

Sun., Nov. 21<sup>th</sup>
Sunday School—

K-5 (2nd Floor)
6-12 (Fireside Room)
Talk It Over—18+ (Ihrman Hall)

11:45<sup>AM</sup>
1:00<sup>PM</sup>
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Piano Recital

Contemplative Prayer via Zoom
Staff Meeting via Zoom
RKYSO Rehearsal

Tues., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>
Signal Seeds' Annual Christmas Chores
6:30<sup>PM</sup>
Signal Seeds' Annual Christmas Chores
Choral Arts Society Rehearsal

Wed., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>
Sible Study via Zoom
First Pres Food Pantry
P.L.A.Y. (yoga)



Sat., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00<sup>AM</sup> - 12:00<sup>PM</sup> Annual Christmas Decorating



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RACINE Sunday, November 21, 2021–9:30<sup>AM</sup>

"Teed"

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.

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

\*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.

Deacons will be doing the holiday baskets for Julian Thomas School and church members. We need congregation members to help purchase spiral bone-in hams - 10-12 lbs. Stores are limiting us to only two per person. If members can get them between Thanksgiving and December 18<sup>th</sup> it would be helpful. I will have a sign up sheet. We will need 50 hams. Cost of a basket is about \$75 if members want to make a donation of any amount.

We are also collecting hygiene products, children's socks, bath towels, travel size board games.

Thank you for helping us provide for the school and our church members.

If you know of a church family that needs a basket, please contact LuAnn Hansen at 262-763-6785 or hansen1@execpc.com

And, if you're available to help decorate the church for Advent, following are the two dates and times that we need you:

- >9:30-11:30<sup>AM</sup> on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>—assist the Buildings & Grounds team as they change out the banners, bring down the decorations and put up the Christmas trees. (Sorry, guys!)
- > 9:00<sup>AM</sup>-12:00<sup>PM</sup> on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>—help decorate the trees, hang garland, put up pew Christmas lanterns, etc.

If you're willing to help, contact Elie Hunt, 262.632.0535

# **Prayer Matters**

- > Please pray for Mary Soley, Todd Seversen, Ellen Cardwell, John Reitsma, our sexton—Tina, Bill Blandford, Kay Mahl, Marilyn MacCaughey, Steve Bernstein, Jim Muir, Leah Fisher, Sandra Hopkins, Mary Ralston, Louise Shapley, Evelyn Vanderheyden, Don & Nancy Tobias, Mary Jane Johnston.
- > Comfort & healing for Sarah & Amanda—from the Lawrence family, Martha—sister of Nancy Reeser, Kelly—daughter-in-law of Dave & Ginny Holle, Mary—sister of Carrie Massey, Chuck & Lynn—from the Lehmann family, Carleen—friend of Diane Lehmann, Lisa—daughter of Sharon Campbell, John—brother of Peggy Taylor, Linda—daughter of Louise Shapley, along with Julie—Louise's cleaning lady. And a special prayer request from Autumn for Clint, Kenneth & Rebecca.
- > Prayers for those in the service—Evan Humphreys, Chad Lawrence, Col. Jay Brooke, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith.
- > Comforting prayers for those who have lost loved ones. May they know some peace and comfort.

#### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

### **GOING FORTH TO MINISTER**

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" [PH423]

**BENEDICTION** 

\*SUNG BLESSING

"Lord of Light Your Name Outshining" [PH425, v. 1]

Postlude

"Andante" by Peter Piel



# Today's Service

Pastor — Rev. Darren Utley
Musicians — Alejandro Alumbreros, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Chancel Choir
Liturgist — LuAnn Hansen
Greeters — Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey
Ushers — Steve Simpson, Ken Schacht, Sarah Seversen
Fellowship — John & Linnea Brooke, Bev Eifert
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#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

"Adagio" by C. H. Rinck Alejandro Alumbreros

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

\*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King" [PH139]

Mark Paffrath & Pat Badger

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

(Let us continue to pray in silence.)

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#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting— it cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Live as a people set free.

#### PASSING THE PEACE

Since God has made us the blessed community, the Church, let us greet one another, in whatever way we can, with the peace and joy of Christ.

Peace and joy be with you.

And also with you.

\*ACT OF PRAISE "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" [PH171, v. 4]

CHORAL ANTHEM "A Hymn for Thanksgiving" by David H. Williams

Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 47:6-9,12

Water Flowing from the Temple He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?'

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. He said to me... Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

# Revelation 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Sermon

Rev. Darren Utley

"Feed"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION "As the Deer" by Martin Nystrom, arr/Carl Seal

\*Song of Response

"The God of Abraham Praise" [PH488]

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

Debora and David Utley

# LITANY OF COMMITMENT

... For all the gifts and wonders you have bestowed on us.

We thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.

...We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.

We are called to be your stewards. We are here to respond thoughtfully, prayerfully, and faithfully, as we make dedicate our lives and resources as a witness to the good news of Christ. Today we respond to your grace with our hearts and hands and voices.

... We are confident in your love and care for us.

We gladly dedicate our whole lives - our time, our talents, and our financial resources - to you, God of mercy and love.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

"Thanksgiving" by George Winston

\*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