Sunday, November 10th

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough
LITURGIST: John Brooke
GREETERS: Leah Fisher, Mary Lou Schuler
USHERS: Larry Dickerson, Sharon Campbell, Jeff Leavell, Jen Seversen
PERK-N-POUR: Jerry & Nancy Ritter, Debbie Yale

Calendar of Events for this Week

Sun., Nov. 10
8:30AM Confirmation Reboot (Chapel)
9:00AM Blood Pressure Screening
9:30AM Worship with Communion and Veterans Recognition
10:35AM Deacons Huddle (Narthex)
10:40AM Fellowship, Convergence Summit & Potluck (Dining Hall)

Mon., Nov. 11
9:00AM-12:00PM PEO Chapter AR Meeting (Ihrman Hall)
10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor’s study)
5:45PM TBD Fabry Organ Tuning

Tues., Nov. 12
12:00-3:00PM PEO Chapter CN Meeting (Ihrman Hall)
6:30PM CAS Rehearsal

Wed., Nov. 13
4:00-7:00PM FirstPres Food Pantry
5:30PM P.L.A.Y.
7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., Nov. 14
7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri., Nov. 15

Newsletter Deadline

Sat., Nov. 16

Sun., Nov. 17
8:30AM Confirmation Reboot (Chapel)
9:30AM All Saints’ Worship
10:35AM Deacons Huddle (Narthex)
10:40AM Fellowship
10:45AM Confirmation Class (Pastor’s study)

People of the Book

Though some might think it heresy
I confess it troubles me that though
He said to those He led that a grapevine
can’t grow figs, isn’t that just what
we did, having turned His skin to white
and changed his sight—our blue-eyed boy
grafted to a Christian tree so even though
He did decree we love our neighbors as
ourselves, once we claimed Him for
our own, we turned His people into “them.”

Sarah Rossiter

November 10, 2019
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!

9:30 am—Sunday Worship with Communion
Fellowship to follow in Ihrman Hall

First Presbyterian Church of Racine
Pastor
Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough
pastormark@firstpresracine.org

Our ushers are located at each door and would be happy to assist you in any of your needs today—including directing you to Ihrman Hall after today’s worship or helping you find the washroom.

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

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 are interested in receiving our weekly Evotional, along with news about what’s going on in the church, call 262.632.1686 or email the office at: office@firstpresracine.org

We will be gathering at the church on Tues., Nov. 19th at noon, for our card ministry and newsletter mailing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please join us in Ihrman Hall on Wed., Nov. 20th at 10:00 AM, as we pray for those who need it most.

All are welcome!

Are you single and over 60? Our new group Senior Singles will provide a way for us to get together, have some fun, talk, and share. We’ll be happy to see you, so please join us!

Thursday, November 21 – 11:30 AM
Racine Country Club - Grill Room
(Pay by cash or credit card)

Please RSVP by Mon., Nov. 18, Call 262.632.1686 or email Shelley at: office@firstpresracine.org

Can you believe that Advent is less than four weeks away?! In order to have the church looking festive, we will be decorating on the following dates:

Tues., Nov. 26th—Buildings & Grounds crew to put up trees, wreaths and boughs. If you’re able to help them, please be here around 9:45 AM.

Fri., Nov. 29th and Sat., Nov. 30th—Milaeger’s will be here on Friday to decorate the tree in our sanctuary. However, we’ll need help with the other trees, the sanctuary hurricane candles, and all of other decorations. What doesn’t get decorated one day will need to be done the next. Join us on Friday and/or Saturday between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Lest we forget
On Sunday, November 17th, the young people of our church, grades 1-6, will be sharing with the congregation a ‘puppet’ show that will tell the story of Noah and the Ark. This show is part of our new curriculum Rotation.org. We will be using our stage that has not had much use in recent years.

A special thanks to Steve Bernstein for building the ark and the Bldg. & Grounds team for helping with all the work! Thank you to Mark Paffrath and Steve Comeau (the new sound guy) for their assistance with the sound system. Also thanks to Pastor Mark for encouraging us along the way.

We hope you enjoy the puppets that the young people have made themselves and those that we include from other sources.

We invite you to join us on the 17th, directly following worship, to enjoy the play and know that God keeps His promises to us!

On Tues., Nov. 19th, we will be able to host the Community Meal! There is a sign-up poster on the bulletin board in Ihrman Hall. We will need donations of casseroles, milk, fruit, bread, lettuce and salad dressing. If you can help with prep or serve, we will meet at 2:00 PM in the church basement kitchen for prep and 4:30 PM at the site, 1032 Grand Ave (old St. Rose school kitchen) to set up and serve. I hope you can join us!

Questions? Call Debbie Yale at 262.639.5004 or 62.498.8753. Thank you!
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture
Judges 6:11-16 [OT p. 223]

Gospel Reading
Luke 19:1-10 [NT p. 82]

Sermon
“Rise Up, You Mighty Church”
Rev. Dr. Mark McDonough

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Music for Reflection
“God of Grace and God of Glory” vv 4 & 5 [420]

Offering/Offertery
“Adagio non troppo” by J. G. Schneider

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

Offering Prayer
Blessed are you, God of all creation:
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings
that earth may be more heavenly.

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.
. . . the Body of Christ in the world
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, holy God,
now and forever. ~ Amen

Today’s altar flowers are in loving memory of “Patt with two Ts” by her beloved family.

reVision Convergence Summit & Pot Luck

Today we bring all our thoughts & ideas together at our Convergence Summit. Cheryl Burke, our coach from the Center for Progressive Renewal, is here to lead us through the steps to turn our ideas into action initiatives.

This summit is our opportunity to begin writing the next chapter in the ongoing story that is the First Presbyterian Church of Racine and every voice matters. So, even if you missed a number of small group sessions, or chose not to participate in the discussions, you are still invited and needed to participate in the summit.

Oh, and the Packers don’t play until 3:25 PM, so we all have time to attend the summit and write a winning strategy for our church and be home in time to watch our Packers win.

Things We Like to Keep Stocked!

Hearty Soups, Stews & Pasta Meals
Hot & Cold Cereal
Dish Soap, Bath Soap, Laundry Soap

Thank you for your continued support!
Invitation to the Table

The Table at First Presbyterian is open to all. Friends from other traditions are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper because Christ is our host. Children who are being nurtured in the faith are also welcome. We invite all to share in this meal in order to be renewed and assured of God’s love and grace.

As directed by the ushers, please come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. The station next to the piano is gluten-free. Servers are available to bring Communion to those who wish to remain in their seats.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. ~ Amen

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN

“Do Not Retreat” [Insert pp 6-7]

*BENEDICTION

As we have been fed at this table
We will go to feed the hungry.
As we have been set free
We will go to free those who are bound.
As we have received, we will give.
And may the blessing which we have received from Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit go with us.

*POSTLUDE

“Maestoso alla breve” by Fr. Walczynski

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest, if we don’t give up. ~ Galatians 6:9

*Please stand as you are able

Bold type indicates text to be spoken by the congregation.

Bold italic type indicates songs to be sung by the congregation.

Prayer Matters

Please pray for Mary Ralston, Annette Anderson, Ed Lehmann, Shawna Lehmann, Don & Nancy Tobias, Louise Shapley, Marilyn MacCaughey, Marlene Wilson, Larry & Ellen Cardwell, Mary Jane Johnston, Mary Soley, Marge Henze, Heidi Lawrence, Shelley Lawrence.

Special prayers for Ida Johnson—mother of Debbie Yale, Barbara—mother of Steve Hansen, Betty—grandmother of Jessica & Jenny, Charlie—niece of Carrie & Kathi, Shawn—friend of Denise, Michelle—friend of Sheila Lawrence, Mary—sister of Carrie, Gillian and Ben—friends & former pastors of First Presbyterian.

We ask for continued prayers for our military—Jared Smith, Jordan Smith, Mary Workman, Nicholas Hansen, Chad Lawrence, Lt. Col. Jay Brooke.

As they go through this difficult time - thoughts, prayers and love for all who have lost loved ones; especially the family of Robert Lee.
Do not retreat
Words: Kathy Galloway
Music: SURSUM CORDA, Alfred Morton Smith

Do not retreat into your private world, that place of safety,

1. Do not retreat into your private world,
   that place of safety, sheltered from the storm
   where you may tend your garden, seek your soul,
   and rest with loved ones where the fire burns warm.

2. To tend a garden is a precious thing,
   but dearer still the one where all may roam;
   the weeds of poison, poverty and war
   demand your care, who call the earth your home.

3. To seek your soul it is a precious thing,
   but you will never find it on your own;
   only among the clamour, threat and pain
   of other people's need will love be known.

4. To rest with loved ones is a precious thing,
   but peace of mind exacts a higher cost;
   your children will not rest and play in quiet
   while they still hear the crying of the lost.

5. Do not retreat into your private world,
   there are more ways than firesides to keep warm;
   there is no shelter from the rage of life,
   so meet its eye, and dance within the storm.