



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
September 6, 2026 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 103)

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

All my inmost being, praise God's holy name.

**Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits:**

The Lord forgives all our sins
and heals all our diseases.

**God redeems our life from the pit
and crowns us with love and compassion.**

The Lord satisfies our desires with good things!

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!**

Come, people of God, let us praise the goodness of the Lord!

Hallelujah! Amen!

*Hymn "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" #510

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Unison Reading

**Loving God, through Jesus Christ you have called us to be
gracious and forgiving, yet we find it too easy to withhold your
grace. We tell ourselves the people who wrong us are the worst,
even though we are all sinners before you. We judge others
more harshly than ourselves, forgetting what Jesus has done
for all of us alike. We stew in our anger and hurt, until the
words of Jesus are too far from our minds. Have mercy on us,
Lord, and help us offer the same grace you have offered us.**

Announcements

Church Offices will be closed on Monday.

Chicks with Sticks meet on Tuesday at 10 am.

Trustees meet on Tuesday at 4:30 pm.

Newsletter items are due on Wednesday.

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

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

Fall Bible Study What do we mean when we say we are "called" to do something? What can we learn about calling from the stories of our spiritual ancestors? Join us Thursday nights at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Study takes 8 sessions, Sept 10 - Oct 29.

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

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All Christians welcome-you don't have to be Presbyterian)
(Gluten Free option available)

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn “Come Sing, O Church in Joy!” #305

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist/Special Music Sharon Smith

Liturgist /Reader Sheree Sensel, Terry Schweitz

Projectionist Gavin Early

Communion Servers: Sue Jansen, Terry Schweitz, Greg Rittmeyer

Ushers Bruce Benning, Greg Rittmeyer



*Flowers today are sponsored by: Sheree Sensel
in honor of Pastor Lisa*

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

So great is God's love that Christ died for us while we were still in our sin. Our Lord does not wait for us to become righteous to offer us grace. Mercy is God's gift right now. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ you are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Special Music

Minute for Mission: Mobile Food Market (Julie Nichols)

Scripture: Psalm 103: 1-14; Matthew 18:21-35 pg. 619; 1002
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Finding a Way to Forgive"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

The Apostles' Creed pg. 35

*Hymn “When Peace Like a River” #840

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology #606

***Prayer of Dedication** **Unison prayer**

Merciful God, bless these gifts through your power, that they may serve to offer abundant grace to friends and strangers alike. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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