

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 2025

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

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Prayer of Confession:

*(Ecclesiastes 1:2, 14; 2:18-19)*

**Forgive me Lord, but this cuts against the grain of everything I have been taught, everything I have lived for, everything I have valued. Have I missed the point of life? *(silence)***

*(Psalm 49:5-10)*

**Again, forgive me Lord, but Your words are upsetting. Are You meaning to say that the value system of our culture is upside down? *(silence)***

*(Colossians 3:1-2, 5)*

**Forgive me Lord for desiring the so-called pleasures of this life which in the end are hollow and for nothing if not outright destructive. *(silence)***

**Amen.**

Response: *(vs. 2 of When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)*

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

\*Gloria Patri (Avery & Marsh)

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end.**

**Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A---men. Amen!**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Luke 12:13-21

Pg. 871, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Why Should We Work So Hard?*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Evan Copley, Phil Peterson, Dustin Ramlow*

Invitation to the Table

\*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Offering

Offertory

## Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We come to this table where our needs are met;  
We find strength for our weakness;  
We find healing for our brokenness;  
We find softening where we have become calloused;  
We find what we have been looking for all our life,  
that we are loved no matter what.

**We give thanks for Your compassion, O God;  
We rejoice at Your invitation to share in this meal,  
and we receive again Your abundant grace.**

## Words of Institution

**This meal is a proclamation of God's goodness,  
a thanksgiving for God's grace and a sharing in God's life.  
And we will keep celebrating in this way until Jesus returns.  
Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(While you wait for all to receive the sacrament, pray for needs you have or know of, the Church, and the people listed below who have requested prayer.)*

## INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Phil Peterson, Scott Spooner, Jon LaCourt, Holly Werner,  
Mary Rushford, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Chris Hanley,  
Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

## Closing Prayer

Lord's Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH NOTES

**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen *(drive-thru only)*  
**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
**Wednesday:** 5:30p.m. Joint Session/Deacon Meeting  
**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

## **Free Back-to-School Haircuts for Kids: August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Cosmetologist Sarah Ebertsch will offer free haircuts for kids on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00a.m.-6:00p.m. in Fellowship Hall on a walk-in basis only.

**Ushers:** Bill and Laura Stanek; Steve and Pat Kaad

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## **HERE I AM TO WORSHIP** © 2000 Thankyou Music

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You.  
Hope of a life spent with You.

## **Chorus:**

So here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, O so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor. *(chorus)*

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
No, I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost. *(chorus)*

**GIVE THANKS** © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. *repeat*

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. *repeat*

Give thanks, give thanks

**FREELY, FREELY** © 1972 Bud John Songs, Inc.

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;  
I've been born again in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share His love as He told me to:

**Chorus**

He said, freely, freely you have received. Freely, freely give.  
Go in My name and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.

All pow'r is giv'n, in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heav'n, in Jesus' name.  
And in Jesus' name, I come to you  
To share His pow'r, as He told me to: *chorus*

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**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**10:00a.m. – Pavilion**

**followed by our**

**CHURCH PICNIC**

Note: There will not be a 9:00a.m. service and we  
can't live stream or record the service in the pavilion.

**Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks  
will be provided along with  
paper plates, napkins, and silverware**

**Bring a dish to pass and a  
comfy lawn chair *(optional)***

**Volunteers are needed for:**

- ✓ **PAVILION SET UP CREW**  
Set up tables and chairs
- ✓ **KITCHEN HELP**  
Organize the food and drink table
- ✓ **GRILLERS**
- ✓ **CLEAN UP CREW**

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room.

**We will have a BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
during worship, so have your kiddos bring  
their backpacks with them on that day!**