



Welcome



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 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

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Today's Service

PASTOR — *Rev. Darren Utley*

LITURGIST — *Mary Bernstein*

MUSICIANS — *Alejandro Alumbremos, 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

Mary Bernstein

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

PRELUDE

Andante | Valentin Engel

Alejandro Alumbremos

*OPENING HYMN

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

[GtG Hymn #314 vv. 2, 3, 4 with refrain]

Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*ACT OF PRAISE

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

[GtG Hymn #314 v. 1 with refrain]

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

*PASSING THE PEACE

In the Sermon on the Mount

Jesus offers this blessing:

“Blessed are the peacemakers.

They will be called children of God.”

Jesus also encourages us to not worry about tomorrow

for God’s eye is on the lilies and the sparrow.

As children of God, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

All the Diamonds in the World

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:1-14 [NT 24]

SERMON

Feast

Rev. Darren Utley

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn

*SONG OF RESPONSE

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

[GtG Hymn #509]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Sanctified Art

**We believe in a nourishing God
who provided manna in the wilderness and water from the rock.
We believe in a with-us God, Jesus of Nazareth,
who set tables for the lonely and ate with the forgotten.
We believe in an expansive God—the wild Holy Spirit—
meeting us in ritual, regardless of where we gather.
Trusting that good news, we come to the Table.
We pull up extra seats.
We learn each other's names.
We bless the food.
We tell the story.
We remember Christ's love,
and we look for God in all of it.
We believe.
Help our unbelief.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*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

Come to the Table

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

Going Forth to Minister

*CLOSING HYMN

I've Got Peace like a River

[GtG Hymn #623]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

[GtG Hymn #314 v. 5 with refrain]

***Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.***

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

POSTLUDE

Postlude | Luigi Bottazzo

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, Joyce—mother 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. 11 th	9:30 ^{AM}	Homecoming & World Communion Sunday Worship
	10:40 ^{AM}	Apple Fundraiser (<i>Ihrman Hall</i>)
Mon., Oct. 12 th	9:00 ^{AM}	Staff Meeting via Zoom
Tues., Oct. 13 th	6:30 ^{PM}	Meeting of the Deacons
Wed., Oct. 14 th	4:00 ^{PM}	Food Pantry
	7:00 ^{PM}	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri., Oct. 16 th	7:00 ^{PM}	Poetry Readings
Sat., Oct. 17 th	7:00 ^{PM}	<i>CAS Concert: Honoring 250 Years of America</i>
Sun., Oct. 18 th	10:00 ^{AM}	FPC/OBUUC Combined Service

Save the Dates

Next Sunday, October 18, 2026 -
10:00^{AM}

FPC/OBUUC Combined 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.*

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the mission of First Presbyterian,
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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!