



*Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church*

April 12, 2026





Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

Our ushers are available to assist you as needed.

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, we invite you to visit our website. There you will find out the ways to keep in touch, how we live our faith, our different partnerships and so much more.

Our website address is: www.firstpresracine.org

If you're interested in receiving news about the church, please call 262.632.1686 or email: shelley@firstpresracine.org

Rev. Darren Utley—Church Pastor
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Today's Service

PASTOR – Rev. Darren Utley

LITURGIST – Ken Schacht

MUSICIANS – *Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus, Alan Galle, The Well-Intentioned Repenters*

MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST & DRUMS – Steve Comeau

*Please stand as you are able.

[Bold type] indicates text to be spoken by the congregation.

[Bold italic type] indicates song to be sung by the congregation.



We Gather to Worship

As a courtesy to everyone, please mute your mobile device.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Schacht

Welcome! May you find God's love, peace, grace, and joy as we worship today.

PRELUDE

Andante | *Clément Loret*

PRAYER OF INVITATION

God of wisdom and mercy, we turn to you aware of our need for you. In a season of wandering, we pray that you will guide us along right paths: paths of curiosity when we are disillusioned, paths of hope when we despair, paths of open doors when we are stuck, and paths of transformation when we are corrupted. Wipe the stain of shame from our brows and mark us instead with the sign of your holy presence, so that we may travel with you in renewed joy and courage, living as your people and acting with your wisdom and mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

[GtG Hymn #450]

*Alejandro Alumbrosos, Mark Paffrath,
Pat Badger, Dave Titus, Alan Galle*

THE LORD'S PRAYER/PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

[GtG Hymn #242, v. 1, refrain]

***Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
tell the news, the gospel spread!
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,
praise Christ risen from the dead!***

***Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;
sing of the seed from barren earth greening
sing of creation, alleluia!***

***Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;
sing of the saints in water made holy;
sing of salvation, alleluia!***

*PASSING THE PEACE

In the Sermon on the Mount

Jesus offers this blessing:

"Blessed are the peacemakers

They will be called children of God."

Jesus also encourages us to not worry about tomorrow

for God's eye is on the lilies and the sparrow.

As children of God, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Calvary's Shadow

The Well-Intentioned Repenters

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

[NT 5-6]

SERMON

Matthew: Prayer 1

Rev. Darren Utley

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Pie Jesu | *Andrew Lloyd Webber*

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

[GtG Hymn #757]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Holy Forever | *Chris Tomlin, arr. Phillip Keveren*

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!***

Going Forth to Minister

*CLOSING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

[GtG Hymn #435]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

Because You Live, O Christ


[GtG Hymn #249, v. 1, refrain]

***Because you live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower,
the darkness of the tomb is flooded with your resurrection power.***

***The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!
O sing this Easter Day, for Jesus Christ has risen,
has risen, has risen, has risen!***

POSTLUDE

Andantino | *Josef Latzelsberger*



Please review the prayer list to see if there is anyone who can be removed from the list or should someone be added. If there are changes to be made, please reach out to Theresa or Shelley.
Thank you!

Prayer Matters

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for Mary & Steve Bernstein and family, with the recent death of Mary's mother - Sue Ann; and all who have recently experienced the loss of a friend or family member. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

Prayers of comfort & healing for Evelyn Vanderheyden, Sheila Lawrence, Don Tobias, Peggy Taylor, Pam Simpson, Vi Shufelt, Peggy Wagner, Ed Lehmann, Austin Moulds, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ellen Easley, Sandra Hopkins, Kay Mahl, Mary Johnson, Leah Fisher, Barb Stevenson, and an unspoken prayer for a church member.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Kathy Wortley & her sister-as they help with the cares for Richard—her elderly father; Baby Hazel—grandniece of Carrie & Kathi; Dan—father of Shelley Maurer; John—husband of Sandy Hawley; Johan—brother of Cecilia Andersson; Chad—son of Sheila Lawrence; Mark—son of Sharon Campbell; David—brother and Lynn—sister-in-law of Ed Lehmann; Mary Ann—mother of Cheryl Nitz; Jack Flynn and Mary—sister of Gretchen Hermann; the paternal grandfather of Autumn Eifert; Amy—daughter of Jim & Bonnie Eastman; Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley; Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama; Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; Chuck—husband of Sue Pehlivanian; Scott Mohn—friends of the Paffrath family; Ramona, Steve, Susan, Sandra, John, Liz and Gabby—friends & family of the Galles; Meyer Schaal.

Prayers for those in the service – Evan Humphreys, Col. Jay Brooke, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith, Nicholas Hansen.

Thank you for your continued prayers for everyone. They are powerful!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Apr. 12 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Fellowship
Mon., Apr. 13 th	9:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., Apr. 14 th	6:30 ^{PM}	Deacons Meeting
Wed., Apr. 15 th	4:00 ^{PM} 7:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Apr. 19 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Fellowship

*Join us as we celebrate 33 years of
Music & More!*

Music & More kicks off its 2026 season with a special concert on Saturday, May 9 at 7:00^{PM}. "Spring Sampler" will offer a taste of what makes M&M a unique program. Performers: "Caritas" - Greg & Kathy Berg, Kate Potter Barrow - vocal & piano; Jesse Gomez & Heather Lopp - violin & piano; and Mark Paffrath & Zachary Scot Johnson - vocal, guitar & piano. Early Bird Tickets are \$15 through May 2; \$20 after May 2.

Many of your favorite musicians are returning to play at the 10 FREE noontime concerts which will run on Thursdays from June 4 - Aug. 6, noon to 1:00^{PM}.

Choral **ARTS** Society

Fantasia!

Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church

716 College Avenue, Racine, WI 53403

Pre-Concert Event Included with Admission:
5:45-6:30PM "Beyond Für Elise" with *Fantasia!* Guest Artists



Randy Bush



Nick Renkosik

TICKET PRICES

Adult \$25 · Senior \$25 · Student \$15



Advance tickets available at:

Personal Touch by Julie Florist in Racine – 5445 Spring Street – with cash or check,
online at www.choralartsonline.org, or by calling (262) 634-3250.

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