

October 26, 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 "Rock of Ages"

arr. By Thomas Hastings

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**

This is the day the Lord has made:

**a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:

**a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:

**a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.**

***Opening Prayer**

God of our salvation, pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, so your grace might strengthen us for service; so your peace might calm our troubled souls; so your hope might mend our broken hearts. You are in our midst, you open the gateways of our hearts morning and evening, that we might sing our praises with all creation.

***Hymn: GTG 401 "Here in This Place"**

***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**

Ever-present God, too often in life we pull out a prayer in response to our circumstances, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. **May we become more humble, more penitent, and willing to acknowledge our faulty lives to you, so that we can receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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. Amen.**

***HYMN: GTG 581 "Glory be to the Father"**

***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: GTG 442 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" (verses 1 & 2)**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 84:1-7 (Common English Bible)

Page 543 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 731 (CEB)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord of heavenly forces!

**My very being longs, even yearns,
for the Lord's courtyards.**

**My heart and my body
will rejoice out loud to the living God!**

Yes, the sparrow too has found a home there;
the swallow has found herself a nest
where she can lay her young beside your altars,
Lord of heavenly forces, my king, my God!

**Those who live in your house are truly happy;
they praise you constantly.**

Those who put their strength in you are truly happy;
pilgrimage is in their hearts.

**As they pass through the Baca Valley,
they make it a spring of water.**

Yes, the early rain covers it with blessings.

**They go from strength to strength,
until they see the supreme God in Zion.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14 (Common English Bible)

page 81 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1276 (CEB)

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank you that I'm not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.' I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

Children's Time

HYMN: GTG 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Sermon: "Failing into Faith"

We Respond to God's Word

Moment for Mission: Alternative Gift Fair

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: "Trio"

arr. by Johann Krebs

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

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

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

The Family of Pat Dilling-Please Keep Pat Dilling's Family in your prayers.

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 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 438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" verses 1, 2, & 3**

Congregational Meeting

***Charge and Benediction**

We have offered praise and prayer to our God,
who sends us out to offer peace and hope to others.
We have heard the call of Jesus in the silence and singing,
and we will join him is speaking for the voiceless.
Filled by the Spirit with faith and trust,
we go to humbly serve others.

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

Postlude "Little Prelude in F Major"

arr. by J.S. Bach

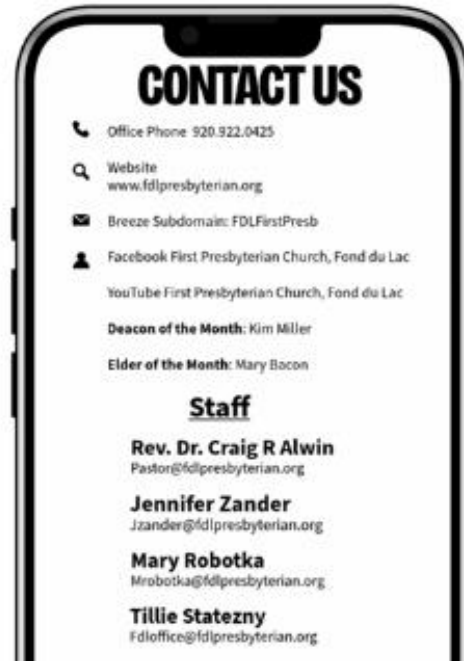
Today's Guest Musician: Star Ehrhardt

Star Ehrhardt is a graduate of Western Illinois University and continued her studies in piano and organ privately after college. She currently teaches piano at the YMCA locations in Neenah and Appleton.

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.
 Pianist: Star E.
 Children’s Moment: Jennifer Z.
 Audio/Video: Dan B., Todd H.
 Designer: Deb C



WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 19, 2025

Individuals in Person: 106
Zoom Households: 5

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
10/19/2025	\$6133.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 150.00	Special Offerings
10/13-10/17	\$3050.00	Vanco Online Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 310.00	Vanco Special Offerings
	<u>\$9643.00</u>	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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12:00-3:00pm

October 26-Congregational Meeting

Worship-In the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time-In the Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections-Hospice Philosophy-In the Parlor

Sunday School-In the Gathering Room

SPIN-Serving People in Need

Monday

10:00-11:30am

7:00-9:15pm

October 27

Staff Meeting-In the Office

South Shore Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday

12:30-2:30pm

6:00-7:00pm

October 28

Personnel Team Meeting

AA Open Meeting

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

9:15-10:30am

6:00-7:30pm

7:00-8:00pm

October 29

Men's Breakfast @ Pump Pantry

Finance Team Meeting

Building and Grounds Team Meeting

Confirmation Class-In the Gathering Room

Thursday

5:15-6:15pm

6:00-8:00pm

October 30

Bell Choir Rehearsal-In the Music Room

Grief Share-In the Parlor

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

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November 2 Communion Sunday

Worship-In the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time-In the Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections-Sermon Discussions

Sunday School-In the Gathering Room

Looking Ahead

Blood Drive

Warming Shelter Meal

All Church Indoor Clean-Up

Women In Faith

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Friday, Nov. 7

Sunday, Nov. 9

Wednesday, Nov. 12