**Welcome to Worship!**
**First Presbyterian Church**
**November 8, 2026 -Thank Offering Sunday**
**10:30 a.m.**

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Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 146)
The Lord is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea,
and everything in them!
**Praise the Lord who remains faithful forever!**
The Lord gives food to the hungry and upholds
the cause of the oppressed!
**The Lord sets prisoners free and gives sight to the blind!**
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
watching over the stranger, the orphan and the widow.
**Come, people of faith, praise the name of our Righteous God!**

*Hymn "This Is My Song" (v.1 & 3) #340

Opening Prayer
Faithful God, we give you thanks, for in Jesus Christ you showed us mercy and called us to lives of mercy. Through Jesus Christ you loved us extravagantly and you teach us to love abundantly and profoundly. Guide us, O Lord, to serve you in all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**
**Forgive us, Lord, when our love for others is only good thoughts and platitudes, and not truth and deeds. You have taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, yet so often we give only the leftovers of our time, attention and resources to others whom you have given us to love. We hear of those who struggle and we are quicker to judge and blame them for the hardships of their lives than to try to help and bless them with the grace of Christ. Have mercy on us, Lord, and lead us to love as you have loved us first.**

## Announcements

**Fellowship** will follow the worship service in the fellowship hall and is hosted by PW/Ruth Circle. Please join us!

**The Church Secretary** will be out of the office on Monday.

**Chicks with Sticks** meets Tuesday at 10 am.

**Trustees** meet Tuesday at 4:30 pm.

**Newsletter items** are due by Wednesday.

**Chancel Choir** meets on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

**Congregational Meeting**. Please stay after the worship service on November 15th for a Congregational meeting, including the election of officers and pastoral compensation.

**The Worship Committee** is taking orders for poinsettias to add beauty to our sanctuary during the Christmas season. Orders are due by November 28, forms are on the bulletin board.

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

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

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

*Hymn "May the Lord, Mighty God" (x2)

**May the Lord Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**
**Give you peace, perfect peace; Strength in every endeavor.**
**Lift up your eyes and behold His Grace**
**and His strength forever.**
**May the Lord Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

Benediction
Postlude

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*Every member a minister...*

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| Accompanist | Christie Schweitz |
| Liturgist /Reader | Michelle Erb, Tracy Hess Spickler |
| Projectionist | Gavin Early |
| Ushers/Acolytes | Karen Finch, Susan Gambrel |

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



*The flowers today are sponsored by The Worship Committee:*
*in honor of Betsy Carr's Retirement*

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:
The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Our hope today and every day is in God's power to give us new life through the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Children's Choir

PW Honoraries Joni Benning and Barb Whitney

Scripture: Psalm 146:1-10; 1 John 3:18; Matthew 25:31-46
pg. 647; 1241; 1011
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Thank Offering Video

Presentation of the Speaker Kris Bomgarden

Guest Speaker: Hal Breuer from the Northern IL Food Bank

*Hymn "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet" (2x) #458

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings
*Doxology #606
*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**
**God of grace, we thank you for the opportunity to bring a glimpse of your magnificent love to those in need through the ministry of the church and the 2026 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. May these gifts serve as a reminder of your deep, abounding unconditional love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**