

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Prelude

Opening Prayer

\*Praise Medley

No. 187-193

Opening Words (187)

Praise Team (188)

**Congregation (189, vs. 1 & 4)**

Praise Team (190)

**Congregation (191, all verses)**

Praise Team (192)

**Congregation (193, all verses)**

Prayer of Confession: **O Lord, Our God, we admit we have sinned, we have rejected Your love as revealed in Jesus Christ and lived according to our own standards. We have heard Your Word and then twisted it to say what please us. We have looked at Your mercy as weakness and refused to love our brothers and sisters. We boast of our righteousness and secretly consider ourselves superior to others. Free us by the knowledge of Your forgiving love to truly repent that we may be changed by Your guidance and find our salvation in Christ.**

*(silence for personal reflection and confession)*

Response:

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

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**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

Archer Koprowski

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pg. 627, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 24

Pg. 458, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38; 23:24-26

Pg. 855, Pew Bible

Sermon: *The Essence of the Journey*

\*Hymn: *Here I Am, Lord*

No. 589

\*Affirmation of Faith: *Confession of 1967*

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself. Jesus Christ is God with humanity. He is the Eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete His mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity and the world. Therefore, the church calls all persons to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Suzannah Holsworth, Geri Anderson, Joy Palzewic, Phil Peterson, Jon LaCourt, 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

Choral Anthem: *My Tribute* (Andraé Crouch)

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response: *My Tribute*

No. 54

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH NOTES

**Today:** **Breakfast Celebration following worship**  
**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen  
(drive-thru & in-house)  
**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
**Wednesday:** 10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob  
3:30p.m. Young Disciples 4-yrs. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
5:00p.m. Young Disciples 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
6:30p.m. Adult Choir  
**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That  
12:30p.m. *The Chosen* Study  
**Next Sunday:** 8:45a.m. Sunday Conversations

**Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Pastor Bob's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.** A breakfast in his honor will be served in Fellowship Hall following worship today.

**Soup Kitchen:** Tomorrow, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will offer the Monday meal as a drive-thru and also serve it in-house. Everyone is invited to come and share this meal with our community. It will be served from 5:00p.m.-5:30p.m.

**We need 2 more ushers for October 19<sup>th</sup>.** The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room.

**Ushers:** Angela and Forest Koprowski  
Sonia and Achilles Donnelly