

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

Preservice Music

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

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, You who are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in Your judgments, marvelous in strength and excellence, hear our prayer. You who are good, and faithful toward those who trust in You, hear our prayer. You who show pity and compassion, hear our prayer.

Forgive us our sins, our unrighteousness, our transgressions, and our shortcomings. Do not hold us to account for every sin, but cleanse us with the cleansing of Your truth. Teach us to discern, acknowledge, and proclaim Your truth. Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart so our faith may grow. Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in Your sight.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Response:

**All to Jesus I surrender,
all to Him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust him,
In His presence daily live.**

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

Sonia Donnelly

Prayer for Illumination

Barb Kramer

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Pg. 38, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 133

Pg. 519, Pew Bible

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone* Ralph Kramer

Sermon Text: Matthew 15:10-28

Pg.821, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Is it the Chicken or the Egg?*

*Statement of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 21. What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a whole-hearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: Marsha Malsack, 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

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: *Blessed Assurance

No. 572, vv. 1-2

***Charge and Benediction**

Response: *Blessed Assurance

v. 3

***Postlude**

***Those who are able, please stand.**

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Thursday: 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. High School Blood Drive
9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

Thank you to Cliff Smith for filling the pulpit today while Pastor Bob and Marsha are on vacation. Pastor Bob will be back in the pulpit next Sunday.

The Red Cross has declared an emergency blood shortage as the blood supply fell nearly 25% in June. Another blood drive sponsored by the high schoolers will be held here **this Thursday from 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to make a specific appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org or just show up at any time.

Women's Luncheon: This 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: Kathy DePas, Patty Hord, Louise Swope, Mary Swope

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