

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 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

Crystal Hogan

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, we confess before You our lack of understanding and appreciation for the sacred act of prayer. As a parent delights in communication with a child, so too, Your great delight is for us to engage You through the means of prayer. Yet, Lord, we still don't grasp the depths of this, and we have failed to make meaningful usage of this blessed act. Lord, help us in our shortcomings and may Your gift of the Holy Spirit received in our baptism fulfill the words of scripture, "the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness of not knowing how to pray as we ought but intercedes with sighs too deep for words" ¹. Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

¹ Romans 8:26

(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:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel,
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

**Your words to me are light and truth;
From day to day they show
Their wisdom, passing earthly lore,
As in their truth I grow.**

**Your words to me are full of joy,
Of beauty, peace, and grace;
From them I learn your blessed will,
Through them I see your face.**

**Your words are perfected in one,
Yourself, the living Word;
Within my heart your image print
In clearest lines, O Lord.**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Pg. 27, Pew Bible

Sandy Petroff

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

Pg. 516, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: Luke 18:1-8

Pg. 877, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Persistent Prayer*

Anthem: *Lay Down Your Troubles*

John Purifoy

*Statement on Prayer: *Paul Wallis: Rough Ways in Prayer (Triangle/SPCK, 1991)*

The crucial and liberating truth to grasp in that it is actually me-as-I-am that God is wanting to meet when I pray.

The incredible fact is God wants to meet me! What a wonderful truth! But how rarely it sinks in. It is because of this that we may have the freedom in prayer to be just who we are, and how we are, with no super-spiritual act, no pretense.

It is because God has reconciled us to Himself that we are able to meet Him in prayer – not because of how we are or the way we feel. This means, then, that I don't have to wait until I'm feeling 'good enough' or 'spiritual enough' to pray.

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Marge Balmes, Lorraine Kelly, Nora Lundy, Geri Anderson, Joy Palzewic, Mary Rushford, Phil Peterson, Jon LaCourt, 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: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

No. 630

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *Seek Ye First the King of God*

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: 10:30a.m. How to Spell *Presbyterian*
Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
Tuesday: 9:00a.m. Outdoor Project
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Wednesday: 10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob
3:30p.m. Young Disciples 4yrs. – 8th Grade
No Young Disciples 9th – 12th 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

How to Spell *Presbyterian*: The second of three short classes will be held in the chapel following worship for those who would like a refresher course on the Church and for those who are interested in joining the Church. Today's focus is the Presbyterian Church USA (*How Presbyterians carry out God's intentions.*). Even if you missed last week, you are welcome to attend this week's class.

Outdoor Project: Join us this Tuesday, October 21st, at 9:00a.m. to help finish the outdoor project along the side of the building. Contact Susan Strang at 906-282-3975 with questions.

Operation Christmas Child: The shoeboxes are next to the office along with small brochures that include instructions on how to fill them. Then enclose a check for \$10 in the envelope provided with the brochure and bring the shoebox back here by November 16th.

Young Adults Group: There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room for all young adults (20's-30's) who are interested in building a connection with other young adults in our Church. The plan is to have a casual gathering quarterly when there is a 5th weekend. For more information, contact Hailey Walsh at 906-221-5373.

Ushers: Ferrand Ethington, Bill Stanek,
Larry and Connie Olkkonen

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that
proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

I WILL TRUST IN YOU

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When I can't see You, I know You're here
When I can't feel You, I will not fear
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

And when the battle is close at hand
I know You're with me to help me stand
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid *chorus*

CHORUS:

I will not be afraid, I will not be afraid
I will trust in You, I will trust in You

And when the darkness is closing in
And I am running against the wind
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

'Cause when I'm standing upon that shore
And all the battles they have gone before
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid *chorus*

SANCTUARY No. 655, Celebration Hymnal

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.
I'll be a living sanctuary for You.