October 12, 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 "Distress" (O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come)

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

When we are lonely and feeling lost . . .

Jesus calls us and brings us hope and peace.

When we are angry and frustrated . . .

Jesus heals our wounds and soothes our tempers.

When we are sorrowful and broken . . .

Jesus binds up our wounds with his healing love.

Come, let us worship the one who cares so abundantly for us.

AMEN.

*Opening Prayer

For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*Hymn: GTG 463 "How Firm a Foundation"

*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

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things.

Silent Confession

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

God of grace, help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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.)

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

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 111 (Common English Bible)

page 562 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 754 (CEB)

Praise the Lord!

I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are magnificent; they are treasured by all who desire them.

God's deeds are majestic and glorious. God's righteousness stands forever.

God is famous for his wondrous works.

The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

God gives food to those who honor him.

God remembers his covenant forever.

God proclaimed his powerful deeds to his people and gave them what had belonged to other nations.

God's handiwork is honesty and justice;

all God's rules are trustworthy—

they are established always and forever:

they are fulfilled with truth and right doing.

God sent redemption for his people;

God commanded that his covenant last forever.

Holy and awesome is God's name!

Fear of the Lord is where wisdom begins;

sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws.

God's praise lasts forever!

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19 (Common English Bible)

page 80 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1274 (CEB)

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!"

When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Children's Time

HYMN: GTG 772 "Live into Hope"

Sermon: "Foreign Faith"

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: "The Ash Grove" (Let All Things Now Living)

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

*Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Arnold L. Jesse F. Mike F. Avril N.* (Pretorius friend) Joan S. Mike P. Bill K. Jodi A. Paige T. Brian C. Joyce J. Pat D.

Brian M.* Liam A. Pat M.*(Bonnie H. sister)

Chastity G. Lindsay J.*(Bill/Mary daughter) Paul W. Corinne C. Lynn K.* 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.

James P.* Mike A.*(Kristina BIL) sister/bil)

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.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online (<u>click here</u>). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

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 643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Having encountered the risen Christ and received God's healing love, go now along the borders of our world, sharing the good news of God's presence and compassion. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen!

Postlude "Azmon" (Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

Today's Guest Musician: Pam Lane

Thank you to Pastor Craig and everyone at First Presbyterian for allowing me to share in worship today! I have substituted here over the years and always look forward to seeing old friends. I have been playing organ in church since I was about 16, 58 years ago. Yikes! At this point, I serve as a substitute organist, playing in the Fond du Lac/Oshkosh area. My home church is Church of Our Savior, where I participate in handbells, choir, and special music when possible. A retired teacher, I'm now involved in South Shore Chorale and help with the Summer Noon Organ Recitals programming. Paul and I enjoy living on the lake and especially spending time with our family (particularly an energetic and adorable 2-year-old.)

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: Gerhard P Cantor: Carol W Pianist: Pam Lane

Children's Moment: Jennifer Z Audio/Video: Noah B & Henry H

Designer: Deb C

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WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 5, 2025

Individuals in Person: 102 Zoom Households: 7

DATE 10/05/2025	INCOME \$4312.00 \$ 255.00	NOTES Tithes/Offerings Special Offerings
9/2910/3/25	\$3260.00 \$525.00	Vanco Online Tithes/Offerings Vanco Special Offerings
	\$8352.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK



This Week

Sunday October 12

9:00-10:15am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:15-11:15am Growing Connections-Spams & Scams (FdL Sheriff's Dep)

10:15-11:15am Sunday School-In the Gathering Room

10:15-11:15am Bible Class

6:45-8:30pm Outdoor Movie Night

Monday October 13

10:00-11:30am Staff Meeting in the Office

Tuesday October 14

1:00-3:00pm Personnel Meeting

7:00-9:15pm South Shore Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday October 15

8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry

6:30-7:30pm Endowment Board Meeting-In the Parlor 7:00-8:00pm Confirmation-In the Gathering Room

Thursday October 16

4:00-5:00pm Growing Connections Planning Meeting

5:15-6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00-8:00pm Grief Share-In the Parlor

Friday October 17 7:00-9:00pm Cribbage

Saturday October 18

10:00-11:00am PYA- at the Woodlands

Sunday October 19-Bible Sunday

9:00-10:15am Worship

10:15-11:15am Growing Connections-Breast Cancer Awareness

10:15-11:15am Sunday School-In the Gathering Room

Looking Ahead

Open Mission Sewing Wednesday, Oct. 22
Congregational Meeting Sunday, Oct. 26
Growing Connections-Hospice Sunday, Oct. 26