

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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

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

Announcements

Prelude (*a time for spiritual focus*)

Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley

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Prayer of Confession

In the spirit of Christ, our peace, let us pray:

Have mercy, most gracious Lord!

For those who have angered us:

Grant them peace; have mercy, most gracious Lord!

For those who have harmed us or our loved ones:

**Grant them Your forgiveness and ours; have mercy,
most gracious Lord!**

For those whose hearts are hardened against forgiving:

Grant them healing; have mercy, most gracious Lord!

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Response:

**God of mercy and compassion, You have forgiven us our sins
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which we
remember with special gratitude on this holy day of worship.
Remake our own hearts in His likeness, that we may forgive
and love all who offend us, as You have forgiven and loved us
through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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 18:21-35

Pg. 823, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Endless Forgiveness*

Invitation to the Table

The Offering

Choral Anthem: *In Remembrance* (B. Red)

***Affirmation of Faith: We believe in the God who made every
man and woman in God's image. We believe in the Christ who
died to reconcile every human being to God, and to restore our
common humanity. We believe in the Holy Spirit that has
always hovered over creation and ignites love's fire in our
hearts. We believe in the community of faith that worships
God, follows Jesus, and lives by the Spirit. And we believe in
the time when all things will be made new, and all things will
be brought together under Christ. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, we praise You and we thank You...we join in the love
song of creation for all eternity:

Jesus died; Jesus came alive again; Jesus is coming back.

The Breaking of the Bread

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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

*The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer Concerns:

Jackie Laing, Marsha Malsack, Susie Neitzel, 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

CHURCH NOTES

Monday: 10:00a.m. Kitchen Cleaning

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
5:30p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday: Young Disciples:
3:30p.m. 4-year-olds – 8th Graders
5:00p.m. 9th – 12th Graders
6:30p.m. Adult Choir

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

Friday: 11:30a.m. Women's Luncheon – Pine Grove

***** Help Needed: Kitchen Cleaning *****

We need help to clean the kitchen now that the project is complete.
Come tomorrow, Monday, beginning at 10:00am to help clean and
prep for painting. Any amount of time is appreciated!

Sweet Breads: We have finished with the summertime
bakery and are now going back to sweet breads for Sunday
morning fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the
Fireside Room or you can just bring them in on any given Sunday.
You can also drop off sweet breads anytime and we'll put them in
the freezer to be used as needed.

Ushers: Boyd and Vicki Morstad; Bill and Laura Stanek