



*Welcome*

*First Presbyterian Church*

ACHIEVEMENT SUNDAY

June 14, 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)

**Rev. Darren Utley—Church Pastor**  
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## *Today's Service*

PASTOR—*Rev. Darren Utley*

LITURGIST—*Josh Utley*

MUSICIANS—*Alejandro Alumbrosos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus, 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

*Josh Utley*

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

PRELUDE

**Moderato** | J. de La Presle

POEM OF INVITATION

**To be of use** | Marge Piercy

The people I love the best  
jump into work head first  
without dallying in the shallows  
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.  
They seem to become natives of that element,  
the black sleek heads of seals  
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,  
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,  
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,  
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge  
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest  
and work in a row and pass the bags along,  
who are not parlor generals and field deserters  
but move in a common rhythm  
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.  
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.  
But the thing worth doing well done  
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.  
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,  
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums  
but you know they were made to be used.  
The pitcher cries for water to carry  
and a person for work that is real.

\*OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

[GtG Hymn #634]

*Alejandro Alumbrosos, 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

**Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**

[GtG Hymn #729, v. 1]

*Lord, I want to be a Christian*

*In my heart, in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit enabled people from different nations and languages to not only speak to one another, but to understand each other. Friends, in many ways, celebrating Pentecost is celebrating God's ability to forge connection and peace among diverse people and nations. As renewed, forgiven people, let us share the radical and unifying peace of God with one another now, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

**And also, with you.**

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENTS

**I'll Stand by You** | B. Steinberg, C. Hynde, T. Kelly

*The Well-Intentioned Repenters*

*Proclaiming the Word*

SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 9:35-10:8**

[NT 9-10]

SERMON

**Harvest**

*Rev. Darren Utley*

## *Responding to the Word*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

**We Fall Down**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

**Come, Labor On**  
[GtG Hymn #719]

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

*Joe & Jean Boticki*  
*Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

**Spirit, Open My Heart**

\*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

**I Need Thee Every Hour**  
[GtG Hymn #735]

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING

**Will You Come and Follow Me**  
[GtG Hymn #726, v. 1]

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

POSTLUDE

**Allegro Moderato | Alois Heckmayr**

Celebrating Their  
Achievements

Congratulations!



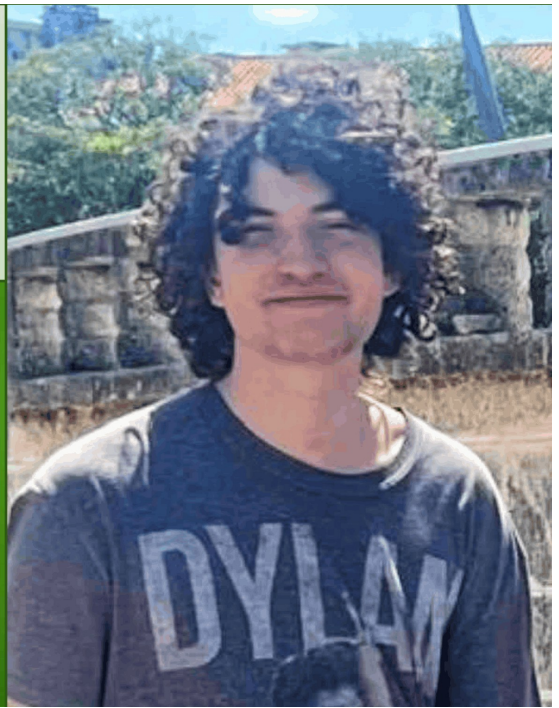
I am so proud to share that my daughter, **Emma DeGroot**, will be graduating from Lawrence University TODAY with a degree in Biology and a focus on public health. During her time at Lawrence, Emma has been deeply involved on campus and beyond — serving in student government, participating in Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, and singing in choir during her first two years. She also studied abroad through Lawrence University’s London Centre program, where she worked as a Clinical Trial Research Assistant with the William Harvey Research Institute and TrialsConnect in London.

In addition, Emma has worked as an assistant manager at Hollister, led undergraduate research on prenatal care in Wisconsin, and recently completed a marine biology field experience in Bonaire.

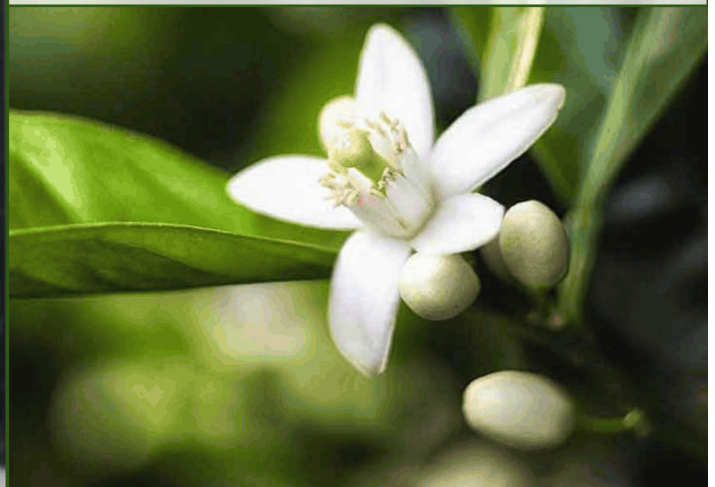
Emma has grown into a thoughtful, compassionate, hard-working young woman with a deep curiosity about the world and a heart for helping others. Our family is incredibly proud of all she has accomplished and excited to see where her next chapter leads. Although we will miss celebrating Achievement Sunday with our First Presbyterian family, we will be cheering loudly for Emma as she walks across the stage!



**Joshua Utley** graduated from The Prairie School and was this year's recipient of the *Dave Drewick Award* for Excellence and Creativity in the Visual Arts. He will be attending Carleton College in the fall where he will study History and Education. We are very proud of him, and we are grateful for the support of our church family.



**Claire Holle**, granddaughter of Dave & Ginny Holle, graduated from Prairie High School on May 22, 2026. This fall, Claire plans to attend Florida State University to pursue a degree in political science.





During his time in high school, **Lucas Alumbremos** participated in several musical productions, including *The Addams Family* as Gomez, *Finding Nemo* as Marlin, and *Les Misérables* as Javert. He was an active member of Chorale and Madrigals, earning the Footprints Award for his outstanding dedication and participation as a Madrigal Singer.

Lucas also participated in Link Crew and was a proud member of the International Thespian Society, demonstrating his commitment to leadership, service, and the performing arts.

Lucas graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors and will be attending Ball State University, where he will pursue studies in Actuarial Science and Astronomy. In recognition of his outstanding academic achievements throughout high school, he has been awarded Ball State University's Scholars Award.



In May, **Annie Comeau**, daughter of Steve Comeau, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Annie is focusing on a career that will allow her to use her nursing degree – hopefully, with children.





The Prairie School Boys Golf Team were conference champs for the second year in a row - coached by **Carrie Massey**, Varsity Coach.



**Alyssa Simpson**, granddaughter of Steve & Pam Simpson, graduated from Union Grove High School with Academic High Honors and as a dedicated member of the National Honor Society, representing extensive community volunteer service.

She was selected for the Student Athletic Leadership Team and was a standout competitor and record holder in Track & Field and Cross Country.

Alyssa is already giving back to the community by having earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Certificate.

She is moving forward to pursue her passion for healthcare at UW-Oshkosh, where she will major in Diagnostic Medical sonography.



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 an unspoken prayer for a church member, John Brooke, Jennifer Humphreys, Don Tobias, Sheila and Shelley Lawrence, Pam Simpson, Vi Shufelt, Peggy Taylor, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ed Lehmann, Leah Fisher, Barb Stevenson, Kay Mahl, Sandra Hopkins, Evelyn Vanderheyden.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for family members of Sharon Campbell; the brother of Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes; Baby Hazel—grandniece of Carrie & Kathi; Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember; Chad—son of Sheila Lawrence; Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama; Johan—brother of Cecilia Andersson; Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley; John—husband of Sandy Hawley; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; Mary Ann—mother of Cheryl Nitz; Amy—daughter of Jim & Bonnie Eastman; Chuck—husband of Sue Pehlivanian; Austin Moulds; Meyer Schaal; friends & family of the Lehmanns; 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!*

## Responding to the Word

Sun., June 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	Achievement Sunday Worship
	10:40 <sup>AM</sup>	Fellowship
Mon., June 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 <sup>AM</sup>	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Wed., June 17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Food Pantry
Thurs., June 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Music & More Concert
Sun., June 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 <sup>AM</sup>	Sunday Worship
	10:40 <sup>AM</sup>	Fellowship

## Mission Initiative

Next Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, is the last day of the Hand of Hope/One Great Hour of Sharing campaign. The worthy organizations are *Royal Family KIDS Camp*, *Women's Resource Center*, *Cuba Partners Network* and *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

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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 Sunday offering collection (make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with a note in the memo area *OGHS/Hand of Hope*). ***Donations will be accepted through next Sunday, June 21<sup>th</sup>.*** At the conclusion of the campaign, checks will be distributed to these organizations.

***Thank You!***

# Meeting of the Congregation

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
*(directly following worship)*

**CELEBRATING 33 YEARS!**



**Music & MORE**  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Please join us at noon on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
for the third noontime concert!**

Jillian Bruss & Friends - *vocal & piano*

Jim Sodke - *piano*

Mark Paffrath & Elizabeth Steffensen -  
*vocal, guitar, violin*