



## **PARKWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*“The friendly church with a place for you”*

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### **Mission Statement**

**We are a nurturing church family, believing and witnessing to the Gospel of God’s love by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ and ministering to the needs of the community and world.**

**October 15  
Ordinary Time—Proper 23  
[www.parkwaypcf.org](http://www.parkwaypcf.org)**

## Our Day of Worship

**The Theme For The Day:** In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

**WE WELCOME ALL** in worship this morning. We especially welcome those who are our guests today and hope that you will feel God's Spirit of grace and love among us here at Parkway. If you are looking for a Church Home, we invite you to consider our congregation.

*Please silence cell phones ( + ) Denotes to please stand, if you are able*

### AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### GATHERING

L / You have been called to the banquet.

**C / This is the feast.**

L / You have been summoned to the wedding.

**C / This is the feast of life and light.**

L / From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**C / We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!**

(Please remain standing for the confession)

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**+HYMN :**

**“I've Got Joy, Joy, Joy ”**

1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,  
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,

down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

## **AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR THE PARDON**

### **+ CALL TO CONFESSION**

**L** / Let us come before the throne of God, the mercy seat, with all of our humanity, open to the peace of promised forgiveness.

### **+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**C** / You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.

### **SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**Pastor** / The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven! For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, rejoice!

*People / Amen.*

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Hallelujah”**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*(sing twice)*

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

**Pastor**/ The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People** / **And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with those around you)*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor**: Your word, O God, is a feast all its own. Let your Holy Spirit open our minds to your call to listen, for we know your holy Word heals and reconciles your people. Amen.

+ HYMN:

*“We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus ”*



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,  
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**Xander John Stavenau**

**&**

**Penelope Jean Stavenau**

**Baptized on October 15, 2017**

### **OPENING SCRIPTURES**

Pastor: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And, remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (*Ephesians 4:4-6*)

Pastor: Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.

In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

**Shannon:** On behalf of the session, I present **Xander John Stavenau and Penelope Jean Stavenau** to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

### **EXAMINATION OF FAITH**

Pastor: Would the congregation please rise?

Pastor: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to share that faith to Xander & Penelope ?

**Congregation: We do.**

Pastor: Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Xander & Penelope to be a faithful Christian?

**Congregation: We do.**

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Xander & Penelope by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

**Congregation: We do.**

Pastor: Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Pastor: To the parents of Xander & Penelope , and all of the congregation, I say to you: As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**Congregation: We do.**

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ, and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**Congregation: We do.**

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**Congregation: We will, with God's help.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Pastor: With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: The congregation may be seated.

## **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks. In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past, and have blessed us with signs of your grace.

We praise you that through the waters of the sea, you led your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection, you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you that in baptism you give us your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon this water, that this font may be your womb of new birth. May Xander & Penelope, who now pass through these waters, be delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness. Bind Xander & Penelope to the household of faith, guard them from all evil. Strengthen them to serve you with joy until the day you make all things new. To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. Amen



### **THE BAPTISM**

Pastor: Xander John Stavenau , I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Penelope Jean Stavenau, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Pastor: O Lord, uphold Xander /Penelope by your Holy Spirit. Give him/her the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Xander /Penelope , child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDLE**

**Shannon:** Xander and Penelope , let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Shannon:** Xander and Penelope , have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism.

God has made these dear ones members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

### **ANTHEM**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON AND CHURCH**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *Here ends our reading*

### PSALM 23

L / Let us begin together:

*All: You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over.*

L / <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**C / <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

L / <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**C / <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

L / <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C / <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

*All: You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over.*

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 4:1-9

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. *Here ends our reading*

## ANTHEM

## SERMON

Chaplain Kim Stavenau

## **AS WE RESPOND TO GOD**

*(The congregation may be seated)*

*(Please complete Prayer Cards and hand to an usher)*

**L/** Because God has given you a great banquet, let your thanksgiving overflow with joyous giving for the sake of others. **C / Blessed be God forever.**

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

### **DOXOLOGY**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**L /** God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CURRENT:** Margo Adams, Carol Forehand, Georgie Krobetzky, Faye Jackson, Marge Lily, Marilyn Sandell, Storm Victims.

**CONTINUING:** Tony Abbott, Ed Brown, Pastor Reid, Nick Cosford, Doris Dixon, Ida Mae Fleming, Anne Freeland, Mary Gordon, Anna Jones, Helen Lawson, Lee Masters, Chris Meek, Marty Reed, Joan Scherer, Marilyn Schubert, Myrt Shoemaker, Marge Smith, Jean Olson, Rhema Drayton.

**HOMEBOUND:** Darol Keefer, Gordon Merkel, Julie Reith, Model Richardson, Bertie Shuster, Alan Stone, Barbara VonNyvenheim, Millie Miller, Helen Gustafson, Jackie Hogan

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

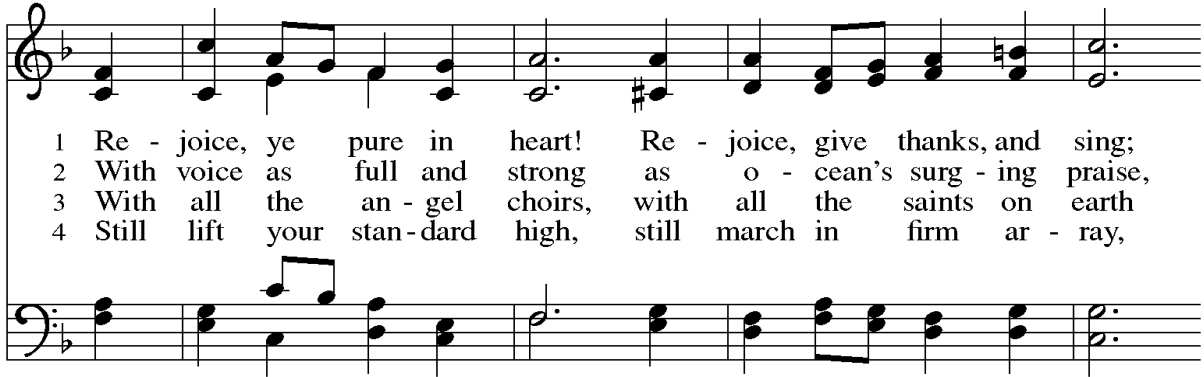
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**


Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**+HYMN:**

**“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart ”**




1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE THOUGHTS

“**R**ejoice in the Lord always,” strikes the ear so poignantly because we know that Paul is writing from a prison cell. Hope burns so brightly when carried by someone who is not yet through the trials of suffering. Our participation in eschatological action makes so much sense when we see it aligned with the direction of Christ’s actions and the direction of God’s coming into the world. Paul commends to us eschatological actions that flow from what is true, honorable, and just. Doing these kinds of actions, reflective of Christ’s actions, we participate in the hope of God’s coming.

#### **Household Prayer: Morning**

On this new day, O God, I thank you for clean air that fills my lungs, for water to drink and stream over the rocks, for light that creates life and shines on my path, for soil that grows fruits and vegetables, fashions hills and valleys, and makes homes for creatures in burrows and trees. Let me see Earth today with gratitude and feast my senses on its beauty; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

#### **Household Prayer: Evening**

As this day is ending and I lie down to sleep, gracious God, I thank you for this day. I am mindful of the work I have done, the tasks I have not yet accomplished, the moments of blessing between me and those with whom I shared some hours, the joys of friendship and family, and all the hopes I have for tomorrow. Give me good sleep and keep me safe; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY** is collecting Thanksgiving foods such as canned yams, chicken gravy (bottled or box), green beans.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**, our “Shoebox Ministry” has started. Shoeboxes and the supply list are located on the table in the narthex (lobby). Please take one or more shoeboxes to fill and bring them back to the table when finished. For more information, please speak with Lisa Davis, our Coordinator for the project! We will also be having special Sundays in September and October so that you may bring in some of the supplies needed to fill the shoeboxes.

**THIS SUNDAY**, we continue collecting items for the shoebox ministry. We are collecting toys that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yoys, jump robes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries, etc. Please do not include used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out of date candy, liquids or lotions; medications or glass containers; aerosol cans. If you forgot today, you may bring them next Sunday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURES TO CONTEMPLATE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 45:1-7](#) - *An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will*

[Psalms 96:1-9](#) - *Ascribe to the LORD honor and power.*

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#) - *Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica*

[Matthew 22:15-22](#) - *A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** is being celebrated today for Xander John Stavenau and Penelope Jean Stavenau, children of John Paul Stavenau and Rikki Tennille Drewitz. We are excited to have these baptisms at Parkway and pray for this young family in this part of their faith journey.

**A COSTUME PARADE** will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. They will parade around the sanctuary several times in their costumes and will receive candy from our congregational members. We began this several years ago and it is always a big hit. So, remember to bring your candy here that Sunday to give out to the kids! We will also be celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

**OUR OLD HYMNALS** have been removed from the pews since we no longer use hymnals in our worship. If you would like to have a few, please take them. If you or a loved one gave one of these hymnals, you may sort through them to find that special hymnal.

### **FALL WORKDAY HAS CHANGED DATES:**

We will now have the workday on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (or a date and time of your choosing). Please check the list of work items posted on the easel in the narthex and determine where you and your talents can best serve the Lord. Breakfast snacks and lunch will be served. Thank you on behalf of the Building and Grounds Team and the people of Parkway for your cooperation and participation in maintaining and improving our building and grounds as good stewards of all that Christ has entrusted to us.

**PASTOR RIC AND CATHY** are away today in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina attending a family event. Cathy's aunt (her father's sister) is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and the family is gathered together for this special event. While there, Pastor Ric will lead a memorial service for another aunt who entered the Church Triumphant several months ago. Pastor Ric and Cathy will return to Panama City on Tuesday.

**WE WELCOME CHAPLAIN KIM STAVENAU** who is leading our worship service while Pastor Ric and Cathy are away this Sunday. Kim will be the celebrant in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for two children in her family. We pray for Kim and her leadership today.

## THIS WEEK'S MINISTRY CALENDAR AT PARKWAY

### TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School For All Ages  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Fellowship

### MONDAY

7:00 PM AA in Skipper's Nest

### WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM Wednesday Workers  
5:30 PM Bell Choir  
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir  
7:00 PM AA in Skipper's Nest

### THURSDAY

6:00 PM Hooks & Needles

### SATURDAY

7:00 PM AA in Skipper's Nest

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School For All Ages  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Fellowship



Fellowship Time is important to the life of the congregation. We always want to provide wonderful treats during this time. If your last name begins with **S-Z** would you please bring goodies for next Sunday's fellowship.

### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

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### CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

10-15 Jim Olson  
10-16 Bob Kuchta  
10-16 Anna Worcester  
10-17 Anna Jones  
10-19 Bruce Davis  
10-20 Stephanie Martin  
10-21 Stephen Brosius



### OUR SAINTS SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Elder : Mitch Connor  
Lay Assistant: Kathy Riley  
Sunday School Teachers: Bob and Mandy Kuchta

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