

July 9, 2023; 9:00 am
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather Together

Prelude: Partita on “Simple Gifts” *by Noel Goemanne*

Welcome & Announcements *Jolene Schry*

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship** *Jolene Schry*

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Let every voice shout

Every knee bow

Every mouth proclaim

Every life announce

Every generation tell

Every community give witness

Every church bring to life

The glory of God, alive among us!

***Opening Prayer**

O God, source of all beauty and goodness, your grace comes fresh every morning. In each new day you give us light.

We praise you for your never-failing love that satisfies our needs and shows us the way to follow. We rejoice in your constant care, for you are faithful in love for all people offering your goodness and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 19 “God of Great and God of Small”**

Cantor, Carol Wetzel

***Call to Confession**

We come before God not as despised sinners,
but as beloved children. With the confidence of
children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

***Prayer of confession**

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Holy One, in seasons of struggle and distress, we often forget your steadfast love. We rush to other sources, rather than waiting patiently for you. In your tender mercy, forgive us for not trusting in your promises of goodness and loving-kindness to all who turn to you. Help us by your Spirit to hold fast to the sure hope that every promise you make is reliable, confirmed forever by your redeeming love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news!

Hope does not disappoint us, for God’s love
has been poured into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe the good news and give thanks:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Sung Response GTG 582 "Glory to God"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Isaiah 40:21-31 (Old Testament page 668)

Isaiah 43:1-3a (Old Testament page 672)

Matthew 11:28-30 (New Testament page 12)

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

***Sung response: GTG 66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"**

Sermon: "Remembering as an Act of Faith"

***Sung Response: GTG 175 "Seek Ye First"**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers 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.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those

who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering: "O Rest in the Lord" from the oratorio *Elijah*

Carol Wetzel

***Offertory PH 592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Offertory Prayer**

(From *Touch Holiness*, ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi ©1990 the Pilgrim Press)

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.

Holy One, with thanks for your gifts of life and love, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves.

Receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world.

***Sung Response: GTG 698 “Take, O Take Me As I Am” Sing 3 times**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “On Eagle’s Wings”

arr. by John Carter

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E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It’s easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on ‘Giving’. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God’s work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>WEEKLY INCOME</u> | <u>NOTES</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| JULY 2, 2023 | 78 IN THE SEATS | \$2,783.00 | OFFERINGS/TITHES |
| 06/26--06/30/2023 | | \$641.00 | VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS |
| | | \$3,424.00 | TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK |
| 6/25/2023 | 2 Households | | ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 07/02/2023 |

PNC Update

The PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) is about 4 months into our assignment to find the next pastor for First Presbyterian, Fond du Lac. We continue to meet regularly and work through the process. We were told at the start not to fall in love with a candidate because we may get our hearts broken. Well, we recently had a heart break.

Here is a summary of our activity.

The process used by the PCUSA to help churches and pastors find suitable matches for church staff involves the church creating a Ministry Discernment Profile (formerly known as a Ministry Information Form) and candidates creating a Personal Discernment Profile (formerly known as a Personal Information Form). Based on the information in each of the documents, matches are made. Churches and candidates can then determine if they want to pursue learning more about one another.

Since our PDP went live in early March, we had 53 candidates, who met the criteria established by the PNC and Session, matched to our church. Of those 53 candidates, we contacted 15 candidates either requesting more information (links to sermons) or asking them if they would be interested in learning more about our church and position. Based on those responses, we interviewed three candidates. We were very interested in one of the three candidates and invited this candidate to visit our church and meet with the PNC and learn about the Fond du Lac community. This visit was scheduled for mid-July. However, we recently learned that that candidate accepted another position for personal family reasons.

Please know that we will continue to work very hard to find the best possible candidate for our church. Your continued prayers and support are appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any member of the PNC: Dan Baker, Kim Braatz (chair), Bonnie Hughes, and Mike Wartnjes.

July Deacon of the Month
Debby Lorenz

July Elder of the Month
Sue Baker

Information @ Church

The July issue of Information @ Church will be available on July 3, on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Those without email will receive a copy in the mail. Copies will also be available in the Narthex.

This Week at Church

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| Sunday | 07.09 |
| 9:00-10:00am | Worship – Reverend Richard Moore |
| After Worship | Congregational Meeting – to elect officers |
| After Meeting | Fellowship Time/Growing Connections - Jennifer Zander will lead a discussion about Loaves and Fishes. |
| Monday | 07.10 |
| 10:00-11:00am | Staff Meeting |
| 2:00-3:00pm | Loving Team |
| Wednesday | 07.12 |
| 8:00-9:00am | Men's Breakfast |
| 2:00-6:00pm | Blood Drive |
| 4:00-5:00pm | Learning Team |
| 5:30-7:30pm | Women in Faith |
| Thursday | 07.13 |
| 6:30-8:00pm | Climate Education (See Page 9 for more information) |
| Saturday | 07.15 |
| 9:00-12:00pm | Table Tennis |
| Sunday | 07.16 - Outdoor Worship |
| 9:00-10:00am | Worship – Chaplain Darrin Beachy |
| | In-person Only |
| 10:15am | Fellowship Time |
| 10:15-11:15am | Growing Connections – Intergenerational Activities |
| 11:15-12:15pm | Tail Gate Party (Before Dock Spiders Game) |
| 1:00-3:00pm | AA Planning Meeting |
| 1:05pm | Dock Spiders Game |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Boy Scout Meeting |

Looking Ahead

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| Outdoor Worship | July 16 – Chaplain Darren Beachy |
| Loaves & Fishes | July 17 |
| Session | July 17 |
| Worship | July 23 – Chaplain Evan Stark |
| Worship | July 30 – Worship Team |
| Back to School | August 19 – Distribution Day |
| Outdoor Worship | August 20 |

PRAYERS

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| Brian C. | Jerry and Mary H. |
| Gary G.* | Chastity G. and Joan S. |
| Pat D. | Jolene S. – Sister and her husband |
| Gib D. | Lynn K. |
| Arnold L. | Sheryl B. |
| Jesse F. | Lynn M.** |
| Silas W. | Paige T.*** |
| Carol S. | Jane D. |
| Liam A. | Ollive & Bob Block |
| Burt M. | |

*Gary was experiencing seizure and balance issues. Those problems required an MRI which showed that his tumor was growing. He is now receiving Hospice Care at home. Please keep Gary and his family in your prayers. (Lori's birthday is July 9 if you wish to send her a card.)

**Lynn M. is recovering from surgery.

***Paige is recovering from surgery at UW Madison Children's Hospital. She is currently receiving physical therapy.

If you haven't seen someone in church for a while, why not give them a call or send a card? Maybe you could plan to visit? It is the small things that bring the biggest smile to people's faces.

You can't solve climate change alone. Join us.



Citizens' Climate Lobby

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a nonpartisan, people-driven organization -- ordinary folks making an extraordinary difference towards solving climate change.

Climate Advocate Training

Thursday, July 13, 6-8pm

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 1225 4th St., Fond Du Lac

Join us to learn:



How you can get climate laws passed with the help of new friends.



How to speak effectively about climate change and build common ground with elected officials.



How climate solutions can be bipartisan.

More information: Jill Mitchler, jemitchler@gmail.com, 920-851-6430
www.citizensclimatelobby.org



Blood Center of Wisconsin

Blood Drive - First Presbyterian Church

July 12 2:00-6:00pm

Giving blood is truly a gift of life! There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center or you can schedule your appointment [here](#). Walk-ins are welcome but there may be a few minutes wait.



More information is available
on our website [here](#).
A donation box will be available soon.