

August 31, 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: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" *arr. By Cindy Berry*

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 all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!

Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude. AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. AMEN.

***Hymn: TPH 455 "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

***Call to Confession**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you.

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***Assurance of God's Grace**

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.**)*

***Hymn Response: "You Bless Me (Thank You)"**

arr. by Andrew Bergthold

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 112 (Common English Bible)

page 563 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 755 (CEB)

Praise the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.

**Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.**

They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

**The wicked will see and be vexed,
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14 (Common English Bible)

page 77 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1270 (CEB)

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely.

When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. “When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don’t take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give your seat to this other person.’ Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, ‘Friend, move up here to a better seat.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, “When you host a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can’t repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.”

Children’s Time

Sermon: “Kingdom Seating Chart”

HYMN MEDLEY:

Humble Yourself in the Sight of the Lord (sing 2X)
Though I May Speak (GTG 693)

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: “You Say”

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

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

Family and friends of Jonathan Pass - Jonathan’s celebration of his life was on Friday.

Family and Friends of Marie Laiten-Please keep the family of Marie Laiten in your prayers. We are saddened to share that Marie Passed away on Wednesday, just a few days before her 102nd. Marie touched so many lives with her kindness, and her memory will always inspire us. We will share details about arrangements as soon as they are available.

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: “If We Are The Body”**

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

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “If We Are The Body”

arr. by Mark Hall

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: Wendy P.

Cantor: Carol W., Becky F., Kristina A.

Pianist: Kristina A.

Drums: Dan B.

Guitar: Becky F.

Bass: Eddie H.

Children’s Moment: Katy J.

Audio/Video: Kim B. & Deb C.

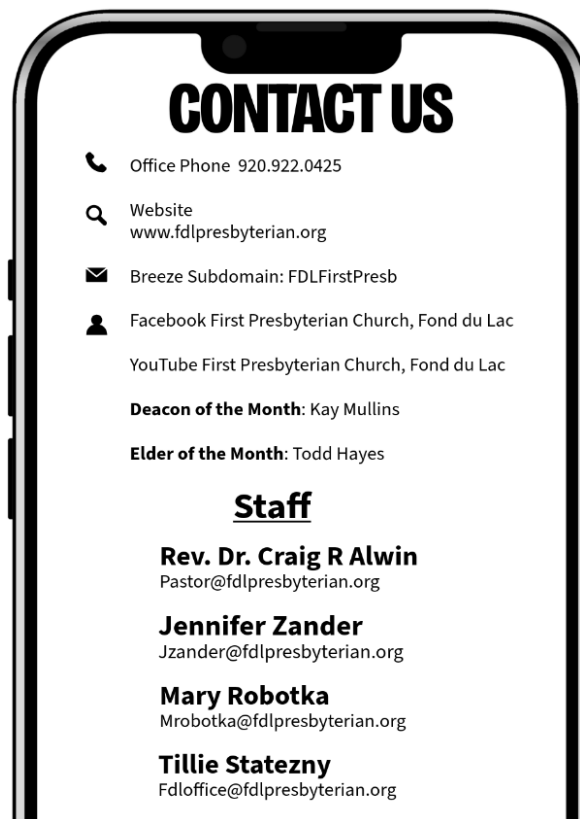
WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 24, 2025

Individuals in Person: 99
Zoom Households: 5

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
08/24/2025	\$1476.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$00.00	Special Offerings
8/18-22/25	\$ 1550.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	<u>340.00</u>	Vanco Special Offerings
	\$3366.00	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

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August 31

Worship in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections-Sermon Discussion

Monday

Office is Closed

September 1

Labor Day

Tuesday

10:00-11:30am

6:30-7:30pm

September 2

Staff Meeting

Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

5:30-7:30pm

5:15-6:00pm

September 3

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry

Women in Faith

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

9:00am-5:00pm

September 6

Fondue Fest

(Visit the church tent on west side of street, between Forest and 1st Street)

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

11:30-12:30pm

11:30-1:00pm

6:00-7:30pm

September 7

Worship in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections- Hannah Chung: Making Meaning

Learning Team Meeting

Worship Team Meeting

Boy Scouts Meeting

Looking Ahead

Blood Drive

Loaves and Fishes

Cribbage

PYA at the Woodlands

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Thursday, Sept. 19

Saturday, Sept. 20