

September 10, 2023; 9:00 am
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather Together

Prelude “Llanfair”

arr. by Gerhard Krapf

Welcome & Announcements

Sara Stowell

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship (Psalm 149: 1-4)**

Sara Stowell

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

*** Opening Prayer**

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone.

You watch over us, guide us,
and lead us in your righteous pathways.

When we stumble and fall, you lift us up
and gently place us on that pathway again.

When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace,
reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and
of our savior Jesus Christ.

Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you,
for we pray these things in Jesus’ name.

AMEN.

***Sung Response:** GTG #33 “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories”

Shows Glories Show

Henry H., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

We seek the will of God,
**but still find ourselves conformed to this world,
instead of being transformed into God's image.**
Let us seek forgiveness
**for the ways we have turned away from justice
and mercy.**

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God,
**When faced with earthly powers that seem
overwhelming, we crumble.
We fear this world.
We fear losing our status, our stability,
our station more than we fear you.
Forgive our shortcomings
and teach us to trust in you
when we take a risk for what we know is right.**

Silent Confession

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

If God was not on our side,
we could not stand in the judgment.
But God is with us, steadfast and faithful,
as we seek to live in peace.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

***Sharing God's Peace**

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.**)*

***Sung Response:** PH 577 “Glory Be to the Father”

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 33: 7-11 (page 802 in the pew Bible)

Psalm: 119: 33-40 (page 566 in the pew Bible)

Epistle: Romans 13: 8-14 (page 162 in the pew Bible)

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 (page 20 in the pew Bible)

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “The Inescapable Job of the Prophet”

Pastor Rebecca Proefrock

Sung response: GTG #65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

We Respond to God’s Word

Offering: “Arise! Your Light Has Come!

arr. William A. McNair

***Offertory GTG 609 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

(TUNE: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

***Offertory Prayer**

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.

***Sung response:** GTG# 744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "Festal Song"

arr. Stephen P. Folkemer

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PRAYERS

Brian C.	Linda C.
Pat D.	Chastity G. and Joan S.
Gib D.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Arnold L.	Lynn K.
Jesse F.	Sheryl B.
Silas W.	Jane D.
Liam A.	Ashley K.
Burt M.	The Rehn Family on the passing of Terry's father.
Jerry and Mary H.	The family of Carol Huebbe – Carol passed away
George (Joe) Dorst*	on September 2.

** George Dorst passed away on August 16, at age 96. He and his wife Nancy were long time members of First Presbyterian Church and raised their children here. Please keep the Dorst family in your prayers.

September Deacon of the Month
Lew Smith

September Elder of the Month
Deb Cooley

This Week at Church

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15am

10:30

11:30-12:30pm

6:00-7:00pm

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09.10 Open House

Worship – Pastor Rebecca Proefrock

Fellowship Time/Open House – Gathering Room

Adult Growing Connections –Promoting the Alzheimer’s Walk. Becky F. will host in Room #4.

Learning Team

Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Boy Scout Meeting

Monday

10:00-11:00am

1:00-2:30pm

3:00-4:00pm

9.11

Staff Meeting

Deacon Meeting

Loving Team

Tuesday

1:00-2:30pm

9.12

Personnel Team

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

5:30-7:30pm

09.13

Men’s Breakfast

Women in Faith

Friday

7:00-9:00pm

09.15

Cribbage

Saturday

9:00-12:00pm

09.16

Table Tennis

Sunday

9:00-10:00am

10:15-12:30pm

1:00-3:00pm

6:00-7:30pm

09.17 Kick Off Sunday

Outdoor Worship – Chaplain Darren Beachy

Kick Off Activities & Lunch

AA Planning Meeting

Boy Scouts

Looking Ahead

Worship

Loaves & Fishes

Presbytery Meeting

Worship

Worship

September 24 - Chaplain Evan Stark

September 27

September 28 – Marshfield, WI

October 1 - Pastor Rebecca Proefrock

October 8 - Chaplain Darren Beachy



Open House Sunday and Kick Off Sunday

In the past, we have had fun sharing the mission of the church and sharing ways for the congregation to connect with those objectives. Join us to find out how you can connect to the mission and purpose of our congregation.

TODAY - Open House Sunday

This will be a day for the congregation to explore our Education Wing.

- Fellowship Time will be held in the Gathering Room.
- Classrooms will be open to explore and to get reacquainted with the space.
- Leadership Teams will "Show & Tell" how the mission is lived out in the congregation and the community through the work of their Teams. They will share how you can be involved and how to share your gifts.

September 17 - Kick Off Sunday

This will be a day for the congregation to build relationships.

- Outdoor: Worship/Fellowship/Activities
(In Fellowship Hall if we have inclement weather)
- 'Human' Bingo - with prizes!
- Lunch will be served!

We will enjoy the same meal that is served at Loaves and Fishes₆ Helping everyone to understand/appreciate our mission of Loaves and Fishes.



E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023	81 IN THE SEATS	\$6,269.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
08/28--09/01/2023		\$2,121.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$8,390.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
9/3/2023	7 Households		7-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 09/03/20.



Recycle with Terracycle

Terracycle is a recycling company that specializes in hard to recycle waste. You can find out more about Terracycle [here](#). We are recycling: pens, highlighters, permanent markers, pencils, and mechanical pencils (caps are being recycled, too!) Let's do our part to help our planet.



Versiti Blood Drive

October 19

2:00pm

Make a difference in our community by donating at the First Presbyterian Church

Versiti Blood Drive on Thursday, October 19 from 2:00-6:00pm.