

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

Preservice Music

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

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude: *Goodness of God*

Joan Will

*Praise Medley

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Prayer of Confession:

Dear Lord, where we have failed to be compassionate as You are compassionate:

Forgive us, and deepen our love for those who have fallen under the burden of their weakness.

Where we have failed to be faithful as You are faithful:

Forgive us, and renew our commitment to live the vows we made in baptism.

Where we have failed to be loving as You are loving:

Forgive us, and sharpen our willingness to put You and our neighbor before our own desires.

Where we have failed to be joyful as You free us to be:

Forgive us, and strengthen our trust in Your unfailing love for 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

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Ashley Carlson, Athena Donnelly, Linnea Grubb,
Petra Kaad, Maren Menza, Nic Novara, Hope Schuiteman,
Jazzlyne Shaughnessy, Libby Vross, Madelyn Zeuske

Prayer for Illumination

**Your words to me are light and truth;
From day to day they show
Their wisdom, passing earthly lore,
As in their truth I grow.**

**Your words to me are full of joy,
Of beauty, peace, and grace;
From them I learn Your blessed will,
Through them I see Your face.**

**Your words are perfected in one,
Yourself, the living Word;
Within my heart Your image print
In clearest lines, O Lord.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Pg. 301, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 85:8-13

Pg. 493, Pew Bible

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

Sermon Text: Matthew 14:22-33

Pg.820, Pew Bible

Sermon: *How to Walk on Water*

*Hymn: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

No. 665

The Apostles' Creed:* **We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: *Trust and Obey

No. 571

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response: Trust and obey, for there is no other way
To be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.**

***Postlude**

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

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Blood Drive
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

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

**Saturday: 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Free Back-to-School
Haircuts for Kids**

The Red Cross has declared an emergency blood shortage as the blood supply fell nearly 25% in June. Blood donors are urgently needed to give now. A blood drive will be held here **this Tuesday from 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to make a specific appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org or you can just show up at any time.

Free Back-to-School Haircuts for Kids: this Saturday, the 15th Cosmetologist Sarah Ebertsch will offer free haircuts for kids this 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: Joe and Lulu Floriano; Forest and Archer Koprowski