

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

JANUARY 25, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

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

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Loving Heavenly Father, what makes us so divisive? Do we need to be right all the time? Are we only comfortable when everything is as we have decreed it should be? And if we dare to admit we are wrong and accept things that aren't as we have determined they should be, do we feel insecure? Oh, how our self-centeredness keeps us from recognizing Your presence in others. Our core sin, 'wanting to be God', demands that we be right, secure, and in control. All these lead to a refusal of the unity for which You have created us. Worse yet, we have lost sight that our righteousness, comfort, and security can only be found in Your love for us and for one another. We confess we don't trust You as much as we say we do. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; 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: Isaiah 58:6-11

Gospel Lesson: John 12:31-36

Archer Koprowski

Pg. 618, Pew Bible

Pg. 899, Pew Bible

People's Response:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Text: Ephesians 4:1-13

Pg. 977, Pew Bible

Sermon: *One Body, One Spirit, One Hope*

*Hymn Medley

No. 417-419

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Second Helvetic Confession*

And since there is always but one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, Jesus the Messiah, and one Shepherd of the whole flock, one Head of this body, and, to conclude, one Spirit, one salvation, one faith, one Testament or covenant, it necessarily follows that there is only one Church. We, therefore, call this Church catholic because it is universal, scattered through all parts of the world, and extended unto all times, and is not limited to any times or places.

Choral Anthem: *One God* (J. Martin)

Prayers of the People

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lorna March, Marsha Malsack, Jon LaCourt, Dean Wright, Charlie Novara, Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley, Geri Anderson, Scott Doda, Phil Peterson, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Anne Starr, Mary Rushford; the PNC; the family of Joy Palzewic; 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: *They'll Know We Are Christians* No. 429, vs. 1-3

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *They'll Know We Are Christians* vs. 4

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: 10:30a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
4:30p.m. Young Adults Group

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

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 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

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship this morning. 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 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 today, at 4:30p.m. at the home of Logan Smith. Dinner provided! For more information, contact Hailey Walsh at 906-221-5373.

We need your help to take down Christmas trees this
Tuesday, January 27th, any time after 10:00a.m.
Many hands make light work.

CHURCH NOTES (Cont.)

Look for our Super “Souper” Bowl display beginning next Sunday! Drop off your donations of soup and/or money to the team of your choice. Results will be posted on February 15th. Give as much and as often as you like! All donations of soup and money will go to the First Lutheran Food Pantry.

Church Family Ice Skating Event: All are welcome to this event on Saturday, February 7th, from 1:00–2:00p.m. at Mountain View Ice Arena. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for skating or skate use, but please bring an item to donate to the Almost Home Animal Shelter if you can. Most needed items are: Pinesol, bleach, paper towels, dry dog or cat food, cat litter, old sweatshirts, t-shirts or blankets (*for bedding*).

Ushers: Angela and Forest Koprowski; Boyd and Vicki Morstad

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I SING PRAISES

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I sing praises to Your name, O Lord
Praises to Your name, O Lord
For Your name is great
And greatly to be praised (*repeat*)

I give glory to Your name, O Lord
Glory to Your name, O Lord
For Your name is great
And greatly to be praised (*repeat*)

DRAW ME CLOSE

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Draw me close to You, never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire, no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way, bring me back to You

Chorus

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want. Help me know You are near. (*repeat*)

SPIRIT SONG

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Verse 1

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus

Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs
Jesus, oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs

Verse 2

Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain

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