



Welcome to

First Presbyterian Church

August 30, 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,
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Rev. Darren Utley—Church Pastor
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Today's Service

PASTOR—Rev. Darren Utley

LITURGIST—Angela Arnold

MUSICIANS—Alejandro Alumbremos, 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

Angela Arnold

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

PRELUDE

Maestoso | Eduardo Bottiglieri
Alejandro Alumbremos

PRAYER OF INVITATION

Lamb of God, your burden is easy.
Good shepherd, your way is righteous.
Give us the resolve to follow wherever you lead,
knowing the hills and valleys ahead,
the places of great suffering and deep hope along the way.
May we live our lives worthy of the calling you have given us,
in the strong and gentle name of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

You Are Holy

[GtG Hymn #705]

Alejandro Alumbremos, 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

O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry

[GtG Hymn #812, vv. 1 & 2]

***O save me, God, and hear my cry: my prayer to you ascends.
And vindicate me by your might; on you my hope depends.***

***You, Lord, my help shall ever be, though evil powers assail.
From their designs, my life redeem through grace which cannot fail.***

*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.

COMMISSIONING/BLESSING

Angela Arnold

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 15:15-21

[OT 717, 718]

Matthew 16:21-28

[NT 18]

SERMON

Following

Rev. Darren Utley

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling | George C. Stebbins

*SONG OF RESPONSE

What Wonderful Love Is This

[GtG Hymn #215]

*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.”

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit, Rain Down | Russell Fragar, arr. Phillip Keveren

*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

Lift High the Cross
[GtG Hymn #826]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least
[GtG Hymn #852, v. 3 & refrain]

***When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.
When the world of God fills every breath, 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

Allegro | Franciszek Walczynski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Aug. 30 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship
	10:40 ^{AM}	Celebration for Mary's Birthday
Mon., Aug. 31 st	9:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., Sept. 1 st	10:00 ^{AM}	Delivery for Food Pantry
Wed., Sept. 2 nd	4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Sun., Sept. 6 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, Amber and friends & family of the Galles.

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



Happy Birthday, Mary!!

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

First Presbyterian Food Pantry

*Haven't donated to the food pantry for a while?
Now's your chance!*

The food pantry is in need of macaroni & cheese, hearty soups & stews, and tuna. Next time you're out shopping, pick up an item or two to donate!

If you'd prefer, you can make a secure online donation by visiting our webpage: firstpresracine.org/donate. Select SECURE GIVING THROUGH PAYPAL and click on Food Pantry.



Save the Dates

Sunday, September 13, 2026

**Talk It Over: Mission Initiative*

Sunday, October 11, 2026

*World Communion & Homecoming Sunday and *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