

August 17, 2025; 9:00 am
Outdoor Worship

We Gather Together

***Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. 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 outside the sanctuary doors.*

Prelude: "The Potter's Hand", "Shout to the North" *Kris Bartelt*
arr. by Phillip Keveren

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 *Mary B*

***Call to Worship** *Mary B*

The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!

The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.

Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

Let us praise God who is always with us. AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray.
AMEN

***Hymn GTG 319 “Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”**

Carol W, Nancy P

Men of faith, Rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak;
in your Brokenness, complete.
Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth.
Stand and sing to Broken Hearts
Who can know the healing power
of our awesome King of love.

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

We've been through fire;
we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the power of his name
We've fallen deeper in love with you
You've burned the truth on our lips

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west.

**Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

***Call to Confession**

Mary B

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession**

Mary B

God of healing mercies, **we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort.**

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us, O merciful God. **Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

Turn again, O people, to the Lord who always loves you. Remember God's loving mercies and faithfulness. AMEN.

***Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these instructions from Ephesians 4:32: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

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”**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text MUSIC (GLORIA PATRI (Greatest): Henry W. Greatest, 1851

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29 (Common English Bible)

page 726 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 949 (CEB)

The LORD declares, Am I a God
who is only nearby and not far off?
Can people hide themselves in secret places
so I might not see them?
Don’t I fill heaven and earth?

I have heard the prophets prophesying lies in my name. They claim, “I’ve had a dream; I’ve had a dream!” How long will deceitful prophecies dominate the minds of the prophets? Those prophets are treacherous. They scheme to make my people forget me by their dreams that people tell each other, just as their ancestors forgot me because of Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream declare it, but let the one who has my word proclaim it faithfully.

What a difference between straw and wheat!
declares the LORD.
Isn’t my word like fire
and like a hammer that shatters rock?
declares the LORD.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56 (Common English Bible)

page 75 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1268 (CEB)

“I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it’s completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead

to bring division. From now on, a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three. Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Jesus also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, ‘It’s going to rain.’ And indeed it does. And when a south wind blows, you say, ‘A heat wave is coming.’ And it does. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret the present time?

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

HYMN GTG 808 “When Memory Fades”

**When memory faces and
Recognition falters,
When eyes we love grow dim,
And minds, con-fused
Speak to our souls
Of love that never alters;
Speak to our hearts
By pain and fear abused**

**O God of life and
healing peace, empower us
with patient courage,
by your grace infused**

**As frailness grows and
youthful strengths diminish
in weary arms that
worked their earnest fill,
your aging servants
labor now to finish
their earthly tasks,
as fits your mystery’s will.**

**We grieve their waning
Yet rejoice, believing
Your arms, unwearied,
Shall uphold us still.**

**Within your spirit,
Goodness lives unfading.
The Past and future
mingle in-to one.**

**All joys remain,
Un shadowed light providing
No valued deed will
Ever be undone.**

**Your Mind enfolds
All finite acts and offerings.
Held in your heart,
our deathless life is won!**

Sermon: “There Will be Scorching Heat”

Pastor Dan Schultz

We Respond to God’s Word

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 468 “In My Life”

Carol W, Nancy P, Cantors

**In my life, Lord,
Be Glorified Be glorified
In my life, lord, be glorified today.**

**In our song, lord
Be Glorified Be glorified
In our song, Lord,
Be Glorified today**

**In your church, Lord,
Be Glorified Be glorified
In your church, Lord,
Be Glorified today**

**In your world, lord,
Be Glorified Be glorified
In your world, Lord,
Be Glorified today**

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988; © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

Arnold L	Joan S.	Pat D.
Bob & Ollive B.	Joyce J.	Pat M.* (Bonnie H. sister)
Brian C.	Kathy A* (sister/sil Kevin/KimB)	Paul W.
Brian M.* (friend of Les M.)	Liam A.	Pete D.
Chastity G.	Lindsay* (Bill/Mary daughter)	Qualine S.* (Jodi A. mom)
Corinne C.	Lynn M.	Sandy S.* (Carol S. sister)
Elias B* (Laurie C grandson)	Mary C-A.*	Sherry M.
Gib D.	Marie L.	Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)
Jim B.* (Debby L Brother)	Mark M* (Cheryl W BIL)	Sue K.
Jack K* (Jolene's BIL)	Mike F.	Susan & Arnie R* (John C. sister/bil)
James P.*	Mike P.	
Jesse F.	Paige T.	The Family of Rollie H.
Joan K. (Marcus A. mom)	Pass Family*	

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.

***Hymn GTG 740 "Lead Me, Guide Me"**

Lead me, Guide me, along the way,

For if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, Let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need

your strength and power

to help me over my weakest hour.

Help me through the darkness

**your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, Lead me.**

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

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “Lead Me, Lord” *arr. by Fred Bock*

Today’s Guest Musician: 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 prepress/advertising and part time as an organist/choir director for various churches in the Milwaukee Area. She holds a B.A. in Music with emphasis in Church Music from Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, WI and a Certificate of Completion for 2.5 years of Master Classes with emphasis in Scripture, Theology and Prayer/Meditation from the ELCA Lay School.

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

Today’s Pulpit Supply: Rev. Dan Schultz

Daniel Schultz is a minister in the United Church of Christ. He lives in Fond du Lac and serves as a chaplain for Generations Hospice.

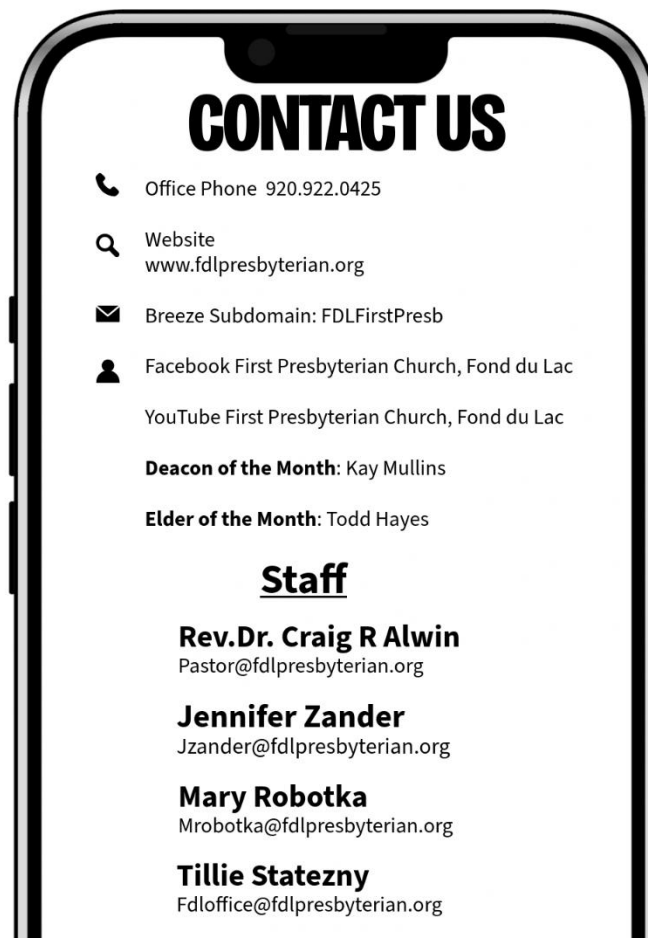
WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 10, 2025

Individuals in Person: 66
Zoom Households: 7

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
8/10/25	\$4366.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$20.00	Special Offerings
8/04-08/25	\$ 1050.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	10.00	Vanco Special Offerings
	\$5446.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

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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.



This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

1:00-2:00pm

August 17

Outdoor Worship

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall

PYA at the Woodlands

Monday

1:00-2:30pm

6:30-8:00pm

August 18

Staff Meeting in the Office

Session Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

August 20

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry

Saturday

9:00am-3:00pm

August 23

Officer Training

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

11:00am

11:30-1:00pm

6:00-7:30pm

August 24 Back to School Blessing

Worship in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections Damascus Road

Confirmation Info Meeting

Worship Team Meeting

Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg

Looking Ahead

Church Office Closed

Women in Faith

Fondu Fest

Hannah Chung: Making Meaning

Blood Drive

Loaves and Fishes

Monday, Sept. 1

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Saturday, Sept. 6

Sunday, Sept. 7

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Wednesday, Sept. 10