

October 19, 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 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord (Standing in the Need of Prayer)"

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**

We have gathered in God's holy presence,
having grace etched on our hearts.

This is where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is where God will breathe the Word into our lives!

***Opening Prayer**

Grant to us, O God, we pray, the spirit to always think and do what is right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may be able to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***Hymn: GTG 452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

***Call to Confession**

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**

Almighty God, you have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. We want to know you; we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our thoughts drift far from your truth. Open our hearts and minds to hear your voice and receive your forgiveness.

Silent Confession

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

God of Grace, help us to seek you every day. **Help us to acknowledge that we need your wisdom and guidance. Help us to return to the path and walk with you. By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation. Shape our hearts to be filled with gratitude, that we might continually return to your word and give you thanks. Amen.**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

When we cry out, God helps us without delay. Do not lose heart, for the Lord forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sharing God's Peace**

Hear these instructions from Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other, in the same way God forgave you in Christ."

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 648 "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 121 (Common English Bible)

page 571 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 766 (CEB)

I raise my eyes toward the mountains.

Where will my help come from?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

God won't let your foot slip.

Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

**No! Israel's protector
never sleeps or rests!**

The Lord is your protector;

the Lord is your shade right beside you.

**The sun won't strike you during the day;
neither will the moon at night.**

The Lord will protect you from all evil;

God will protect your very life.

**The Lord will protect you on your journeys—
whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8 (Common English Bible)

page 81 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1275 (CEB)

Jesus was telling them a parable about their need to pray continuously and not to be discouraged. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him, asking, 'Give me justice in this case against my adversary.' For a while he refused but finally said to himself, I don't fear God or respect people, but I will give this widow justice because she keeps bothering me. Otherwise, there will be no end to her coming here and embarrassing me." The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Won't God provide justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will give them justice quickly. But when the Human One comes, will he find faithfulness on earth?"

Children's Time – Bible Presentation

"Theme from 'The Moldau'" arr. Bedrich Smetan

Handbells Choir

Sermon: "Finding Faith"

We Respond to God's Word

***HYMN:** "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord (Standing in the Need of 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. sister/bil)
James P.*	Mike A.* (Kristina BIL)	

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.

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: “As the Deer”

***Offertory: GTG 647 “Give Thanks” vs. 1 & 4**

***Offertory Prayer**

***HYMN: GTG 838 “Standing on the Promises of God”**

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

***Charge and Benediction**

With God’s promise of abundant life before us, God’s unending grace surrounding us, and God’s enduring love within us, God sends us into the world to live lives of persistent faithfulness.

Postlude “Sing to the Lord of the Harvest”

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*. 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: Jolene S.

Cantor: Laurie C., Steve M., Henry H.

Pianist: Kristina A.

Handbell Choir: Director Joanne M.

Drums: Dan B.

Children’s Moment: Jennifer Z.

Audio/Video: Kim B. & John N.

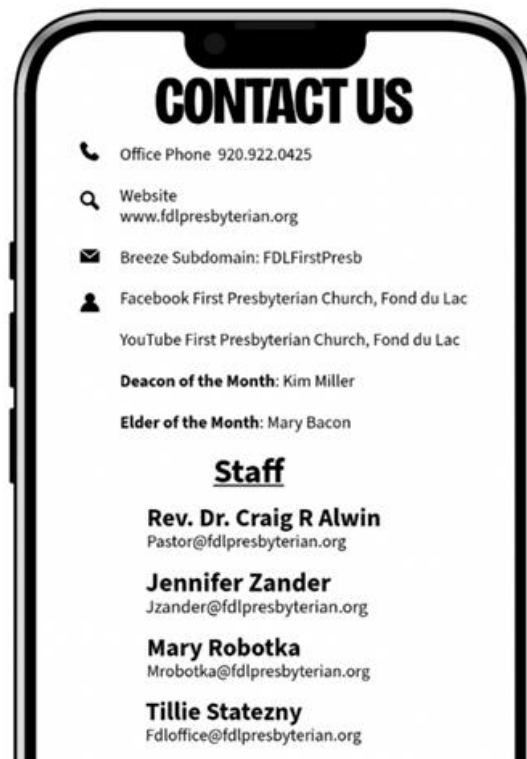
WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 12, 2025

Individuals in Person: 100
Zoom Households: 8

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
10/12/2025	\$1586.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 245.00	Special Offerings
10/6-10/2025	\$840.00	Vanco Online Tithes/Offerings
	<u>\$255.00</u>	Vanco Special Offerings
	\$2926.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Designer: Kim B.

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

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11:30-12:30pm

October 19-Bible Sunday

Worship-in the Sanctuary

Growing Connections-Breast Cancer Awareness-Fellowship
Hall

Sunday School-In the Gathering Room

Serving Team Meeting-In the Parlor

Monday

10:00-11:30am

6:30-8:00pm

October 20

Staff Meeting-in the Office

Session Meeting-In the Gathering Room

Tuesday

7:00-9:15pm

October 21

South Shore Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

9:00-3:00pm

7:00-8:00pm

October 22

Men's Breakfast @Pump Pantry

Open Mission Sewing-In the Gathering Room

Confirmation Class-In the Gathering Room

Thursday

5:15-6:15pm

6:00-8:00pm

October 23

Bell Choir Rehearsal-In the Music Room

Grief Share-In the Parlor

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

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12:00-3:00pm

October 26-Congregational Meeting

Worship-In the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time-In the Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections-Hospice Philosophy-In the Gathering
Room

Sunday School-In the Gathering Room

SPIN-Serving People in Need

Looking Ahead

Blood Drive

Warming Shelter Meal

Women In Faith

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Friday, Nov. 7

Wednesday, Nov. 12