

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Choral Anthem: *Lord, Listen to Your Children* (Medema, Schrader)

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the groom and we, the Church, are Your bride. O how You love us. Fill us with all truth and in all truth to have peace. Where we are corrupt, purify us; where we are in error, correct us; where we are amiss, reform us; where we are right, strengthen and confirm us; where we are in want, furnish our needs; where we are divided, heal our divisions. This we pray not only for ourselves but for the universal Church wherever she may be. Lord, have mercy.

(silence for personal confession and reflection)

Response:

**Bind us together, Lord;
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together, Lord.
Bind us together with love.**

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

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8

Responsive Reading: Psalm 133

Christine Sericati

Pg. 779, Pew Bible

Pg. 519, Pew Bible

People's Response:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Text: Mark 3:13-15

Pg. 838, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Our ONE Calling*

*Hymn: *We Are Called to be God's People*

No. 415

*Affirmation of Faith: *From the Theological Declaration of Barmen*

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together. (*Ephesians 4:15-16*)

The Christian Church is the congregation of believers in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely His property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from His comfort and from His direction in the expectation of His appearance.

Prayers of the People

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lorna March, Robert Neuens, Marsha Malsack, Jon LaCourt, Bob Werner, Dean Wright, Nora Lundy, Charlie Novara, Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley, Geri Anderson, Scott Doda, Phil Peterson, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr,

Joy Palzewic, Mary Rushford; 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: *The Church's One Foundation*

No. 401, vs. 1-3

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *The Church's One Foundation*

vs. 4

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: 2:00p.m. Martin Luther King Event

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: **10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob**
11:00a.m. International Service
for Christian Unity (see link below)
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

Next Sunday: **Annual Congregational Meeting**
4:30p.m. Young Adults Group

Everyone is invited to a Martin Luther King Day Celebration today from 2:00 – 3:00p.m., held here in Fellowship Hall and will include live music, refreshments, and a guest speaker. This community event is sponsored by the local CRU, “Christians for Racial Understanding” and you can get more information at northwoodscru@yahoo.com.

The Young Adults Group: For all young adults (20's-30's) who are interested in building a connection with other young adults in our Church, the group is meeting next Sunday, January 25th, at 4:30p.m. at the home of Logan Smith. For more information, contact Hailey Walsh at 906-221-5373.

International Service for Christian Unity: The in-person prayer service this Wednesday, January 21st, is open to the public; it will also be livestreamed via the Interchurch Center's Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@theinterchurchcenter1462/stream>.

CHURCH NOTES (cont.)

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following the 9:30a.m. worship service next Sunday, January 25th. Business to be conducted includes electing elders, deacons, and members of the 2026 nominating committee, and reviewing the Annual Report and the 2026 budget. Nominations include:

Elders: Luke Carey, Barb Kramer, Shaun Lewellyn, Paul Schuiteman, Logan Smith

Deacons: Michelle Copley, Dale Gustafson, Kirsten Kaad, Kristen Novara, Lorrie Vross

Nominating Committee: Jeff Hutchinson, Whitey Langlois, Paul Schuiteman, Christine Sericati

The 2026 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Fireside Room. There are several left to be picked up. If you want envelopes but didn't get any, please call the office.

The per capita for 2026 is \$42.00.

Ushers: Louise Swope, Alaysa, Brielle, and Adelyn Bacon

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WE HAVE COME INTO HIS HOUSE © 1976 MCA Music Publ.

We have come into His house and gathered in
His name to worship Him. *repeat*
We have come into His house and gathered in His name to worship
Christ the Lord; Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him
and worship Him. *repeat*
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and worship
Christ the Lord; Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name
and worship Him. *repeat*
Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and worship Christ
the Lord; Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

MAJESTY © 1981 New Spring

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory honor
and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flows from His throne
unto His own, His anthems raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify,
Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty. Jesus who
died, now glorified King of all kings.

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD Hymnal #405

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
the Church our blest redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand,
dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of
love and praise.