

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2026

Preservice Music (*a time to quiet our souls*)

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

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude (*a time for spiritual focus*)

*Praise Medley

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Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, Everlasting Father, lover of each of us, we have made it through another week by Your grace and mercy. Sometimes we did as You willed for us; other times we did as we well pleased with little thought to those around us. Sometimes we took the time to engage a fellow human being and we were blessed; sometimes we were too busy to notice those going by and both we and they were left empty. Sometimes we gave of ourselves to the benefit of others; sometimes we kept to ourselves and nothing improved. Sometimes we took the time to serve others; sometimes our complicated agendas left us with no time to give. For all the ways we came up short in living life for which You created us, Lord, forgive us.

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

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Response:

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

Pg. 820, Pew Bible

Sermon: *When Miracles Happen*

Special Music: *Be Still My Soul*

Ralph Kramer

Affirmation of Faith: *Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39, NLT*)

There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. We can be convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Offering

Offertory

Holy Communion

We come to the table of Christ,
**with gladness and thanksgiving, for the good things
we find here.**

We come to the table of Christ,
**with praise and celebration, for the Kingdom that has
welcomed us in.**

We come to the table of Christ,
**with hungry hearts and thirsty souls, longing to be satisfied
with the finest food at the Banquet of the Lord.**

The Breaking of the Bread

And so, in memory of You, we eat and drink;
In thanksgiving for Your gift of life, we eat and drink;
In openness to Your grace, we eat and drink;
**and we will continually celebrate this meal until it is fulfilled in
the Kingdom of God. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*(Communion is received by intinction, the bread is received,
then dipped in the cup and then partaken of.)*

Closing Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 5:30p.m. Joint Session/Deacon Meeting

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

Free Back-to-School Haircuts for Kids: Saturday, August 15th
Cosmetologist Sarah Ebertsch will offer free haircuts for kids on
Saturday, August 15th from 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m. in Fellowship Hall
on a walk-in basis only.

Women's Luncheon: Friday, August 21st

All women are invited to the luncheon on Friday, August 21st, at
Barb's Café in Florence at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on
the table in the Fireside Room.

Ushers: Ferrand and Gladys Ethington; Bill and Laura Stanek