



Welcome to

First Presbyterian Church

September 20, 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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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—Ken *Schacht*

MUSICIANS—Mark *Paffrath*, Pat *Badger*, Dave *Titus*, Chancel Choir—directed
by Alejandro *Alumbreros*

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

Prelude of Tranquility | James Michael Stevens
Alejandro Alumbremos

POEM OF INVITATION

Jonah | Robert Graves

A purple whale
Proudly sweeps his tail
Towards Nineveh;
Glassy green
Surges between
A mile of roaring sea.
"O town of gold,
Of splendour multifold,
Lucre and lust,
Leviathan's eye
Can surely spy
Thy doom of death and dust."
On curving sands
Vengeful Jonah stands.
"Yet forty days,
Then down, down,
Tumbles the town
In flaming ruin ablaze."
With swift lament
Those Ninevites repent.
They cry in tears,
"Our hearts fail!"
The whale, the whale!
Our sins prick us like spears."
Jonah is vexed;
He cries, "What next? what next?"
And shakes his fist.

"Stupid city,
The shame, the pity,
The glorious crash I've missed."

Away goes Jonah grumbling,
Murmuring and mumbling;
Off ploughs the purple whale,
With disappointed tail.

*OPENING HYMN

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

[GtG Hymn #396]

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

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

[GtG Hymn #437]

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

*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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Deep River | arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:10-4:11 [OT 861]
Matthew 20:1-16 [NT 21, 22]

SERMON

Too Much
Rev. Darren Utley

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Great Are You Lord
Jason Ingram, David Leonard and Leslie Jordan

*SONG OF RESPONSE

All Who Love and Serve Your City
[GtG Hymn #351]

*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

Shall We Gather At The River | Robert Lowry

*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

Come, Labor On
[GtG Hymn #719]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
[GtG Hymn #546, v. 2]

***Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.***

POSTLUDE

III (from Five Short Pieces, Op.4) | Lennox Berkeley

First Presbyterian Food Pantry

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

The food pantry needs 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.

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 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 Utle, 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, friends & family of the Galles.

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



Calendar of Events

Sun., Sept. 20 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship
Tues., Sept. 22 nd	10:00 ^{AM} 6:30 ^{PM}	Delivery for the Food Pantry Session Meeting
Wed., Sept. 23 rd	4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
Sun., Sept. 27 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship

Save the Dates

Sunday, October 11, 2026
*World Communion & Homecoming Sunday and *Apple Fundraiser*

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

Sunday, January 17, 2027
**Cuban Sandwich Fundraiser*

Sunday, February 14, 2027
**Dennis Reeser Memorial Chili Event*

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

**These events will be directly following worship.*