



WELCOME

First Presbyterian Church

July 19, 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

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Today's Service

PASTOR—Rev. Darren Utley

LITURGIST—Royce Earnest

MUSICIANS—Jim Sodke, Mark Paffrath, Dave Titus, Ruby Seeton

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

Royce Earnest

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

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God | arr. David
Jim Sodke

WORDS OF INVITATION

When all is ended, time and troubles past,
Shall all be mended, sin and death out-cast?
In hope we sing, and hope to sing at last:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

As in the night, when lightning flickers free,
And gives a glimpse of distant hill and tree,
Each flash of good discloses what will be:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Against all hope, our weary times have known
Wars ended, peace declared, compassion shown,
Great days of freedom, tyrants overthrown:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then do not cheat the poor, who long for bread,
With dream-worlds in the sky or in the head,
But sing of slaves set free, and children fed:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

With earthy faith we sing a song of heaven:
All life fulfilled, all loved, all wrong forgiven.
Christ is our sign of hope, for Christ is risen:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

With all creation, pain and anger past,
Evil exhausted, love supreme at last,
Alive in God, we'll sing an unsurpassed
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
[GtG Hymn #366]
Mark Paffrath, Jim Sodke, Dave Titus

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE | THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

[GtG Hymn #453, v. 1 & refrain]

***Open your ears, O faithful people;
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood;
God has come to you.***

***God has spoken to the people, Hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, Hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, Hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, Hallelujah!***

*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

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

Mark Paffrath, Ruby Seeton

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[NT 14, 15]

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Finlandia | Sibelius, arr. Wolaver

*SONG OF RESPONSE

For the Healing of the Nations
[GtG Hymn #346]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Brief Confession of Faith '91*

"We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through scripture, engages us in the world to proclaim good news and to work for justice and peace, and prays in us when our own words fail. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives."

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Faith of Our Fathers | arr. David

*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

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!
[GtG Hymn #248]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

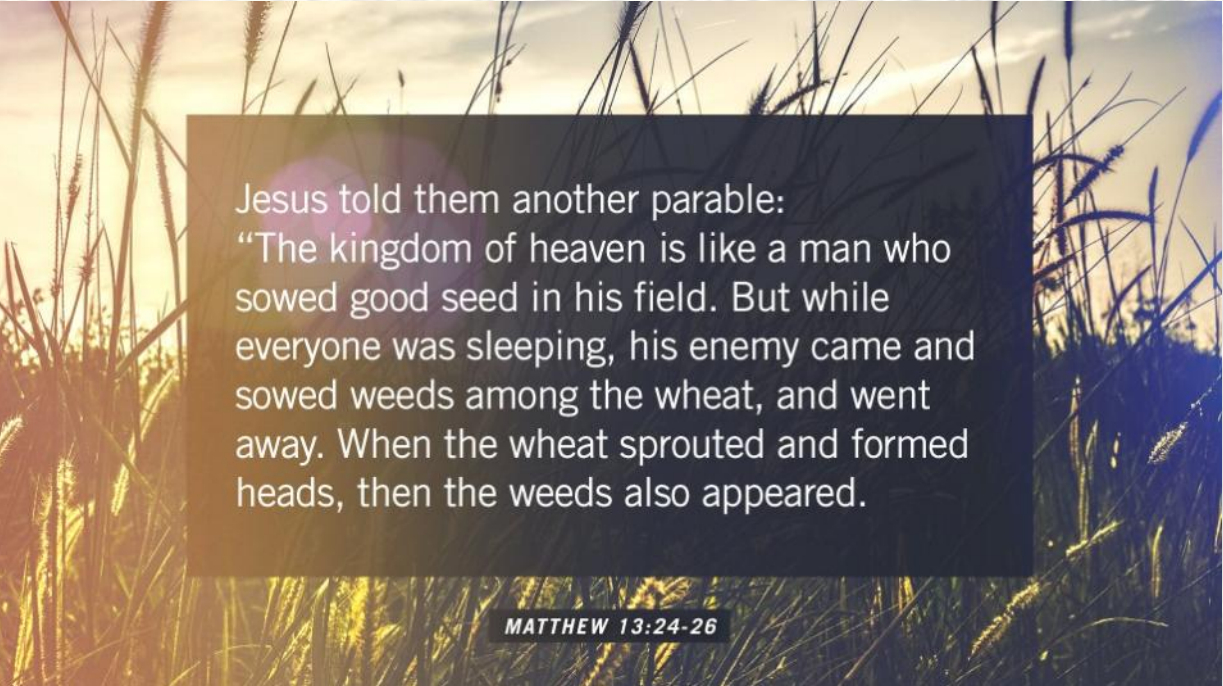
Open Your Ears, O Faithful People
[GtG Hymn #453, v. 2 & refrain]

***They who have ears to hear this message,
they who have ears, now let them hear;
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word.***

***God has spoken to the people, Hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, Hallelujah!
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POSTLUDE

Praise His Greatness | arr. Hayes



Jesus told them another parable:
“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who
sowed good seed in his field. But while
everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and
sowed weeds among the wheat, and went
away. When the wheat sprouted and formed
heads, then the weeds also appeared.

MATTHEW 13:24-26

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., July 19 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Fellowship
Mon., July 20 th	9:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., July 21 st	10:00 ^{AM}	Delivery for the Food Pantry
Wed., July 22 nd	4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Thurs., July 23 rd	12:00 ^{PM}	Music & More Concert
Sun., July 26 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Fellowship

Prayer Matters

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for the family of Sandra Hopkins, with her recent death, along with 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 Steve & Pam Simpson, Jen Seversen, John Brooke, Kay Mahl, Sheila and Shelley Lawrence, Jennifer Humphreys, Peggy Taylor, Don Tobias, Vi Shufelt, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ed Lehmann, Leah Fisher, Barb Stevenson, Evelyn Vanderheyden, and an unspoken prayer for a church member.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Shaun—friend of Patrick Herrera, family members of Sharon Campbell, Monica—daughter of Ben & Catherine Neal, Rudy—brother of Nancy Lechner, John—husband of Sandy Hawley, 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.

CELEBRATING 33 YEARS!

Music & MORE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please join us at noon on Thursdays!

July 23

Flute Choir - *flutes*

Sharon Adel - *organ*

Amy Maack & Band - *vocal, bass, piano, drums*

July 30

Alexander VanDeLoo - *vocal*

Fumi Nakayama - *piano*

Doug Clum Ensemble

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!