POINSETTIA SALE

The Worship Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to add beauty to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. They will be on display through Christmas Eve and may be taken home after the worship service.

Orders are due by November 28

Return completed form and payment to: Kristy Busch
If you have questions call Kristy at 815-979-2135.

_____ Red Poinsettia(s) @ $12 each

_____ Total



Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church

Given by:

_____

In Memory/Honor (circle one) of:

_____

Welcome to Worship!
First Presbyterian Church
November 15, 2026 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m.

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Introit: "Give Thanks"

*Call to Worship: (from Psalm 31)
How abundant are the good things that You have stored up for those who fear You!
Those who take refuge in You are blessed in the sight of all!
In the shelter of your presence You keep them safe from accusing tongues!
You hear our cry for mercy when we call to You for help!
Love the Lord, all you faithful people!
Praise be to the Lord, who shows us the wonders of divine love!
The Lord preserves those who are true to him:
Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in God!

*Hymn "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #408

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**
Generous God, you have given each of us many blessings, yet we waste so many of them without realizing that we do. We love to boast about our talents and show them off before others more than use them to do the things you asked us to do. We celebrate when we notice our resources are abundant, yet we like to hoard money and options, missing opportunities to invest in the world so that it becomes more like heaven. We tend to think that what you give to each of us is for us alone, forgetting that you guide us to remember the most vulnerable as a priority. Forgive our misguided hearts, O Lord, and make us good stewards of all you have entrusted to us.

Announcements

Congregational Meeting. Please stay after the worship service today for a Congregational meeting, including the election of officers and pastoral compensation.

Confirmation class meets tonight 6:30-8 pm in the Youth Room.

Ruth Circle meets Tuesday at 10 am for a business meeting, election and installation of officers and to approve the 2027 budget.

Deacons meet Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

PW/Ruth Circle is taking orders for angel ornaments. Return form and payment to Avis Lind.

Christmas is coming! Please plan to stay after worship ***next week*** to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas Season.

Youth Group Gratitude Night! Sunday, November 22. Come eat, pray and prepare some gifts of gratitude with us. Youth Room, 6:30-8pm.

Stewardship Update: October income = $39,161.18
October expenses = $26,457.11 Difference = $12,704.07

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Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
*Doxology #606
*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**
Holy God, we bring you these gifts, a portion of what you have entrusted to us, so they may do the work of your kingdom through the hands of the church. Guide us now and always, to be faithful stewards of what you give. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer ending with **The Lord's Prayer**
(Today we are lifting up prayers for the veterans in our families and communities, by name. You can look up to the screen to see the names of those who were named in advance, and add the names of any we may not have known in advance during the brief time of silence in the prayer)

*Hymn "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" (2x) #406

Benediction

Postlude

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Every member a minister...

Accompanist/Choir Director	Sharon Smith
Liturgist /Reader	Lisa Mitchell, Julie Nichols
Projectionist	Gavin Early
Ushers	Frank Finch, Craig Spickler

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Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:
On the cross, Jesus said: "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they do." His gracious words assure us that there is abundant grace for us. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Anthem: "Worship God With Music"

Time with the Children

Scripture: Matthew 10:1-8; Matthew 25:14-30 pg. 990; 1011
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Faithful Stewardship"
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith (the Second Helvetic Confession, 5.123)
Therefore, although we teach that God rewards our good deeds, yet at the same time we teach, with Augustine, that God does not crown in us our merits but his gifts. Accordingly we say that whatever reward we receive is also grace, and is more grace than reward, because the good we do, we do more through God than through ourselves, and because Paul says: "What have you that you did not receive?"

*Hymn "O Day of Peace" #373