



First Presbyterian Church
July 5, 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

GUEST PASTOR—Rev. Catherine Neal

LITURGIST—Ken Schacht

MUSICIANS—Alejandro Alumbrosos, Mark Paffrath, Dave Titus, Angela Arnold

MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST—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

Peaceful Prelude | James Michael Stevens
Alejandro Alumbros

*OPENING HYMN

Here in This Place [GtG Hymn #401]
Alejandro Alumbros, Mark Paffrath, Dave Titus

POEM OF REFLECTION

*What follows is a portion of Langston-Hughes poem
"Let America Be America Again"*

Let America be America again
Let it be the dream it used to be
Let it be the pioneer on the plain
Seeking a home where he himself is free.

Let America be the dream that dreamers dreamed
Let it be that great strong land of love
Where never kings connive nor tyrants' scheme
That any man be crushed by one above
O, let my land be a land where liberty
Is crowned with no false Patriotic wreath,
But opportunity is real, and life is free,
Equality is in the air we breathe...

*ACT OF PRAISE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian [GtG Hymn #729, v. 4]
Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*PASSING THE PEACE

As Christ welcomed everyone,
no matter what their background or social standing;
as Christ welcomed enemies & friends, outcasts & leaders,
foreigners & neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives.
Let us be like Christ to everyone we meet.
Peace be with you.
And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace | John Newton
Angela Arnold

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Romans 7:15-25a [NT 157]

SERMON

What Does It Mean to Be American and Christian
Rev. Catherine Neal

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

It Is Well with My Soul | arr. Pamela Kuhens

*SONG OF RESPONSE

We Are One in the Spirit [GtG Hymn #300]

*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.

*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!***

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP

Sheaves of Wheat

Please be assured that the communion bread will always be gluten-free.

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.

Going Forth to Minister

*CLOSING HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God [GtG Hymn #286]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

Will You Come and Follow Me [GtG Hymn #726, v. 4]

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

***Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?***

POSTLUDE

Step by Step | David (Beaker) Strasser

Prayer Matters

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for Sharon Campbell & family with the recent passing of her sister Shelley, and 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, Kay Mahl, Jennifer Humphreys, Peggy Taylor, Don Tobias, Sheila and Shelley Lawrence, Pam Simpson, Vi Shufelt, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ed Lehmann, Leah Fisher, Barb Stevenson, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Sandra Hopkins.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Monica—daughter of Ben & Catherine Neal; Rudy—brother of Nancy Lechner; John—husband of Sandy Hawley; family members of Sharon Campbell; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember; paternal grand-father of Autumn Eifert; Baby Hazel—grandniece of Carrie & Kathi; Chad—son of Sheila Lawrence; Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama; Johan—brother of Cecilia Andersson; Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley; 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; friends & family of the Galles.

Prayers for those in the service — Evan Humphreys, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith, Nicholas Hansen.

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

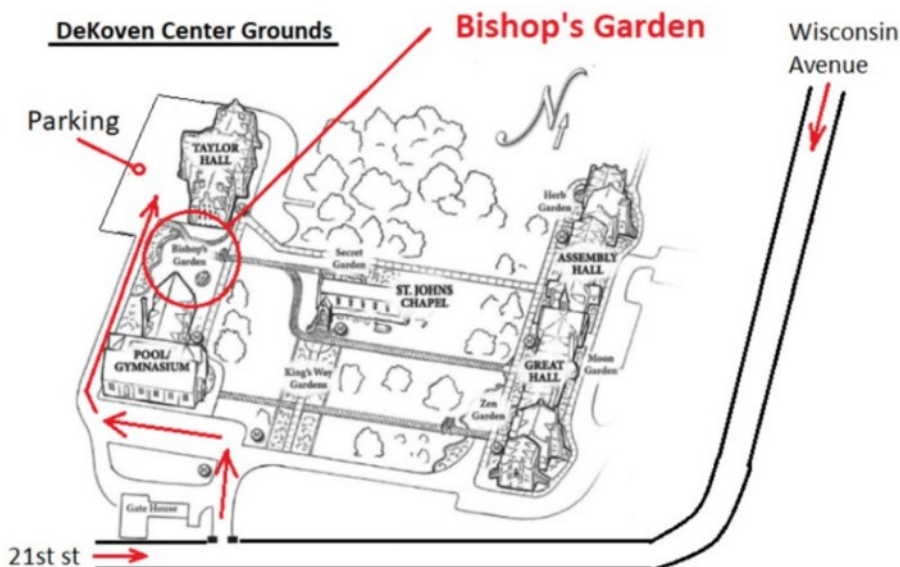


You Are Invited to Join Us!

Sunday, July 12TH—Worship begins at 10:00^{AM}
DeKoven Center - Bishop's Garden
2000 Wisconsin Avenue, Racine

Picnic will follow directly after worship.
Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chairs!
The Deacons will provide pulled pork and baked beans.

*In case of inclement weather, look for an email announcement
on moving to the church basement.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., July 5 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Fellowship
Mon., July 6 th	9:00 ^{AM}	Zoom Staff Meeting
Tues., July 7 th	10:00 ^{AM}	Delivery for Food Pantry
Wed., July 8 th	4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Thurs., July 9 th	12:00 ^{PM}	Music & More Concert
Sun., July 12 th	10:00 ^{AM}	Worship in the Park & Picnic



Music & MORE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Please join us at noon on Thursday, July 9th
for the sixth noontime concert!**

Leila Mayew - vocal

Suzanne Geoffrey, Darlene Rivest, Derek Machan -
oboe, violin, piano

Corynn Latta - vocal