

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022; 9:00 am

We Gather Together

Prelude: Improvisation on “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *Paul Manz*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.)***

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Carol Smith

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Our hearts are stirred by this powerful reminder!

Yes, before the mountains were brought forth or before you formed the earth,

You, O God were there, bringing life.

Satisfy us this very morning with your Holy Presence and your love,

that our lives may resemble your love

and we would hold out our hand to receive your bounty.

Let us worship God!

***Prayer Hymn GTG 377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vs. 1&3**

Cantor, Linda Dorn

***Call to Confession (Unison)**

Giver of Life, every day you rain down manna from heaven, and often we fail to receive it. We shrug away the bounty, relying on the small morsels we think will sustain us. We grumble about the challenges of our lives and spend hours trying to manage things on our own. We neglect the needs of others because we don't think we have anything to offer. We shrink back

from what might lead to the promised land of truth and hope, taking the path of least resistance.

Gracious God, forgive us. Strengthen us by your mighty Spirit, that we would be the community you have called us to be. Meet us in the wildernesses of our lives with courageous might and joyful perseverance; through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with! **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 PH 577 "Glory Be to the Father"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Scripture Lesson Luke 15: 1-10

Pastor Mary Council-Austin

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn GTG #188 "Jesus Love Me!"**

Sermon "Museum or Mission?"

Pastor Mary Council-Austin

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

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 Offering: "Change My Heart, O God" *duet: Carol Wetzel, Nancy Pitzen*

(We encourage you to share from your abundance to support the ministries and outreach of our church. You may give in person during the service, mail your check to our church office or give electronically through our website.)

***Offertory 428** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs 1)

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn GTG 187** "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (Blessed Jesus)

***Charge and Benediction:**

Let all God's people say,
Alleluia, Amen!

***Closing Refrain PH 537** "Shalom Chaverim!"

This Hebrew blessing is set to a traditional Israeli melody. The version in *The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990)* differs from others in its use of both the masculine *chaverim* and the feminine *chaverot*, plural Hebrew words for "good friends.: The Hebrew is pronounced: Shah-lom, kah-vay-reem, shah-lohm, kah-vay-roht! Lah-heet-rah-oht.)

Postlude: "Pastorale"

Dale Wood

based on the tune BRADBURY by William Bachelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

Prayers and Praises

Gary G*.
 Pete R.
 Bonnie H.
 Pat D.
 Gib D.
 Arnold L.
 Nancy H.

Ruth S.
 Jesse F.
 Silas W.
 Jane D.
 Jerry and Mary H.
 Chastity G. and Joan S.

- *Gary's recent MRI showed no tumor growth! Gary appreciates our continued prayers.
- The family of Heather Holstein Kozlowski. Heather passed away last week. She is the daughter of Ruth Holstein.

Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Sept. 4,2022	53	\$1,979.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
Sept. 4,2022		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
08/29--09/02/22		\$1,906.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
08/29--09/02/22		\$50.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$3,935.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$46,456.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
9/4/2022	2		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 09/04/2022

Pastor Mary Council-Austin is a retired United Methodist pastor and has served many congregations in Wisconsin. Rev. Mary served as the Associate General Secretary for the United Methodist Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church located in Washington, DC, and Director of the Church Center for the United Nations Seminar Learning Programs in New York City. She was appointed a college chaplain at Howard University in Washington, DC. Pastor Mary also served as the Assistant to President of Marian University for Diversity. Pastor Mary received the Donald G. Jones Annual Leadership Award from the FDL Association of Commerce in 2004.

Born in eastern North Carolina, she is one of ten children born to Revs. Charles and Martha Council. Rev. Mary has called Fond du Lac home for over twenty years. Her late husband Clarence Austin spent many years as a Natural Resources Conservation leader across Wisconsin and the Midwest. Pastor Mary has enjoyed the fellowship and faith journey with First Presbyterian Church for many years.

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This Week at Church

Sunday	09.11	9:00-10:00am	Worship Pastor Mary Council Austin is leading us in worship.
		10:15am	Fellowship Time Enjoy a cup of coffee with your friends.
		10:15-11:15am	Sunday School Registration Growing Connections for All Ages: "How Smooth is Your Ride?" Rating your overall wellness.
		11:30-1:30	PYA Picnic
		6:00-7:00pm	Scout Meeting Scout Committee Meeting
Monday	09.12	10:00-11:30am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	09.13	7:00-8:00pm	Book Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	09.14	8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast Pump & Pantry
		9:00-10:00am	Membership Meeting
		10:30-11:30am	Book Study (Church)
		4:30-5:30pm	Handbell Practice
		5:30-7:30pm	Women in Faith
		7:00-8:00pm	Confirmation Informational Meeting
Thursday	09.15	4:30-5:30pm	Loving Team (Zoom)
Friday	09.16	7:00-9:00pm	Cribbage
Sunday	09.18	9:00-10:00am	Worship Pastor Ken is leading
		10:15am	Handbell Choir Sanctuary & Live-stream Fellowship Time Enjoy a cup of coffee with your friends.
		10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections for All Ages: New Member Class
		11:30-12:30pm	The Bible Growing Connections Adult <i>Planning</i> Meeting

This Week at Church

Growing Connections September 11 10:15am
"How Smooth is Your Ride?" Rating your spiritual, physical, emotional, financial, and psychological wellness.

Book Study – Through November 16

In her book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, Tish Harrison Warren invites us to connect our everyday, ordinary life to the work of God. Books are available, in the office, for \$12.00.

- **Tuesday Evenings on Zoom** 7:00pm
(*Contact the office for the Zoom link*)
- **Wednesday Mornings In-Person** 10:30pm

Confirmation Informational Meeting 7:00-8:00pm

Parents and students, 8th grade and above, are invited to this very important meeting. Confirmation is a vital step in Faith journey of our young people.

Handbell Choir September 18 9:00am
Our Handbell Choir is leading us in worship.

Cribbage September 16 7:00pm
Fun and fellowship and cribbage! We will teach you how to play if you don't know how.

New Member Classes

September 18 – The Bible. What is it? Who wrote it?
What is the most important page in your Bible?

September 25 – Church History. We've been around for almost 2,000 years. How have we changed during that time? Where is John Calvin buried?