

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2026

Preservice Music

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

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Rev. Ed Laarman

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, You have called us out of an unbelieving world to be part of Your body, the Church.

Forgive us if we have undervalued that great privilege.

Lord Jesus, You have created the Church through Your Word and Spirit.

Forgive us if we have seen it as merely a human institution.

Lord Jesus, You have taught us to love and serve each other as You have loved and served us.

Forgive us if we have failed to do so.

Lord Jesus, You have called us to be a community of truth in which we hold each other accountable.

Forgive us if we have failed to speak truth to each other or to hear it from one another.

Lord Jesus, You have charged us to work together to carry on Your mission in the world.

Forgive us if we have judged the Church simply by how well it meets our own needs.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

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

Sermon Text: Acts 2:36-47

Pg. 910, Pew Bible

Sermon: *With Glad and Generous Hearts*

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Concerns: Bob Werner, Alberta Bricker, Julie Butterfield, Phil Peterson, Sue Fraker, Margaret Spooner, Anne Starr, Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson, Charlie Novara, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Mary Rushford; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

The Offering

Offertory

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right for us to give thanks. It is right and fitting, our joy and our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Christ, our Lord:

By whom You made the world and all things living and beautiful. We bless You for Your continual love and care for every creature. We praise You for forming us in Your image and calling us to be Your people.

We thank You that You did not abandon us in our rebellion against Your love but sent prophets and teachers to lead us into the way of salvation.

Above all, we give You thanks for our Savior, Jesus Christ, who by the power of the Holy Spirit was born to our humanity and lived our common life, who offered His life to You in perfect obedience and trust, who has delivered us from our sins with His blood, and reconciled us to You and to one another as Your new creation in Him.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Scriptures tell us that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

The cup for which we give thanks, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

The cup we all share is our fellowship in the blood of Christ.

The Lord has prepared His table for all who love Him and trust in Him for their salvation. The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*The Lord's Prayer (sung)

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

Saturday: *Lifest* in Oshkosh

Thank you to Rev. Ed Laarman for filling the pulpit while Pastor Bob is on vacation.

Lifest 2026 – This Saturday, July 11th: We have a bus reserved, so sign up today! Concert tickets can be purchased online. For more information contact Sonia at 309-258-7342.

All women are invited to the Women's Luncheon on Friday, July 17th, at the Chippewa Club at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic: July 26th at 10:00a.m. Mark your calendar and look for the sign-up sheets to volunteer to help set-up and clean-up beginning next Sunday!

Feed the Hungry: In celebration of America 250, Session has established a goal of collecting 250 pounds of food items to be distributed to local food pantries. Donations can be dropped off during the month of July in the Fireside Room or brought in on the day of the picnic (July 26th).

Emergency Preparedness Committee: We are forming a committee to come up with emergency policy and procedures with the goal having in place clear guidelines for emergency situations. If you are interested in serving on this committee or providing input, contact Barb Kramer at 906-396-3116. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Summer of Service Project: Friday, July 31st, 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Plan to come for a cookout and a night of service putting together bags of donated items to be given to those who are going through cancer treatments. Check your newsletter for detailed information (pg. 5) on how to donate items or contact Sonia at 309-258-7342.

Ushers: Sharon Chick, Kathy DePas, Patty Hord, Barb Kramer