

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude: *Love Lifted Me*

Logan Smith

Call to Worship (*Psalm 100*)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

No. 90

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, forgive our failures to grasp the true essence of love.

When we turn love into legalistic observance of commandments that lack compassion,

Lord, have mercy.

When we love only because we need to be loved.

Lord, have mercy.

When our love is more controlling than caring,

Lord, have mercy.

When we love solely to gain attention,

Lord, have mercy.

When our love is big on need and desire, and small on sacrifice, self-giving, and service,

Lord, have mercy.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Response: **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news

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

Gloria Patri:* **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Text: Luke 14:25-33

Pg. 874, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Where is the Love?*

Invitation to the Table

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

The Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord...raising the dead to life.

(sing)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall
praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea. Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty! Perfect in pow'r, in love, in purity**

Thanks you, Lord; we thank you for Jesus...

Praise to You, Lord Jesus.

**Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life.
Come, Lord Jesus, in glory and in love.**

Spirit come ...

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Joy Palzewic, 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

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power,
forever and ever! **Amen.**

The Words of Jesus

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Closing: *The Lord's Prayer*

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
Wednesday: Begins Today
10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob
Young Disciples:
3:30p.m. 4-year-olds – 8th Graders
5:00p.m. 9th – 12th Graders
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
5:30a.m. Session
Next Sunday: 8:45a.m. Sunday Conversations

The Chosen: A study of Season 4 of *The Chosen* will be led by Steve Kaad beginning this Thursday, September 11th at 12:30p.m. in the Chapel.

Sunday Conversations began today. Everyone is invited to join Cliff Smith on Sunday mornings at 8:45a.m. in the chapel for coffee and discussions focusing on recent sermons, ethics, Scripture, and today's challenges in living out our faith.

Wednesday Youth Programs begin this week, September 10th.

Register your children for the Wednesday programs – there are forms on the table in the Fireside Room or go on the website. Help is still needed. Please contact Sonia Donnelly at 309-258-7342 or soniadfpc@gmail.com.

Reflections with Pastor Bob Resumes on September 10th:

Beginning this Wednesday, September 10th *Reflections* will meet every Wednesday at 10:00a.m. in the Fireside Room to study scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday worship service. Everyone is invited to attend this weekly study even if you haven't done so in the past.

Adult Choir: Wednesday rehearsals will begin this Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30p.m. in the Choir Room. If you would like to join the Choir, contact John Allard at 906-396-8745 or just show up on the 10th!

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Outside Work Bee: September 18th

Another work bee to finish pulling the weeds and removing the rest of the lava rock will be held on Thursday, September 18th, at 4:00p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room or contact Susan Strang at 906-282-3975 or Pete Anderson at 906-396-8156.

All women are invited to the Women's Luncheon on

Friday, September 19th, at Barb's Café in Florence at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Celebrating Pastor Bob on 50 years of Ministry!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 28th. Session is planning a breakfast celebration following worship that day to celebrate Pastor Bob's 50th anniversary of his ordination – which is the actual date of his ordination 50 years ago! Call the office if you'd like to volunteer to help with this very special event!

Sweet Breads: We have finished with the summertime bakery and are now going back to sweet breads for Sunday morning fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room or you can just bring them in on any given Sunday. You can also drop off sweetbreads anytime and we'll put them in the freezer to be used as needed.

The Golden K meets in Fellowship Hall every Monday at 10:00a.m. Their meetings include singing and a different program/presentation every week. All who are 55+ years old are invited and welcome to attend.

Ushers: Ferrand and Gladys Ethington

Patti Ebertsch, Mary Jean Larson

*****Ushers and Readers** are needed for the month of October. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room. ***