

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 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, when we came into this world, we quickly learned that if we created enough fuss, we would get what we wanted.
In the beginning, it was all about us. Lord, have mercy.

Over time, we learned about You and the benefits of faith.
So we proclaimed Jesus as Lord for all that we could get out of it. Christ have mercy.

As we grew in faith, we began to discover how much You really love us.

**Bit by bit, we have allowed You into our heart.
Lord, have mercy.**

The day will come when we truly love ourselves, making choices that are good for us and glorify You.

Hasten the day when we will love ourselves as You love us.

(silence for personal reflection and confession)

Response:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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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

Connie Anderson

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Pg. 611, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

Pg. 521, Pew Bible

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

Gospel Text: Matthew 16:13-20

Pg.822, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Profession of Faith*

Special Music: *I Believe, I Do Believe*

Angela, Archer, and
Forest Koprowski

Affirmation of Faith:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His word and showing His love?

I will with God's help.

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns:

Theresa Ozzello, 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: *My Life is in You, Lord* © 1986 Integrity's Hosanna! Music**

**My Life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;
My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You. *(repeat)***

I will praise You with all of my life.

I will praise You with all of my strength.

With all of my life, with all of my strength,

All of my hope is in You. *(chorus)*

***Charge and Benediction**

Response: *My Life is in You, Lord

***Postlude**

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

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

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

Ushers and Readers needed for September! A sign-up sheet is in the Fireside Room and it's pretty empty so please sign up today!!

Ushers: Scott and Shaun Lewellyn; Larry and Connie Olkkonen