Welcome to

First Presbyterian Church

August 3, 2025

Glory



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 pastordarren@firstpresracine.org

Foday's Service

PASTOR—Rev. Darren Utley
LITURGIST—Deb Yale

MUSICIANS—Alejandro Alumbreros, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus
BULLETIN & GRAPHICS—Shelley Maurer
MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST—Sam Peters

[Bold type] indicates text to be spoken by the congregation. [Bold italic type] indicates song to be sung by the congregation.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

We Father to Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Yale

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

PRELUDE

Morning (from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1) | Edvard Grieg Alejandro Alumbreros

POEM OF INVITATION

We Are Never Without Help

(A Poem for Celia Sanchez) | Alice Walker ©2013

We are never without help.

Look for it always to surprise you.

There is no end to the joy

of discovery

just as there is no end

to amazement.

Those who give their lives

for truth and bread for the triumphant

flash of a vivid

bougainvillea

even as they

die

in unspeakable

ways

or whose last notice

is of a simple daisy

still striving in a corner

across

a drying lawn

have never taken

their arms

away

never taken

them away

from being

around us.

*OPENING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West [GtG Hymn #317]
Alejandro Alumbreros, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus

*ACT OF PRAISE

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Christ, Be Our Light)

[GtG Hymn #314, v. 3 & refrain]

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Since God has made us the blessed community, the Church, let us greet one another, in whatever way we can, with the peace and joy of Christ. Peace and joy be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holy Spirit | *Katie Torwalt*

Proclaipping the Word

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-11

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SERMON

Glory *Rev. Darren Utley*

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Motion | Peter Emmanuel Sandberg

*SONG OF RESPONSE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending [GtG Hymn #716]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We give thanks to the Creator,
who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us
into the kingdom of the beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
This Son is the visible representation of our invisible Creator.
All that the Father has belongs to this Son.
The Son existed before creation and is above all created things,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers.
For it was in him that all things in the spirit-world above and
on the earth below were created, all things seen and unseen.
It made our Great Father's heart glad to have all that he is living in his Son.
Through his Son he brought together everything in the spirit-world above and on the
earth below into harmony with himself,
making peace through his lifeblood poured out on the cross.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Bridge Over Troubled Waters | Paul Simon

*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 AND THE CUP

Spirit, Open My Heart

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

Foing Forth to Minister

*CLOSING HYMN

Loving Spirit [GtG Hymn #293, v v. 1, 2, 3, 5]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Christ, Be Our Light)
[GtG Hymn #314, v. 5 & refrain]

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

POSTLUDE

All You Need Is Love | John Lennon and Paul McCartney, arr. Brent Edstrom

Prayers Are Powerful

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for the family of Mary Lee and all who have recently experienced the loss of a family member or friend. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

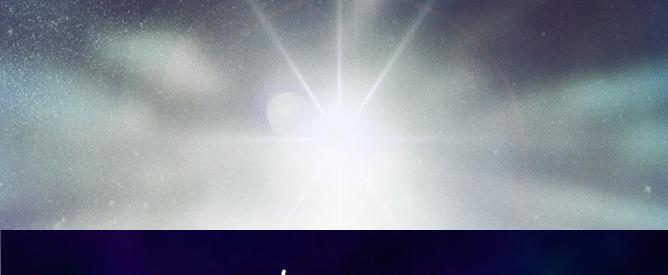
Prayers of comfort & healing for Carter Nitz, Kathy Wortley, Myrna Kryger, Peggy Taylor, Ellen Easley, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Mary Johnson, Barb Stevenson, Kay Mahl, Louise Shapley, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Leah Fisher.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Autumn Eifert's paternal grandmother; Bob—friend of Sharon Campbell; Carol—sister of Ginny Holle, Dan & Joyce—parents and Jeff—husband of Shelley Maurer; Richard —brother of Steve Comeau; Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley; Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama; John—husband of Sandy Hawley; Mary Ann—mother of Cheryl Nitz; Laurel - niece of the Vollmans; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; Rudy—Nancy Lechner's brother; the Moes' family and Scott Mohn—friends of the Paffrath family; Steve, Susan, Sandra, John, Liz and Gabby—friends & family of the Galles; Chuck Pehlivanian—Sue's husband; Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember; Meyer Schaal; Linda—daughter of Louise Shapley; Tim—family member of Sheila Lawrence; and friends & family of the Lehmanns.

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

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





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10:00^{AM}

12:00^{PM}

10:00^{AM}

Sunday, August 3rd

Monday, August 4th

Tuesday, August 5th

Wednesday, August 6th

Thursday, August 6th

Sunday, August 10th

9:30^{AM} Sunday Worship 10:40^{AM}

Fellowship

9:00^{AM} Staff Meeting via Zoom

Delivery for the Food Pantry

4:00^{PM} Food Pantry

Music & More Concert

Worship in the Park & Picnic (see next page for details)





Please join us next Sunday, August 10th, for <u>Worship in the Park and Picnic</u>. We will begin a new 12-week series from A Sanctified Art—UNRAVELED.

ABOUT THE UNRAVELING THEME:

What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we're on—comes undone? What if all of this is not the end we fear it will be?

ABOUT THE UNRAVELING LOGO:

The logo is meant to image the feeling one might have when things fall apart. For me, the word "unraveled" holds a lot of anxious, exhausted energy. It reminds me of someone trying desperately to hold everything together on their own while threads begin to wear and break. The stitches zigzag while the thread frenetically takes the shape of each letter. As the word comes to an end, the thread begins to unravel, losing its tightly woven, bound shape.

-Lauren Wright Pittman

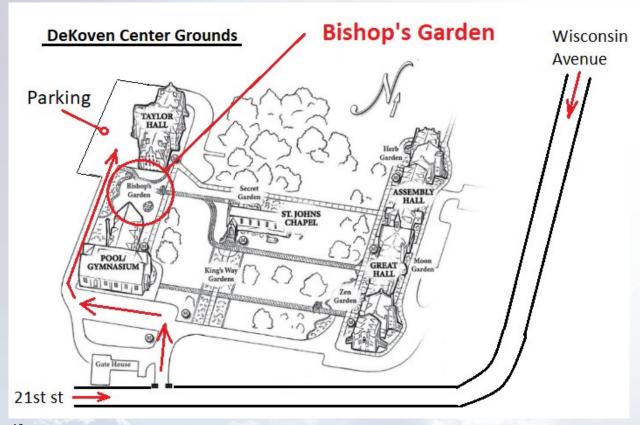


You are invited to join us!

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Worship will begin at 10:00^{AM}
Picnic will be directly after worship
DeKoven Bishop's Garden
(see map below)
2000 Wisconsin Avenue, Racine

The Deacons will be hosting the picnic. Bring a dish to share and your lawn chairs!



Artists Gallery Pop Up Exhibit

The Artists Gallery, located in downtown Racine, has brought some paintings, sculpture, and ceramics by local artists. We invite you to visit the gallery, after today's concert. Items on the north wall are marked for sale. See below for information regarding how to purchase the pieces.



Presents a

POP-UP EXHIBITION

at First Presbyterian Church

July 3 - Aug 17

Support Local Artists

Reach out to Artists Gallery to make purchases:
Call 262-635-9332 or email: ArtistsGalleryRacine@outlook.com
Visit us at 401 Main St. | Downtown Racine





Save the Dates!







Please join us at noon this Thursday, August 7th for our last noontime concert of the season!

Mary Skop

piano

Jesse Gomez

violin

Ami Bouterse, Alejandro, Lucas & Evelyn Alumbreros vocal & piano

SEASON FINALE CONCERT

Friday, August 15 at 7:00^{PM}
Tickets \$15

Nancy Maio & Friends

Lynda Schlitz Ensemble

BONUS CONCERT

Friday, September 12 at 7:00^{PM}
Tickets \$15

Zachary Scot Johnson & Friends Celebrating Zach's new CD - Echoes



