

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-10 (*Responsive Reading*)

Pg. 474, Pew Bible

(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:

Friends, 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: *Prayer* (J. Kunz)

Choir

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Pg. 72, Pew Bible

Larry Olkkonen

Sermon Text: Luke 15:1-10

Pg. 874, Pew Bible

Sermon: *The Relentless Pursuit of God*

*Hymn: *To God Be the Glory*

No. 56

*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**

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

The 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.**

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

on back

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

v. 4

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

AMAZING GRACE / MY CHAINS ARE GONE

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Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed

CHORUS:

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood, his mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

VERSE 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures (*chorus*)

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Wednesday: 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
Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
12:30p.m. *The Chosen* Study
4:00p.m. Outside Work Bee
Friday: **11:30a.m. Women's Luncheon**
Next Sunday: 8:45a.m. Sunday Conversations

Outside Work Bee: This Thursday, September 18th

A work bee to finish pulling the weeds and to remove the rest of the lava rock will be held this Thursday at 4:00p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room.

All women are invited to the Women's Luncheon this 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.

Sunday Conversations: 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.

Reflections with Pastor Bob has begun and meets 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.

Wednesday Youth Programs began September 10th.

Register your children for the Wednesday programs – there are forms on the table in the Fireside Room or go on the website.

Copies of the August newsletter from our missionaries, Sam and Cayla, are on the table in the Fireside Room.

Ushers: Sonia and Calliope Donnelly