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Welcome to

First Presbyterian Church

August 23, 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—Jeff Leavell

MUSICIANS—Doug Clum, Lisa Pusch, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus

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

Solsbury Hill | Gabriel
Doug Clum, Lisa Pusch

PRAYER OF INVITATION

Son of God, Son of Man,
you offered your body on the cross.
Help us to offer our bodies
as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving,
that we may be transformed
and reformed by your word,
in the name of our Sovereign Lord,
Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

[GtG Hymn #263]

Doug Clum, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, 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

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

[GtG Hymn #444, vv. 2 & 3]

***How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?***

***In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!***

***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.

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 51:1-6

[OT 681]

Matthew 16:13-20

[NT 18]

SERMON

Messiah

Rev. Darren Utley

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

So This Is Love | Hoffman, David, Livingston

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

[GtG Hymn #700]

***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

What a Wonderful World | Thiele, Weiss

*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

Lead On, O King Eternal!

[GtG Hymn #269]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

[GtG Hymn #852, v. 2 & refrain]

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.

When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice.

We will rejoice with gladness.

We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise.

We will rejoice!

POSTLUDE

Pure Imagination | Bricusse, Newley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Aug. 23 rd	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Celebration for Mac's Birthday
Mon., Aug. 24 th	9:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., Aug. 25 th	10:00 ^{AM}	Delivery for the Food Pantry
Wed., Aug. 26 th	4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Sun., Aug. 30 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship

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 Steve & Pam Simpson, Jen Seversen, John Brooke, Kay Mahl, Sheila and Shelley Lawrence, Jennifer Humphreys, Peggy Taylor, Vi Shufelt, Don Tobias, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ed Lehmann, Leah Fisher, Barb Stevenson, 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, Janice—friend of Shelley Maurer, 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.



Save the Dates

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Talk It Over: Mission Initiative

Sunday, October 11, 2026
Apple Fundraiser

Sunday, January 17, 2027
Cuban Sandwich Fundraiser

Sunday, February 14, 2027
Dennis Reeser Memorial Chili Event

(The events listed above will be directly following worship.)

Saturday, December 5, 2026 - 7:00^{PM}
Carols by Candlelight Concert

Saturday, May 8, 2027 - 7:00^{PM}
Music & More Spring Sampler



Happy 95th Birthday, Mac!!

After worship today, please join us in Ihrman Hall -
as we celebrate Mac's birthday with fellowship,
cake, snacks & beverages.