

August 3, 2025; 9:00 am
Worship with Holy Communion

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Prelude: Puer Nobis Nascitur
arr. by John Behnke and Robin Dinda

Kris Bartelt, guest organist

("Puer nobis nascitur", usually translated as "Unto Us Is Born a Son", is a medieval Christmas carol found in a number of manuscript sources) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unto_Us_Is_Born_a_Son

Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship. As the Light of Christ symbolically enters this worship space, we are reminded of God's presence in our lives, calling us to be a reflection of the light of Christ in all we do and say.

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

***Call to Worship**

Phil S.

Our lives are in the care of God.

God has given us abundance and hope.

This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.

We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.

Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!

Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love. AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

*** GTG 67 "My Song Forever Shall Record"**

Carol W., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Phil S.

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

***Prayer of Confession**

Phil S.

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world.

Silent Confession

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the promise of God's Grace from Philippians 3:9: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these instructions from Colossians 3:15, "The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body."

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.**)*

*** GTG 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 49:1-12 (Common English Bible)

page 518 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 701 (CEB)

Listen to this, all you people!

**Listen closely, all you citizens of the world—
people of every kind,
rich and poor alike!**

My mouth speaks wisdom;

my heart's meditation is full of insight.

I will pay close attention to a proverb;

I will explain my riddle on the lyre.

Why should I be afraid in times of trouble,
when the wrongdoing of my bullies engulfs me—
those people who trust in their fortunes
and boast of their fantastic wealth?

Wealth? It can't save a single person!

It can't pay a life's ransom-price to God.

The price to save someone's life is too high—

wealth will never be enough—

no one can live forever

without experiencing the pit.

**Everyone knows that the wise die too,
just like foolish and stupid people do,
all of them leaving their fortunes to others.**

Their graves are their eternal homes,

the place they live for all generations,

even if they had counties named after them!

People won't live any longer because of wealth;

they're just like the animals that pass away.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21 (Common English Bible)

page 74 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1268 (CEB)

Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

Then Jesus said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one’s life isn’t determined by one’s possessions, even when someone is very wealthy.” Then he told them a parable: “A certain rich man’s land produced a bountiful crop. He said to himself, What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! Then he thought, Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That’s where I’ll store all my grain and goods. I’ll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. But God said to him, ‘Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?’ This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren’t rich toward God.”

Children’s Time

Jolene S.

GTG 847 “Our Hope, Our Life”

Sermon: “Healthy vs Wealthy”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

We Respond to God’s Word

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word “catholic” means “relating to the church universal”*

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God’s Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God’s tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God.

No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: GTG 78 "You Thirsty Ones, Come"

Carol W.

***Offertory: GTG 607 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church's table. This is the Lord's table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

... We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever.

Joining our voices with those from around the world, we pray as you taught us, saying...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD – (words of institution]

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
Come, share in the mystery of this holy meal.

The Bread of Life

The Cup of Salvation

Music during communion:

GTG 518 "Your Only Son"

"Lamb of God" arr. by Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF THANKS

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** GTG 295 "Go To the World"**

v.1&4

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

Postlude: "Sine Nomine"

arr. by Wilbur Held

Sine nomine (abbreviated **s.n.**) is a Latin expression, meaning "without a name".

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sine_nomine

Keep In Prayer

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| Arnold L. | Jesse F. | Mike P. |
| Avril N* (Pretorius' friend) | Joyce J. | Paige T. |
| Bob & Ollive B. | Kathy A.* (Kevin B sister) | Pass Family* |
| Brian C. | Laurie C. | Pat D. |
| Brian M* (friend of Les M.) | Liam A. | Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister) |
| Chastity G. & Joan S. | Lindsay* (Bill/Mary daughter) | Paul W. |
| Corinne C. | Lynn M. | Pete D. |
| Dick* (Laurie C uncle) | Marie L. | Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom) |
| Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson) | Mark M.* (Cheryl W BIL) | Rod M.* (Mary/Dan R friend) |
| Gib D. | Mary C-A.* | Sherry M. |
| Jack K.* (Jolene S BIL) | Mike A.* (Kristina A. BIL) | Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew) |
| James P.* (Ruth P. friend) | Mike F. | |
| Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew) | | |

The names in bold are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer.

Today's Guest Musician: Kris Bartelt

While the Personnel Team is searching for our next Music and Worship Director, we are blessed to have several musicians filling in. Please welcome them as we experience a variety of music leadership styles God is providing through them.

Kris Bartelt ...Recently retired after 21 years as a full/part-time Worship and Music Coordinator in Fond du Lac. Prior to this she worked full-time for 25 years in pre-press/advertising and part time as an organist/choir director for various churches in the Milwaukee Area.

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at [www.fdlpresbyterian.org/Giving page](http://www.fdlpresbyterian.org/Giving_page). (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR JULY 27, 2025

Individuals in Person: 85
Zoom Households: 5

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>NOTES</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 7/20/25 | \$11,212.00 | Tithes/Offerings |
| | \$200.00 | Special Offerings |
| 7/14-7/18/25 | \$800.00 | Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings" |
| | 10.00 | Vanco Special Offerings |
| | \$12,222.00 | TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK |

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

11:00am

August 3

Worship in the Sanctuary

Growing Connections-Sermon Discussion in the Parlor

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall

Church Picnic

Monday

1:00-2:30pm

August 4

Staff Meeting in the Office

Tuesday

6:00-8:00pm

August 5

Deacon Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

August 6

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

August 10

Worship in the Sanctuary

Growing Connections-Back to School

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

Organ Recital-First Presbyterian Church-Henry Hayes

Aug 14 12:15pm