


# First Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2026

FIRST Presbyterian CHURCH

Deep Roots In Downtown Racine

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*

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
*pastordarren@firstpresracine.org*

## Today's Service

PASTOR – *Rev. Darren Utley*
LITURGIST – *Ken Schacht*
MUSICIANS – *Alejandro Alumbreros, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus, Handbell Choir – directed by Fumi Nakayama*
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 — **Rigaudon** | André Campra
*Alejandro Alumbreros*

WORDS OF INVITATION — Adam M. L. Tice

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
Roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
Watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
Peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
Tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.

*OPENING HYMN — **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**
[GtG Hymn #353]
*Alejandro Alumbreros, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger*

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 **My Lord! What a Morning**

[GtG Hymn # 352, refrain and v. 1]

***My Lord! what a morning;***
***my Lord! what a morning;***
***O my Lord! what a morning,***
***when the stars begin to fall,***
***when the stars begin to fall.***

***You will hear the trumpet sound***
***to wake the nations underground,***
***looking to my God's right hand,***
***when the stars begin to fall.***

***My Lord! what a morning;***
***my Lord! what a morning;***
***O my Lord! what a morning,***
***when the stars begin to fall,***
***when the stars begin to fall.***

*PASSING THE PEACE

In the Gospel of John
Jesus says to his disciples,
"Peace, I leave with you.
My peace I give to you.
I don't give as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid."
Abiding in this promise,
let us share the peace of Christ
with one another.
Peace be with you.
**And also with you.**

CHORAL ANTHEM **God of Grace and God of Glory** | CWM Rhondda, arr./ Jason W. Krug
*Handbell Choir – directed by Fumi Nakayama*

## Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE **Amos 5:18-24** [OT 854]
**Matthew 25:1-13** [NT 28]

SERMON **Justice**
*Rev. Darren Utley*

## Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION **For the Healing of the Nations**

*SONG OF RESPONSE **Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!**
[GtG Hymn #839]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH David Beebe

**We are the people of God.**
**We are a sign of the New World.**
**We are the sisters and brothers of Jesus.**
**We believe in God.**
**We believe in the goodness of God,**
**the presence of God in human history, and the nearness of God's love.**
**We believe in Christ.**
**We believe that God was and is revealed in human life, that out of human suffering may come rescue and healing, that out of death comes new life.**
**We believe in the Eternal Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites the world into God's reign.**
**We believe that the world can change,**
**that peace and wholeness can come, and that the New World can arrive.**
**We are people of God.**
**We are the sign of the New World.**
**We are the brothers and sisters of Jesus.**

OFFERTORY **Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

*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 **Be Still, My Soul**
[GtG Hymn #819]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING **Steal Away**
[GtG Hymn # 358, v. 1]

***Steal away, steal away,***
***steal away to Jesus!***
***Steal away, steal away home,***
***I ain't got long to stay here.***

***My Lord, He calls me,***
***He calls me by the thunder;***
***The trumpet sounds within my soul;***
***I ain't got long to stay here.***

***Steal away, steal away,***
***steal away to Jesus!***
***Steal away, steal away home,***
***I ain't got long to stay here.***

POSTLUDE **Andante Cantabile** | Stefan Surzynski




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 Jen Severson, 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 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, Shaun—friend of Patrick Herrera, family members of Sharon Campbell, 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Sun., Nov. 8th | 9:30AM | Sunday Worship |
| Mon., Nov. 9th | 9:00AM | Staff Meeting via Zoom |
| Tues., Nov. 10th | 6:30PM | Deacons Meeting |
| Wed., Nov. 11th | 2:00PM | Investment Meeting |
| | 4:00PM | Food Pantry |
| | 7:00PM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Sun., Nov. 15th | 9:30AM | Sunday Worship |

## 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**. Or you can scan the QR code on page 7.

# WANTED!

## CLEAN, GENTLY USED WINTER OUTERWEAR

Help keep our neighbors warm this winter.

We are collecting warm clothing in good condition for Food Pantry Guests.

### Most Wanted Items

Coats • Jackets • Hats
Gloves • Mittens • Scarves • Boots

Please donate items that are:
Clean • Gently used • Have Working Zippers

• Free of stains, tears, and strong odors

Men's items are in demand

### Your donation can make a warm difference!



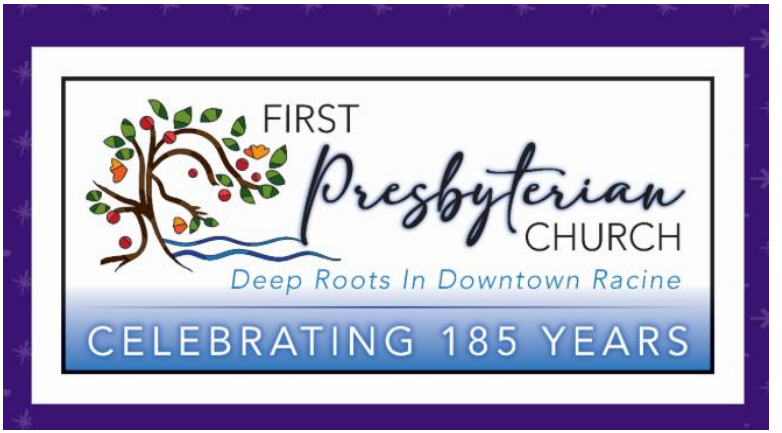
For questions contact Meg Daniels: 262-497-0610



If you would like to donate to support the mission of FPC church, please visit: *https://firstpresracine.org/donate* or scan this QR code.






As we near the Advent season, we are in need of liturgists, poetry readers and candle lighters. If you are willing to help, please let Shelley know, so you can be added to the list.

Liturgists are needed for:

- *Sunday, December 13*
- *Sunday, December 20*
- *Sunday, December 27*
- *Sunday, January 3*

Poetry readers are needed for:

- *Sunday, December 27*
- *Sunday, January 3*

Families are needed for candle lighting:

- *Sunday, November 29*
- *Sunday, December 6*
- *Sunday, December 13*
- *Sunday, December 20*

Thank You!


Music & More and Choral Arts Society present:
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
Saturday, December 5 • 7pm
716 College Avenue • Racine, WI
Featured Performers:
Mark Paffrath, Elizabeth Steffensen, Emily Knappen,
Alison Attar, Alejandro Alumbreros, and
The Studio of Classical Dance Arts
Boxes of homemade Christmas
cookies for sale $10/box
Tickets are $20 Adult/Senior
and $10 Student, available at
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