

August 24, 2025; 9:00 am

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: *You Bless Me (Thank You)* arr. by Andrew Bergthold

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. The 9:00 a.m. bell toll reminds us of God's call to pause from our busy lives and turn our full attention to the joyful praise of God's glory.

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

With great rejoicing we come to the house of the Lord today!

God is our refuge and our stronghold.

The power and love of God flow through this gathering.

We place our whole trust in God's mighty compassion for us.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives.

AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour your love on us this day that we might be healed and be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. In Jesus' name, we pray.

AMEN.

***Hymn: GTG 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

***Call to Confession**

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**

Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us. We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. "Let someone else do the work," we proclaim. And in that proclamation we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts.

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is nowhere in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN

***Assurance of God's Grace** *(Isa. 43:1, 19)*

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these instructions from Colossians 3:13, "Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other." 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:** "You Bless Me (Thank You)" arr. by Andrew Bergthold

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 103:1-8 (Common English Bible)

page 554 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 744 (CEB)

Let my whole being bless the Lord!

Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

Let my whole being bless the Lord

and never forget all his good deeds:

how God forgives all your sins,

heals all your sickness,

saves your life from the pit,

crowns you with faithful love and compassion,

and satisfies you with plenty of good things

so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness;

does justice for all who are oppressed.

God made his ways known to Moses;

made his deeds known to the Israelites.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful,

very patient, and full of faithful love.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-22 (Common English Bible)

page 76 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1268 (CEB)

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said,

“Woman, you are set free from your sickness.” He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, “There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day.”

The Lord replied, “Hypocrites! Don’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn’t it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

Jesus asked, “What is God’s kingdom like? To what can I compare it? It’s like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in a garden. It grew and developed into a tree and the birds in the sky nested in its branches.”

Again he said, “To what can I compare God’s kingdom? It’s like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through the whole.”

Jesus traveled through cities and villages, teaching and making his way to Jerusalem.

Children’s Time: Blessing of the Backpacks

Sermon: “What is God’s Kingdom Like?”

Hymn: TPH 436 “We Are Your People”

We Respond to God’s Word

Moment for Mission: Advance Care Planning

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: "What Wondrous Love: Variation on O Waly Waly"

arr. By Randolph Currie

*Offertory: TPH 593 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Arnold L	Joan S	Pass Family*
Avril N*(Pretorius's Friend)	Joyce J	Pat D
Bob and Ollive B	Kathy A*(sister/sil Kevin/Kim B)	Pat M*(Bonnie H sister)
Brian C	Liam A	Paul W
Brian M*(Les M friend)	Lindsay J*(Bill/Mary Daughter)	Pete D
Chastity G	Lynn M	Qualine S*(Jodi A. mom)
Corinne C	Marie L	Sherry M
Elias B*(Laurie C Grandson)	Mark M*(Cheryl W. BIL)	Steven B*(Kevin B Nephew)
Gib D	Mary C-A*	Sue K
Jack K*(Jolene's BIL)	Mike A*(Kristina's BIL)	Susan & Arnie R*(John C sister/bil)
James P*	Mike F	
Jesse F	Mike P	
Jim B (Debby L's BIL)	Paige T	

The Family of Jonathan P.

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.**

***Sending Hymn: “Go Make a Difference” arr. By Steve Angrisano**

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

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “Go Make a Difference” arr. By Steve Angrisano

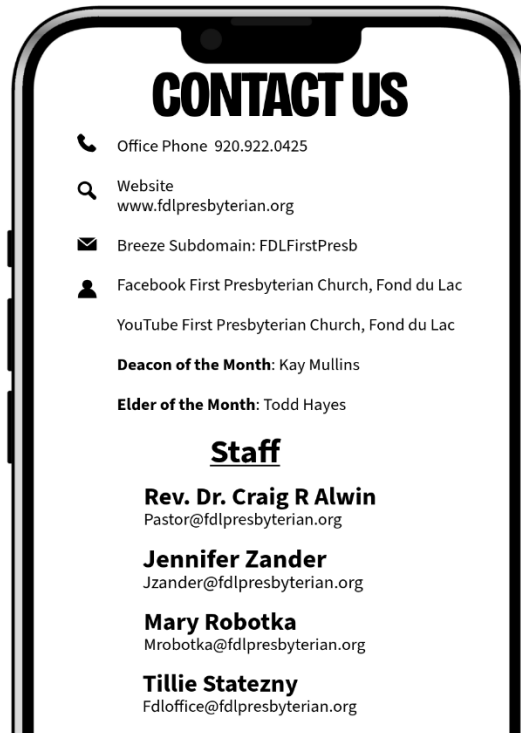
Today's Guest Musician: Kristina Arellano

Kristina Arellano was born and raised in Fond du Lac. She has a B.A. in Church Music from North Central University and an M.A. in Ethnomusicology, with an emphasis on global worship, from Bethel University. She owns a private teaching studio called Paige School of Music and is about to publish her own piano method called *The Dynamic Pianist*. In addition to teaching, Kristina has accompanied a variety of groups including churches, schools, weddings, choirs, and small ensembles.

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.

**Thank you to the following people
for leading worship today:**

Liturgist: Kay M.
Cantor: Becky F.
Pianist: Kristina A.
Drums: Dan B.
Guitar: Becky F.
Bass: Eddie H.
Organist: Henry H.
Children's Moment: Jennifer Z.
Audio/Video: Kim B. & John N



WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 17, 2025

Individuals in Person: 60
Zoom Households: 4

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
08/17/2025	\$66.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$00.00	Special Offerings
8/11-15/25	\$ 2600.00	Vanco Online Tithes/Offerings
	110.00	Vanco Special Offerings
	\$2776.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at 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.

This Week

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 Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections Damascus Road-In Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Info Meeting-In the Gathering Room

Worship Team Meeting-In the Parlor

Boy Scout Troop 702 Mtg

Monday

1:00-2:30pm

August 25

Staff Meeting in the Office

Tuesday

9:15-10:15am

1:00-2:00pm

6:00pm

August 26

Finance Team Meeting

Loving Team Meeting

AA Open Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

August 27

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry

Friday

Times TBD

August 29

Jonathan Pass Memorial Service – at FPC

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

August 31

Worship in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections-Sermon Discussion

Looking Ahead

Church Office Closed (Labor Day)

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