



Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church

May 17, 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—*Mary Bernstein*

MUSICIANS—*Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger,
Dave Titus, Chancel Choir*

MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST—*Sam Peters*

*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

Mary Bernstein

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

PRELUDE

Mosso Moderato | *Johannes Plag*

POEM OF INVITATION

Sabbath Poem IV 1993 | *Wendell Berry*

Hate has no world.
The people of hate must try
to possess the world of love,
for it is the only world;
it is Heaven and Earth.
But as lonely, eager hate
possesses it, it disappears;
it never did exist,
and hate must seek another
world that love has made.

*OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

[GtG Hymn #353]

Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus

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, refrain & v. 2]

*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 now of mourning turned into dancing;
sing now the mystery, hope of our glory;
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;
sing, all things living, 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Alleluia | *Ed Harris*
Chancel Choir

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:21-29
[NT 7]

SERMON

Sand or Rock
Rev. Darren Utley

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

I Will Call Upon the Lord

*SONG OF RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation
[GtG Hymn #463]

*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

In Christ Alone | *Keith Getty, Stuart Townsend*

*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

My Life Flows On
[GtG Hymn #821]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

In the Bulb There Is a Flower
[GtG Hymn #250, v. 3]

*In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.*

POSTLUDE

Moderato | *Christian H. Rinck*

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, Sandra Hopkins, 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; air traffic controllers..

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!*

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, 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 21th. At the conclusion of the campaign, checks will be distributed to these worthy organizations.

Thank you!

First Pres Food Pantry

Not a fan of grocery shopping?
Consider making a monetary donation—with cash, check, or an online donation (<https://firstpresracine.org/donate>).

As always, thank you for your continued generosity!

Announcements

Sun., May 17 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Fellowship
Tues., May 19 th	10:00 ^{AM}	Delivery for Food Pantry
Wed., May 20 th	2:00 ^{PM} 4:00 ^{PM}	Investment Committee Meeting (Ihrman Hall) Food Pantry
Sun., May 24 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Fellowship

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^{AM} — First Presbyterian Sunday Service

10:15-11:15^{AM} — Combined Fellowship of All of US!

11:30-12:00^{PM} — OBUUC Sunday Service

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