



Welcome  
FAITH FAMILY FRIENDS

First Presbyterian Church

May 10, 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](http://www.firstpresracine.org)

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

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### *Today's Service*

PASTOR—*Rev. Darren Utley*

LITURGIST—*John Brooke*

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

*John Brooke*

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

PRELUDE

**Mother's Day** | *Kevin G. Pace*

POEM OF INVITATION

**Psalm 1 Redux** | *Carla Grosch-Miller*

Delight is born of discipline chosen. Contentment grows with wisdom. Deep listening leads along a cairn-marked trail, dew clinging to grass bent by pilgrim feet. The sky is blue here. Birdsong lifts the head. A cool breeze caresses the cheek. Legs grow strong like tree trunks; arms branch flexibly and dance with the wind. From each finger drips a ripening fruit. The water is fresh and clear. The plain is broad. Come.

\*OPENING HYMN

**Womb of Life and Source of Being**

[GtG Hymn #3]

*Alejandro Alumbremos, 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

**Now the Green Blade Rises**

[GtG Hymn #247, v. 4]

***When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
love is come again like wheat arising green.***

**\*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**

**Let It Be** | *John Lennon, Paul McCartney*  
*The Well-Intentioned Repenters*

*Proclaiming the Word*

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 7:12-20**  
[NT 7]

**SERMON**

**Roots and Fruits**  
*Rev. Darren Utley*

*Responding to the Word*

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

**Songs My Mother Taught Me** |  
*Antonín Dvořák, arr. King Palmer*

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

**Nothing Can Trouble**  
[GtG Hymn #820]

**\*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

Ave Marie | *Sigvaldi S. Kaldalóns*

\*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

**God Be with You Till We Meet Again**  
[GtG Hymn #542]

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING

**In the Bulb There Is a Flower**  
[GtG Hymn #250, v. 2]

***There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.***

POSTLUDE

**Dreaming of Home and Mother |**  
*John Pond Ordway, arr. Felix Sun*

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 all who have recently lost a friend or family member. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

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

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

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!*

## First Presbyterian / OBUUC Combined Fellowship Sunday, May 31, 2026

Planned by the "sowers" from both congregations, this Sunday is a special chance to mingle and learn more about each other. The day will unfold in this way:

9:30-10:00<sup>AM</sup> — First Presbyterian Sunday Service

10:15-11:15<sup>AM</sup> — Combined Fellowship of All of US!

11:30-12:00<sup>PM</sup> — OBUUC Sunday Service

In addition to bringing yourself—snacks, salads, sundries, cookies, pies, vegetables, fruits, and treats are mightily anticipated and warmly welcome.

### *Mission Initiative*

This year the **Hand of Hope/One Great Hour of Sharing** campaign will benefit four worthy organizations. Your donation will help to answer God's call to us: "To act justly...to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

The organizations are Royal Family KIDS Camp, Women's Resource Center, Cuba Partners Network and One Great Hour of Sharing.

Visit our webpage: [firstpresracine.org/donate](http://firstpresracine.org/donate), to give online. Then click on SECURE GIVING THRU PAYPAL and select *OGHS/Hand of Hope* from the dropdown list. Checks can also be added to the offering collection on Sundays (payable to First Presbyterian Church with a note in the memo area *OGHS/Hand of Hope*). Donations will be accepted through June 21<sup>th</sup>.

At the conclusion of the campaign, checks will be distributed to these organizations.

*Thank you!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., May 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> 10:40 <sup>AM</sup>	Sunday Worship Fellowship
Mon., May 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 <sup>AM</sup>	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., May 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 <sup>PM</sup>	Deacons Meeting
Wed., May 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 <sup>PM</sup> 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Food Pantry Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun., May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> 10:40 <sup>AM</sup>	Sunday Worship Fellowship

GOD BLESS  
*Mothers*