



Welcome

First Presbyterian Church

October 4, 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

WORSHIP LEADER — *Kristin Ansari*

LITURGIST — *Sharon Campbell*

MUSICIANS — *Alejandro Alumbrosos, 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

Sharon Campbell

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

PRELUDE

Creation | Kevin G. Pace
Alejandro Alumbremos

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather with hope in our hearts,

**for something happens here
that teaches us God is present.**

We know this place is sacred,

**for something happens here
that teaches us God is our center.**

We gather with joyful praise,

**for something happens here
that teaches us God is forever faithful.**

*OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

[GtG Hymn #275]

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

Come, Great God of All the Ages

[GtG Hymn # 309, vv. 1, 2]

***Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.***

***Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.***

*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

Dona Nobis Pacem | arr. Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 [OT 66]

SERMON

What the Ten Commandments Teach Us About Ourselves
Kristin Ansari

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Be Still My Soul | Jean Sibelius

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom
[GtG Hymn # 174]

*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

God and God Alone | Phill McHugh

*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

How Firm a Foundation
[GtG Hymn #463]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

Come, Great God of All the Ages
[GtG Hymn # 309, v.v. 3, 4]

***Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall
ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.***

***Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.***

POSTLUDE

Andante | Johann Georg Sachs

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, John Brooke, Kay Mahl, Sheila and Shelley Lawrence, Jennifer Humphreys, Peggy Taylor, Vi Shufelt, Don Tobias, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Ed Lehmann, Leah Fisher and unspoken prayers for two church members.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, 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, Bradley—brother of Shelley Maurer, 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, friends & family of the Galles.

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

What's happening this week?

Sun., Oct. 4 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Sunday Worship
Tues., Oct. 6 th	10:00 ^{AM}	Delivery for Food Pantry
Wed., Oct. 7 th	4:00 ^{AM}	Food Pantry
Sun., Oct. 11 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Homecoming & World Communion Sunday
	10:40 ^{AM}	Apple Fundraiser (<i>Ihrman Hall</i>)

Choral
ARTS
Society

Celebrating
40
Seasons of Song

Honoring 250 Years of America

Saturday, October 17, 2026 • 7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
716 College Avenue, Racine, WI 53403



Paul Revere House
Paul Revere Memorial Association

REGIE GIBSON

Massachusetts Poet Laureate and author of "Dear, Paul Revere or Forge, Shape, Shine"

Regie Gibson's residency is supported in part by the Paul Revere House.

Pre-Concert Event included with Admission: 5:45-6:15PM

"Forging Beyond Iambic Pentameter" with Guest Artist-In-Residence Regie Gibson

TICKET PRICES

Adult \$25 • Senior \$25 • Student \$15



Advance tickets available at:

Personal Touch by Julie Florist in Racine – 5445 Spring Street – with cash or check,
online at www.choralartsonline.org, or by calling (262) 634-3250.

This season is supported in part by a grant from the Racine Community Foundation, a grant from the Racine Arts Council's ArtSeed Grant Program funded by the Racine Arts Council and the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin, and a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Save the Dates

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026 - 10:00^{AM}
FPC/OBUUC Joint Service

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.*

EVENTS

All events featuring Regie Gibson

At First Presbyterian Church

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2026

*8:00AM The Morning Show with
Greg Berg Interview - WGTD 91.1 FM

*7:00PM Poetry Reading with
Community Poets

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026

+5:45-6:15PM Pre-Concert Event:
"Forging Beyond Iambic Pentameter"

+7:00PM Choral Arts Society's
Honoring 250 Years of America Concert

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026

*10:00AM Guest Poet at First
Presbyterian/Olympia Brown
Unitarian Universalist Church

*Free and Open to the Public
+Ticketed Event

We invite you to join us on Sun., Oct. 18th at 10:00^{AM} for a joint service with First Presbyterian and OBUUC. The guest poet will be Regie Gibson - *Poet Laureate of Massachusetts*.

Treat donations are encouraged for fellowship time - on that date. There is a sign-up sheet in Ihrman Hall, if you want to indicate what you will be bringing. We ask that you have the treats pre-cut (if needed), and ready to serve. Thank you!