - thing.  
 real joy giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

*Refrain*



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -

lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

*Please stand*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Jesus commends the confident faith of a widow, faith made evident in her sacrificial giving.*

**J**esus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 696 Take My Life and Let It Be

**SERMON** Mark 12 Hands Reveal Hearts

*Please stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards, grant the people of this church a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you—our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse.

**Send your Holy Spirit to empower us as we swim against the rising tides of materialism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture.**

When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for a portion of our income to be returned to you as a symbol of our

awareness that all we have has been given by you, and as a sign of our trust that you will continue to provide.

**Help us in this grace of giving, for you are the lover of our souls.**

M: Most Holy Spirit, you breathed life into humanity and gave us various gifts and talents that we might use them for your glory and the common good.

**Help us to give ourselves to the well-being of others, just as Christ gave himself for our well-being, even unto the cross.**

*Special intercessions may be inserted here.*

Savior Jesus, you gave your disciples the responsibility of taking your gospel to the ends of the earth. Make our congregation generous in the support of missionaries

who preach the good news on our behalf in those places we cannot go.

**Guard them and their families with your holy angels, and bless their labors as it pleases you. Amen.**

## OFFERING



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.*

*To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **Give + dollar amount** (example: **Give\$5**) to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

**A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS** *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

## THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All glory and splendor, thanks and praise are yours, O Lord, our Father.

You pierced the gloomy darkness of sin and unbelief with the brilliant light of your Son.

You guided the Magi to worship the Christ and revealed the mystery of your eternal plan to save both Jew and Gentile.

You declared Jesus your beloved Son at the Jordan River and, with your Spirit, you anointed him to be the Savior of all people.

Bless our reception of your Son's body and blood that we may shine with the joy of

faith. Use this holy sacrament to illuminate our lives and minds with Christ's forgiveness, peace, and comfort. Refresh our faith, and help us to reflect his truth and grace to the world. We ask this that you may receive endless honor, glory, and praise from every tribe and language and people and nation.

**Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give**

us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\ddagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\ddagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**HYMN 767 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

**HYMN 816 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus**

Remain seated

## PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BIBLE STUDY: SACRIFICIAL GIVING

A quick review of where we have been the last two weeks:

- **Firstfruits giving:** Giving comes \_\_\_\_\_ because God comes \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Proportional giving:** We prayerfully consider how much of God's money we need to \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Sacrificial giving:** Giving that actually \_\_\_\_\_ something.

*CS Lewis: I'm afraid the only safe rule in giving is to be a bit uncomfortable, to give a little more than we can spare.*

*Randy Alcorn: Show me your visa statement and I'll show you where your heart is.*

### Jesus' Words

"Where your \_\_\_\_\_ is, there your \_\_\_\_\_ will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

### A big invitation

#### Malachi 3:10

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."*

What promise does the Lord give to the children of Israel there?

### The Widow's Gift (Mark 12:41–44)

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

- Jesus praised a widow who gave \_\_\_\_\_ % of what she had.

- In God's ledger book, a fraction of a \_\_\_\_\_ can be more than thousands of dollars.
- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ what people give.
- She wasn't looking into \_\_\_\_\_ cupboard for security. She was looking into \_\_\_\_\_ cupboard.

Jesus praised her \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_.

When it comes to giving, the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_, is what counts in God's sight.

### **Poor As Dirt, Yet Serving the Saints (2 Corinthians 8:2-4)**

*<sup>2</sup>In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.*

Even in extreme poverty, the Macedonian Christians:

- Gave \_\_\_\_\_
- Gave \_\_\_\_\_
- Saw giving as a \_\_\_\_\_

### **Putting It All Together**

- Firstfruits giving teaches that God comes \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proportional giving teaches \_\_\_\_\_ generosity.
- Sacrificial giving teaches \_\_\_\_\_ that may \_\_\_\_\_ — but also \_\_\_\_\_.

A Question for Reflection

What's \_\_\_\_\_ ?

One lovely reason to give: I don't \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_.

### **NOTES**

- Next Sunday your commitment cards will be gathered during the offering. (We're praying for 100% participation!)
- One last reminder: Your commitment cards will not be opened. They will be placed on the altar for ten weeks and then returned to you unopened for your prayerful reflection.

- Please do not place offerings in your 10 for 10 commitment envelopes. The only thing that goes in that envelope is your giving plan.
- Throughout the ten weeks of 10 for 10, we will receive additional encouragements from God's Word. Why? "If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."

## PRAYER

Gracious God, all that I have comes from you: my body and mind, my strength and intelligence, my time and abilities, my energy and possessions. Guard me from the temptation to use these gifts only for my personal benefit. Make me willing to use them joyfully in service to you and to your people.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and  give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## CLOSING HYMN 617 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



*We thank the Lord for our accompanist, Tori Diersen, and for her gifts used to serve us and our Savior this morning!*



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