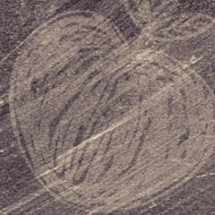




Welcome to

First Presbyterian Church
September 6, 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,
please call 262.632.1686 or email: shelley@firstpresracine.org

Rev. Darren Utley—Church Pastor
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Today's Service

PASTOR—Rev. Darren Utley

LITURGIST—Larry Dickerson

MUSICIANS—Alejandro Alumbremos, Kathi Wilson, Pat Badger, Dave Titus

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

Larry Dickerson

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

PRELUDE

Andante | A. Hesse
Alejandro Alumbremos

*OPENING HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come!
[GtG Hymn #744]
*Alejandro Alumbremos, Kathi Wilson,
Pat Badger, Dave Titus*

WORDS OF INVITATION

A new song awaits us;
God's Spirit is coming.
We can hear the music;
we're ready to move!
God's praise will be on our lips!
Neighbors from far and wide
will pour out from their doorways.
God's joy will be alive in the streets;
friends and strangers will gather.



All will rejoice;
together, we will breathe
a deep sigh of peace
as we turn our hearts
toward the justice of the Lord.

*ACT OF PRAISE

O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry

[GtG Hymn #812, vv. 2 & 3]

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

***My sacrifice I offer you
as thanks for all your grace.
Let me so live that I in death
may greet you face to face.***

*PASSING THE PEACE

On the day of Pentecost,
the Holy Spirit enabled people from different nations
and languages to not only speak to one another,
but to understand each other.

Friends, in many ways, celebrating Pentecost is celebrating
God's ability to forge connection and peace among
diverse people and nations.

As renewed, forgiven people, let us share the radical
and unifying peace of God with one another now, saying,
"The peace of Christ be with you."

And also, with you.

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:8-14 [NT 162]
Matthew 18:15-20 [NT 20]

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

In Christ Alone | Keith Getty

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
[GtG Hymn #203]

*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

You've Got A Friend In Me | Randy Newman

*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 & THE CUP

Just A Closer Walk With Thee | Traditional,
arr. Brent Endstrom

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

Going Forth to Minister

*CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again
[GtG Hymn #541]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least
[GtG Hymn #852, v. 4 and refrain]

***When the Lord returns in victory,
We will rejoice.***

***When we live in glorious liberty,
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

Andante cantabile | V. Norsa



Please vote for Music & More, Mark Paffrath, and First Presbyterian Church!

Link: **[Check out 2026 Racine - Best of Racine County \(Voting\)](#)**

You can vote once a day in each category through Sept. 9.

Best of Sports & Entertainment Category - 2 spots to vote for Music & More
for Best Entertainment/Live Music and Best Free Entertainment

Best of Professional Services Category - 1 spot to vote for Mark Paffrath
for Best Band/Musician

Best of Local Life Category - 1 spot to vote for First Pres for
Best Place to Worship

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Sept. 6 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship
Mon., Sept. 7 th		Labor Day
Tues., Sept. 8 th	6:30 ^{PM}	Deacons Meeting
Wed., Sept. 9 th	4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Sun., Sept. 13 th	9:30 ^{AM} 10:40 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship Talk It Over: Mission Initiative (<i>Chapel</i>)

Prayer Matters

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for the family & friends of Barb Stevenson—with her recent passing; 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 Barb Stevenson, 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, 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, Nicholas Hansen, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith.