

Welcome

First Presbyterian Church

November 15, 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 – *Katie Humphrey*
MUSICIANS –*Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus, Chancel Choir – directed by Alejandro Alumbreros*
MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST – *Sam Peters*

*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 — *Katie Humphrey*

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

PRELUDE — **Adagio** | C. A. Kern
Alejandro Alumbreros

PRAYER OF INVITATION

Spirit of power,
you call us your children of light.
Wake us up and prepare us
for all that is coming.
Clothe us with your faithfulness and love.
Wrap us with your hope and salvation.
Bind us together with your wisdom and strength.
Encourage us and build us up,
that we might do the same for others.
Amen.

*OPENING HYMN — **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**
[GtG Hymn #12]
Alejandro Alumbreros, 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 **My Lord! What a Morning**
[GtG Hymn #352, refrain & v. 2]

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 sinner cry,
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 **Lord Jesus, We Are One with Thee** | Dietrich Buxtehude, arr. Elwood Coggin
Chancel Choir – directed by Alejandro Alumbreros

Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE — **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**
[NT 205]
Matthew 25:14-30
[NT 28, 29]

SERMON — **Jeopardy**
Rev. Darren Utley

Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION — **As the Deer** | Martin Nystrom, arr. Phillip Keveren

*SONG OF RESPONSE — **Open Your Ears, O Faithful People**
[GtG Hymn #453]

*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 **Shine on Us** | Michael & Debbie Smith

*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 **Soon and Very Soon**
[GtG Hymn #384]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING **Steal Away**
[GtG Hymn #358, refrain & v. 2]

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

Green trees are bending,
Poor sinners stand a trembling;
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 **Moderato |** Christian H. Rinck



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 Jen Seversen, 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 grandfather 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.

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

Scan me!



Mission Initiative and Deacons Collaboration

Again, this year, we are collecting for two initiatives to help support the children and families of Julian Thomas Elementary School. Donations can be made through Sunday, December 6th.

Holiday Food Cards

The Deacons are collecting donations for holiday food cards. The selected recipient families will each receive a gift card for ALDI so they can purchase the food items that their family needs to celebrate the holidays. Donations in any amount are appreciated. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian. Write JT Gift Card on the memo line. Or you can make a secure donation by visiting firstpresracine.org/donate and click on SECURE GIVING THRU PAYPAL. From the dropdown list, please select Julian Thomas Gift Card.

Christmas Toy Drive

We are also collecting toys, crafts and gift items for Julian Thomas School. There is a decorated box in Ihrman Hall for the donations. Every year, the teachers and staff identify students whose families may be in distress and could benefit from having a brighter holiday. They then put together Santa Bags for all of the children in the selected families. Our target gift price range is $10-$30 per item.

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

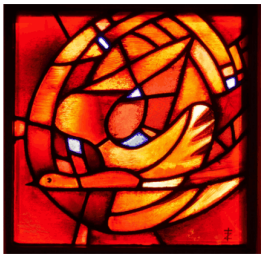


TAIZÉ
Service

Taizé Services include simple meditative music, Scripture, prayer, reflection, and periods of silence. The format is intentionally simple and contemplative welcoming anyone in the community who finds meaning in quiet reflection, music, prayer, and meditation.

December 7, 2026
January 4, 2027
February 1, 2027
March 1, 2027
April 5, 2027
May 3, 2027
June 7, 2027

6:30 PM - 7:15 PM



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716 College Ave, Racine, WI 53403

firstpresracine.org



WE HAVE SEVERAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

At 9:00AM on Saturday, November 28th, we need volunteers to help decorate the church for the Advent season.

In addition, we need liturgists, poetry readers and candlelighters. If you are willing to help, please let Shelley know, so you can be added to the list.

Liturgists are needed for:

- *Sunday, December 27*

Poetry readers are needed for:

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

Families are needed for candle lighting:

- *Sunday, December 6*

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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
www.choralartsonline.org
Music & MORE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Choral ARTS Society
Celebrating 40 Seasons of Song
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