



YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, April 26

Join us for:

“Love Life Tips from Jesus”

Light supper and conversation
about some things Jesus said
to help us as we think about
dating, relationships or living
as a single person.

Youth Group Room,
6:30-8 pm

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Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
April 19, 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Introit: "Worship God With Music"

*Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 116)

What shall we return to the Lord for all that God has given to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord!**

We will pay our vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people!

**We will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving
in the house of the Lord!**

For the Lord has heard our voice and our supplications!

Praise be to our Holy God!

*Hymn "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" (v.1,2) #43

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

Unison Reading

**We confess to you, O Lord, that while we have heard your call,
we do not yet know how to love our neighbors as ourselves. We
still choose to get the better deal, while we allow others to
simply do with scraps. We become indifferent to how our
choices affect those around us. We place expectations on
friends and family that we would hate having upon ourselves.
We justify all sorts of double standards, as long as they benefit
us. Forgive us, Holy Lord. Help us realize when we are being
unfair. Grant us the courage to do for others the same things
we would want for ourselves if we were in their shoes.**

Announcements

Ruth Circle meets Tuesday at 10 am. All ladies of the Church are welcome to join us for refreshments, prayer, Bible Study and a business meeting.

Deacons meet Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Workcamp shares Forms for shares are on the bulletin board.

Your response is needed please We are considering some changes in how we approach newsletter distribution. If you would like to receive the newsletter **in electronic format only, via email**, email the office to communicate this preference. If you would prefer receiving the newsletter **in paper format via mail, as usual**, please call the office to communicate this preference.

Per Capita for 2026 is \$45 per person.

Sign-up sheets for flowers is on the bulletin board, one week's notice is needed for flower orders, see Stefanie Kluck.

Stewardship Update: March income = \$15,534.65
March expenses = \$14,985.81 Gain = \$548.84.

*Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (v.1,2,3) #306

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

Loving God, we bring you these gifts as a sign of our gratitude and commitment. Help us reflect Christ's sacrificial love in all our relationships and do to others as we would have them do to us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & **The Lord's Prayer**

*Hymn "Oh Lord, Our Lord" (2x) #613

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist/Choir Director	Sharon Smith
Liturgist	Audra Smith
Projectionist	Joe Erb
Ushers	Frank Finch, Craig Spickler

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Where community, faith, family, and friends come together.***

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Our Risen Lord is the one who first suffered on the cross and begged the Father to forgive his own enemies even as they killed him. Through the mercy of Christ, our sinful past is washed away and we are able to embrace a life of holiness. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Anthem: "Glory to the King"

Minute for Mission: Rockford Rescue Mission (Karen Hanton)

Time with the Children

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33; Matthew 7:12; Mark 12:28-31
pg. 1193; 1026; 1034
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Measuring by the Golden Rule"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: (From the Heidelberg Catechism)

4.004 4 Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37-40:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. "And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."