



Rally Sunday is coming!
September 13, 2026

Join us as we kick-off the Fall season!

Sunday School Classes return for Pre-K to adult,
9:15-10:15 am, prior to worship

We are also taking our annual Church Picture
immediately after Sunday School,
at 10:15 am, in the sanctuary

Worship Time changes back to 10:30 am

After worship, join us for a Church Potluck Bring a dish to pass
and stay to catch up with neighbors and friends.

Youth Group Kick-off!

All teens welcome (including new friends) in the Youth Room at
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Light supper provided.

Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
August 23, 2026 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship: (Exodus 1-2)	Responsive Reading
Amid the forces of death and destruction, it takes a village to save us.	
Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea, it takes a willing soul to pull us from the water.	
Amid fear and hatred in our world, it takes ordinary people to reveal God's mercy.	
Come, let us worship.	

*Hymn	“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love To Me”	#703
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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession:	Unison Reading
Merciful God, wash away the injuries we have inflicted upon one another. We long to replace our bitterness in word and deed with acts of grace and mercy. We yearn to replace our willful neglect of others with acts of support and grace. We desire to walk in your path of joy and compassion, that we may bathe in the waters of your healing love. Amen.	

Time of Silent Confession

Announcements

Pastor Lisa will be back in the office next week. Please call for an appointment.

Fall Devotionals are available on the table in the hallway.

Chicks with Sticks knitting group meets Tuesday at 10 am.

Chancel Choir begins practicing on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Looking for a high school Sunday school teacher or if anyone wants to help with Sunday School please contact Kasey Smith.

Food sign up sheet for the church potluck is on the bulletin board.

Help us restock our Micropantry! A list of most needed items is on the bulletin board. You can place items directly in the micropantry shelves outside, or in the overflow shelves in the lower level in the last classroom.

Per Capita for 2026 is \$45 per person.

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

Stewardship Update: July income = \$10,200.17
July expenses = \$15,673.59 Difference = \$-5,473.42

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Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

Loving God, accept our gifts as signs of our commitment to build your realm in our midst. Accept our very lives as pledges of our commitment to pursue what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight. May these gifts become resources to draw the endangered from the water of death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

*Hymn "A Grateful Heart" #652

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist	Karen Niemeier
Special Music	Sharon Smith
Liturgist	Marilyn Larsen
Projectionist	Gavin Early
Ushers	Ryan Bomgarden, Jim Mitchell

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

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 124)

Thanks be to God who rescues us from our foes. Thanks be to Christ who saves us from forces that would be our undoing. In God's loving Spirit, we are set free and made whole again. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

Scripture: Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16:13-20 pg. 754; 999
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Who Do You Say I Am?"
Reverend Eric Heinekamp

Affirmation of Faith **Unison Reading**
God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer. As your men of old heeded the cries of suffering and injustice in their day, help us heed the cries of suffering and injustice in our world today. As you moved the hearts of women of old, to save those in peril from the wicked, move our hearts to save the weak who cannot help themselves today. Bind us together into a village of love and support, that we might save your children from death and destruction. Amen.

*Hymn "Hear the Good News of Salvation" #441