

September 28, 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: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" Arr. Victor Labenske

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 (Psalm 91)**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**They will say of the Lord, "God is my refuge
and fortress, the one in whom we trust."**

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the refuge of God's wings.

**They will not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day.**

"Those who love me, I will deliver," says the Lord.

**O Lord, we call to you now.
Show us your salvation.**

***Opening Prayer**

God our Redeemer, you promise deliverance to those who love you. Draw unto us as we draw unto you in worship. Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, and our spirits to encounter the revelation you have for us this day. Transform us with the truth of your love and grace, in the name of the one who loved us and gave his life for us. Amen.

***Hymn: GTG 4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

***Call to Confession**

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray—when we don’t see or recognize your gifts for what they are; when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity; when we take what you give and beg you for more; when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the mournful cry of those around us; when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share the gifts you give with others.

Silent Confession

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

As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Grace**

People of God, do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on the richness of God, who provides us everything for our enjoyment. Be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these words from Jude 2, "May you have more and more mercy, peace, and love." The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

As we are commanded to share, let us turn to our fellow pilgrims on the journey and offer one another the peace of Christ.

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

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 146 (Common English Bible)

page 581 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 778 (CEB)

Praise the Lord!

Let my whole being praise the Lord!

I will praise the Lord with all my life;

I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

Don't trust leaders;

don't trust any human beings—

there's no saving help with them!

Their breath leaves them,

then they go back to the ground.

On that very same day, their plans die too.

The person whose help is the God of Jacob—

the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God—

is truly happy!

God: the maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

God: who is faithful forever,

who gives justice to people who are oppressed,

who gives bread to people who are starving!

The Lord: who frees prisoners.
The Lord: who makes the blind see.
The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.
The Lord: who loves the righteous.
The Lord: who protects immigrants,
who helps orphans and widows,
but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

The Lord will rule forever!

Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next!

Praise the Lord!

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31 (Common English Bible)

page 79 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1273 (CEB)

“There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

“The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’

“The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house. I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

Children's Time

HYMN: GTG 829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Sermon: "Kingdom Status"

We Respond to God's Word

Moment for Mission: Special Offering – Peace and Global Witness

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: "Land of Rest" Arr. Joseph M. Martin

***Offertory: GTG 647** "Give Thanks"

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of The People

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| Arnold L | Jesse F | Mike F |
| Avril N* (Pretorius Friend) | Joan S | Mike A* (Kristina's BIL) |
| Bill K | Jodi A | Paige T |
| Brian C | Joyce J | Pat D |
| Brian M* (friend of Les M.) | Liam A | Pat M* (Bonnie H. sister) |
| Chastity G | Lindsay J* (Bill/Mary daughter) | Paul W |
| Corinne C | Lynn K* (Laurie C Friend) | Pete D |
| Dick S | Lynn M | Qualine S* (Jodi A. mom) |
| Elias B* (Laurie C grandson) | Marcie J* (Carol S. friend) | Sherry M |
| Gib D | Mark M* (Cheryl W BIL) | Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew) |
| Jack K* (Jolene's BIL) | Mary C-A* | Susan & Arnie R* (John C. Sister/Bil) |
| James P* | Mike P | |

The Family of Kathy A-Please keep Kevin and Kim B. in your prayers as they grieve the passing of Kevin's sister and Kim's sister-in-law, Kathy A. May God's comfort and peace surround their family during this difficult time.

The Anderson Family-Please Keep the Anderson Family in your prayers. We are saddened to share Marcus's Mother has suddenly passed.

The Family of Marie Laiten wishes to thank those who sent cards, thoughtful notes, and prayers during Marie's passing. Her church family was always important to her.

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.

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 306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (vs 1, 3, & 5)**

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

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" Arr. Victor Labenske

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.

Thank you to the following people for leading worship today:

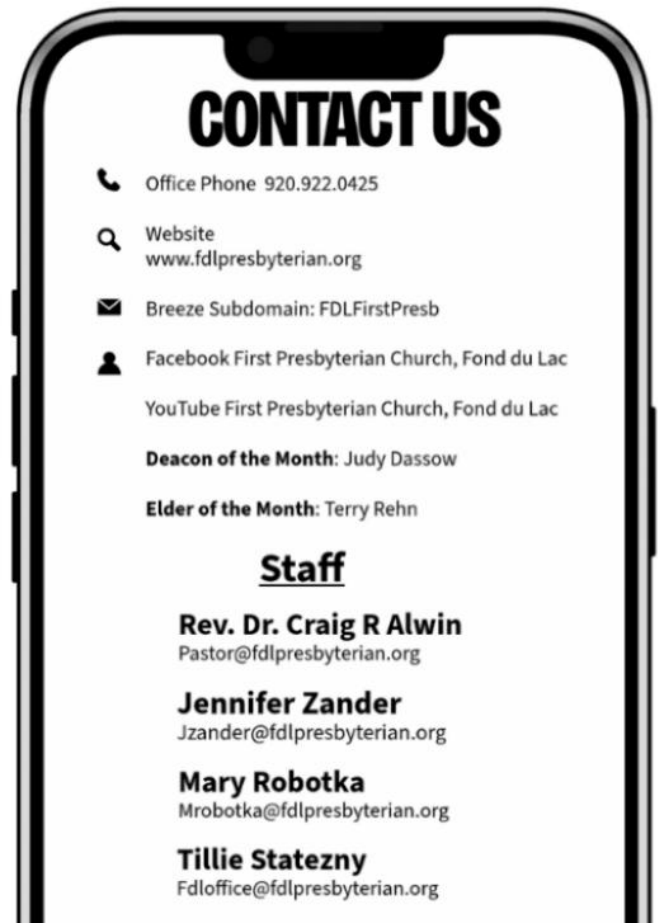
Liturgist: Jolene S, Jaeda R

Cantor: Laurie C

Pianist: Kristina A

Children's Moment: Jennifer Z

Audio/Video: Deb C. & Kim B



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WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Individuals in Person: 95

Zoom Households: 8

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INCOME

NOTES

9/21/25

\$3027.00

Tithes/Offerings

\$ 00.00

Special Offerings

9/15-19/25

\$3450.00

Vanco Online Tithes/Offerings

460.00

Vanco Special Offerings

\$6937.00

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:15am
10:15-11:15am
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September 28

Worship in the Sanctuary
Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall
Sunday School
Growing Connections-Beyond the Form

Monday

10:00-11:30am

September 29

Staff Meeting in the Office

Tuesday

6:30-7:30pm
7:00-9:15pm

September 30

Loving Team Mtg
South Shore Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

October 1

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry

Thursday

6:00-8:00pm

October 2

Grief Share

Sunday

9:00-10:15am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
10:15-11:15am
11:30-12:30pm

October 5-50 Year Member Celebration

Worship in the Sanctuary
Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall
Growing Connections-Sermon Discussion
Sunday School
Learning Team Mtg

Looking Ahead

Risks of Spams and Scams-FdL Sheriffs Dep.
Breast Cancer Awareness-Lisa Michels (APNP)
Bible Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 12
Sunday, Oct. 19
Sunday, Oct. 19