

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 3rd

- 9:30^{AM} Sunday Worship Service
- 10:30^{AM} Deacons Huddle (*Narthex*)
- 10:30^{AM} Fellowship (*Ihrman Hall*)
- 10:45^{AM} Sunday School—
K-5 (*2nd Floor*)
6-12 (*Fireside Room*)
- 10:45^{AM} Talk It Over—18+ (*Ihrman Hall*)
- 11:00^{AM} Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 4th

- 7:30^{AM} Contemplative Prayer via Zoom
- 9:00^{AM} Staff Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 6th

- 12:00^{PM} Bible Study via Zoom
- 4:00^{PM}-7:00^{PM} First Pres Food Pantry
- 5:30^{PM} *P.L.A.Y.*
- 7:00^{PM} Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 9th

- 8:00^{AM}-5:00^{PM} *Quilts on Barns Road Rally (Racine)*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RACINE

Sunday, October 3, 2021—9:30^{AM}

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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*If you'd like to explore becoming a member of First Presbyterian,
or how to participate in any of the many ministries here,
please speak to the pastor after worship.*

Take this opportunity to read *Just Mercy*. *Just Mercy* books are available
to pick up for free at Racine Public
Library or Mahogany Gallery. Get yours
now! Supplies are limited.

SCHEDULE

The *Just Mercy* film is available
for viewing online through
Amazon Prime, Apple TV,
Google Play and Hulu. Copies of
the film can also be checked
out at the Racine Public Library.

October 18
6:00-7:30 P.M.

Join panelists Carl Fields, Karl
McNeil and Heather Bennett
for a discussion to learn more
about their experience with
the criminal justice system
virtually through Zoom.

November 1
6:00-7:30 P.M.

Join us for *Just Mercy* book
discussion virtually through
Zoom.

November 3
6:00-7:30 P.M.

Join us for *Just Mercy* book
discussion virtually through
Zoom.

November 15
6:00-7:30 P.M.

Join us for a presentation on
Race and Criminal Justice by
UW-Parkside Professor Aubri
McDonald virtually through
Zoom.

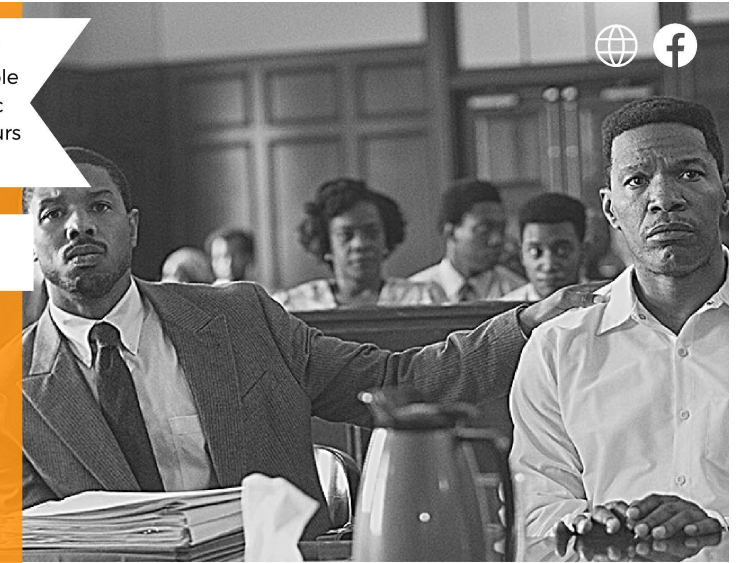
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AND MINDS TO END RACISM**

RACINE READS JUST MERCY

A series of events about the book *Just Mercy*
written by Bryan Stevenson based on his life
work battling for justice for people who live in
poverty or are disfavored, accused,
incarcerated or condemned.

RSVP in advance
<https://ricracine.org/events>

*This series is presented by Opening Our Hearts and
Minds to End Racism, facilitated by Dominican Center for
Justice Resources, which includes Hospitality Center,
Racine Coalition for Peace and Justice, Racine
Dominican Sisters and Associates, Racine Interfaith
Coalition, Racine Public Library, Racine
Vocational Ministry, Siena Retreat Center
and University of Wisconsin-Parkside.*



Prayer Matters

- Thoughts prayers and love for the family & friends of Carolyn Christensen, with her recent passing. Also, prayers for Doris Deschler (former financial secretary for First Presbyterian Church) & her family with the passing of Doris' husband, Dick. Continued prayers for others who have lost loved ones. May they know some peace and comfort.
- Please pray for John Reitsma, Ann Tredwell, our sexton—Tina, Bill Blandford, Kay Mahl, Marilyn MacCaughey, Steve Bernstein, Jim Muir, Leah Fisher, Peggy Taylor, Sandra Hopkins, Mary Ralston, Louise Shapley, Ellen Cardwell, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Don & Nancy Tobias, Mary Jane Johnston.
- Comfort & healing for Lisa—daughter of Sharon Campbell, John—brother of Peggy Taylor, Linda—daughter of Louise Shapley. And a special prayer request from Autumn for Clint, Kenneth & Rebecca.
- Prayers for those in the service—Evan Humphreys, Chad Lawrence, Col. Jay Brooke, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Royce Earnest

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

PRELUDE

*"Larghetto" by Ch. H. Rinck
Alejandro Alumbremos*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come for the one who dwelled among us

as the imprint of God's very being is here.

Let us worship the one who calls us to wholeness -- -

calls us down the path of liberation and shalom.

Bless the Lord all you people,

for we are a family of wholeness, liberation and shalom for all.

*OPENING HYMN

"Lead Me, Guide Me" [Bulletin, p. 8]

Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath & Pat Badger

CALL TO CONFESSION

The one who leads us is the perfect reflection of God, for whom and through whom all things exist. Our guide who has set us apart to walk down God's path is not ashamed to call us siblings in the great sacred family. Knowing that we are loved let us confess the ways we have strayed from the path set before us by our Lord and Savior.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

United in your love, O God,

we are one body across the globe.

We are branches of one family

whose roots run in the waters of grace.

Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body.

We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles.

We find ways to divide ourselves

into endless groups of "us" and "them."

Grab Your Guitars!!

Are you a strummer? Or did you once do a little finger picking? Do you own a guitar strap, a guitar pick or more importantly a guitar? The Music & Art Initiative wants you! We are putting together a *Guitar Gang* to play *This Little Light of Mine* along with Mark Paffrath during the October 24 Service.

Whether you played in the past or currently do, you are welcome to join us. This is a three chord gig: G, C, and D. That's it! Come to one rehearsal on October 10 at 8:30am; then play along in the service on October 24. The group already numbers six. Can't wait to get started? Contact Pat Badger—pbadger@prairieschool.com or 262-497-2957 to indicate your interest and get further details. Chord sheet provided.



Again and again, you call us back to the waters;
again and again, we turn away.
Forgive us, uniting God,
and by your forgiveness,
challenge us to tend to each other's wounds.

(Let us continue to pray in silence.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

James 5:19-20

Though we wander from the truth
God brings us back
and saves our souls from death.

Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

Since God has made us the blessed community, the Church,
let us greet one another, in whatever way we can,
with the peace and joy of Christ.
Peace and joy be with you.
And also with you.

*ACT OF PRAISE

"I've Got Peace Like a River" [PH 368, v. 1]

CHORAL ANTHEM

"We Gather at Your Table" *arr W. Ehret*
Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 26

Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 775

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) Refrain E^b (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm 3

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) B^b (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 3 (D) E^b 3

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) B^b7 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b Fine

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) E^b 3 (B7) C7 (Em) Fm (A7) B^b7 (Em) Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) B^b (D) E^b (D) E^b (D7) E^b7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) Fm (D) E^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b to Refrain

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.^[a]
I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;
I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.
I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.
Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
those in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
But as for me, I walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:10-15

God Has Spoken by His Son

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains^[b] all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Exaltation through Abasement

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”
And again,
“I will put my trust in him.”
And again,
“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”
Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared
the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the
power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in
slavery by the fear of death.

SERMON “Tracking Christ ”
Rev. Darren Utley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION “O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

*SONG OF RESPONSE “Let Us Break Bread Together” [PH 513]

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*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 "Great Are You, Lord/Great Is Thy Name"
by Dan Marks, arr./Carl Seal

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

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” [Bulletin, p. 9]

BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING "Let All Things Now Living" [PH 554, v. 1]

POSTLUDE "Allegro Moderato" by J. Bernards

*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.