

Welcome to
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 31, 2025

ZACCHAEUS
THE WEALTHY TAX COLLECTOR

UNRAVELED
SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART



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

TODAY'S SERVICE

SERMON LEADER—*Matt Morin*

LITURGIST—*Georgia Herrera*

MUSICIANS—*Alejandro Alumbremos, Pat Badger, Mark Paffrath, Dave Titus*

BULLETIN & GRAPHICS—*Shelley Maurer*

*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.

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Georgia Herrera

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

PRELUDE

Invention Baroque | *James Michael Stevens*
Alejandro Alumbremos

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is in this house today,
For God longs to be in relationship with us.

God is in this house today,
For God loves the sinners and the saints.

God is in this house today.
For God sees all, claims all, and loves all.

God is in this house today.
So let us worship Holy God.

*OPENING HYMN

Lead On, O King Eternal
[GtG Hymn #269]

Alejandro Alumbremos, Pat Badger, Dave Titus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

[GtG p. 35]

*ACT OF PRAISE

Come and Find the Quiet the Center
[v. 3]

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

***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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10
[NT 82]

SERMON

Zacchaeus the Wealthy Tax Collector
Matt Morin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Reflection on Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence |
arr. Melissa Blanton

***SONG OF RESPONSE**

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
[GtG Hymn #721]

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Great Sewer—
Who weaves us together in community,
Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit—
Who hems us in before and behind,
Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.**

**And I believe in Jesus Christ—
Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out,
refusing to disregard anyone as scrap.**

**I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.**

**I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.**

**I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.**

**And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,
And to invite me into a new journey.
Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Etude No.6 | Philip Glass

*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

Will You Come and Follow Me
[GtG Hymn #726]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
[GtG Hymn #543, v. 3]

***Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
Depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.***

POSTLUDE

Zacchaeus | arr. Leonora Hardy

Alejandro invites you to sing along. The words and music are on page 9.

Prayers by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org



Jesus Looked Up | *Hannah Garrity*



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Radical Unraveling of Vocation

READ // LUKE 19:1-10

FROM THE ARTIST // HANNAH GARRITY

Seeing, taking notice, acknowledging, lifting up—Jesus did all of these things as he looked up at Zacchaeus, calling him down, resting love and responsibility on his shoulders. I teach middle school art. I have spent this school year testing the waters. Each day I try a new collection of inputs for various situations. The most effective one is to stop in at every single student's seat to have a personal conversation with them. In these conversations, I reiterate the assignment, glean information about what the student plans to do, and answer any questions. The byproduct is positive productivity. Is it because I've shown that I care? Is it because I've clarified the expectations? Is it because I simply acknowledged their existence in the room? Is it because I saw them? Middle schoolers don't realize that you can hear and see them from across the room. Their maturity level is simply not there yet. In this image, Jesus looks up with grace. A shimmer of gold on his skin represents the presence of God in him. He takes notice of a selfish, greedy, and immature adult. Zacchaeus' actions make me think he did not mature much after middle school. By the standards of society, exhibited by the comments of those around him, this man does not deserve to be acknowledged. When he is finally seen, all of his immaturity melts away. He immediately rises to the occasion. Take notice, acknowledge, lift up. See.



RESPOND

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LOOK

Take a few moments to gaze upon the artwork. Breathe deeply in quiet meditation as you observe the visual qualities of what you see: color, line, texture, movement, shape, form.

Now take a deeper look. What parts of the image are your eyes most drawn to? What parts of the image did you overlook?

Now engage your imagination. What story do you imagine for the figure?



REFLECT

- What has unraveled and/or is unraveling in this story?
- Why does Zacchaeus anticipate Jesus' arrival? What converts his greed into radical generosity?
- Imagine Zacchaeus' new vocation of generosity and compassion. What does he gain from this transformation? How are others impacted?



PRAY

Unravel me from the ways I am entangled with systems of oppression and harm. Amen.

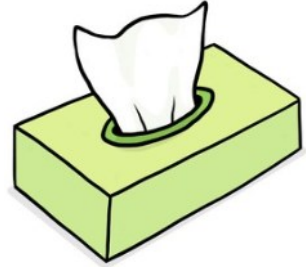
ZACCHAEUS

*Zacchaeus was a wee, little man,
and a wee, little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,
for the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior came that way,
he looked up in the tree. And he said,
“Zacchaeus, you come down from there,
for I’m going to your house today.
I’m going to your house today.”*

Traditional

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MISSION INITIATIVE'S SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR JULIAN THOMAS ELEMENTARY

Following is a generic list of items that the children from Julian Thomas:

- 3-prong, 2-pocket folders (blue, yellow, red, green, etc.)
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks (blue, yellow, red, green, etc.)
- Supply boxes
- Facial tissue
- Disinfecting wipes (tubs)
- Boxes of plastic storage bags (gallon, quart and sandwich size)

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks can be sent to the church. Please denote **School Supplies** on the memo line. Or, online payments can be made by visiting <https://firstpresracine.org/donate>, then click on *Secure Giving thru PayPal*.

As always, thank you for your continued support!



PRAYERS ARE POWERFUL

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for Ko Kryger & family for the recent passing of Myrna, and all who have recently experienced the loss of a friend or family member. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

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

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for the family of Ruby Seeton; Robyn—friend of Lisa Campbell; Autumn Eifert's paternal grandmother; Carol—sister of Ginny Holle; Bob—friend of Sharon Campbell; 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; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; Laurel - niece of the Vollmans; 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 Galle; 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!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Sunday, August 31st

8:30^{AM}—Mission Initiative Meeting (*Chapel*)

9:30^{AM}—Sunday Worship

10:40^{AM}—Fellowship

Monday, September 1st

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2nd

6:30^{PM}—Delivery for Food Pantry

Wednesday, September 3rd

4:00^{PM}—Food Pantry

7:00^{PM}—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 4th

7:00^{PM}—Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 7th

9:30^{AM}—Sunday Worship

10:40^{AM}—Fellowship



Candlelight Vigil

In recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025
6:00-7:00 p.m.
1st Presbyterian Church of Racine
716 College Ave. Racine, WI

Join us for a night of fellowship and sharing
Bring a picture or memory item of your loved one
Krinkle and coffee will be served
You are welcome to bring a dessert item to share

Vigil is secular

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Zachary Scot Johnson & Friends

Friday, September 12
7 PM

Doors Open at 6:15 p.m.



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