

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 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*)

I Need Thee Every Hour

Andy Fuller, Drew Fuller

Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

O God, our Healer and our Good, You sent Your Son to cure our sickness by taking upon Himself the burden of our guilt. Heal our diseased vision that causes us to see evil as good; heal our sickened mind that pretends to think of selfishness as love; heal our unhealthy habits that we have made our own to please ourselves. Cleanse us through Jesus' life poured out on our behalf so that we may stand before You, whole in body, soul, and spirit, to sing Your praise forever with all the saints. 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.

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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

Christine Sericati

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Pg. 705, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-9

Pg. 459, Pew Bible

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 23:23-32

Pg. 829, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Affirmation of Faith: *Philippians 2:6-11* (The Message)

Christ Jesus had equal status with God but didn't think so much of Himself that He had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, He set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, He stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, He lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death – and the worst kind of death at that – a crucifixion.

Because of that obedience, God lifted Him high and honored Him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that He is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: 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

The 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: *His Grace* (L. Norred)

Choir

***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: *Room at the Cross for You*

No. 487

(chorus: change "you" to "me")

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *Room at the Cross for You*

chorus

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

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

Saturday: 11:00a.m. Funeral for Ray Cameron

Fall Fest is Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:00–7:00p.m.

We need lots of CANDY, volunteers, and 12 prize pies for the pie auction! Please see where you can plug in at the sign-up table in the Fireside Room.

Ushers are needed for the 4th, 11th, and the 25th in October.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room.

Sweet Breads: Just a reminder we are looking for 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: Steve and Pat Kaad; Dan Anderson and Kirsten Kaad