

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord,
Jesus Christ. **And also with you!**

Announcements

Cliff Smith

Prelude (*a time for spiritual focus*)

Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley

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Prayer of Confession: (*adapted from Psalm 51*)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sandy Petroff

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Strang

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 33:12-22

Pg. 73, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 99

Pg. 500, Pew Bible

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

Pg. 827, Pew Bible

Sermon: *When is a question not a question?*

***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:

Sara Miller, Theresa Ozzello, Phil Peterson, Sue Fraker, Margaret Spooner, Anne Starr, Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson, Charlie Novara, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, 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: *He Will Carry You* (J. Althouse) 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: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 210, vs. 1-2

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *Praise to the Lord...* vs. 3-4

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: No Girls' Bible Study (7th-12th grades)

Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Wednesday: 3:30p.m. Young Disciples 4yrs. – 8th grades

No Young Disciples 9th – 12th grades

6:30p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday: 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.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes are now available along with a brochure on how to fill them. Enclose a check for \$10 in the envelope provided with the brochure and bring the shoebox back here by November 15th.

Kitchen Project: We are collecting donations to help repay the funds we used for the hood project in the kitchen. Checks can be made out to the church and the memo marked 'kitchen project'.

New Member Classes will be held following worship on Sundays, November 1st, 8th, and 15th in the chapel. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room if you'd like to attend.

Ushers: Sharon Chick, Kathy DePas, Ferrand and Gladys Ethington