First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

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

Announcements — Sandi Lefebvre

Prelude *(a time for spiritual focus)*

Opening Prayer

*Praise Medley — Insert

Prayer of Confession:
Father, you sent Jesus from Heaven to earth – and He willingly died on the cross for our sins. Forgive us for those times when we did not cross the street or parking lot to share Him with others. Forgive us for those times when we were too tired, too comfortable, or too busy to share His love with those who do not know Him. Forgive us for those times when we knew we should go, but we stayed. Thank you, Father, for Your grace. Embolden our hearts to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors this day, and every day. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

(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 — Sonia Donnelly

Prayer for Illumination — Hailey Walsh
Scripture Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 — Pg. 151, Pew Bible
Responsive Reading: Psalm 150 — Pg. 526, Pew Bible

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46 — Pg. 828, Pew Bible
Sermon: *The Greatest Commandment* — Boyd Morstad

*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: *To Know God's Love* (M. Blankenship) 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: *They'll Know We Are Christians* No. 429, vs. 1-3

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *They'll Know…* vs. 4

*Postlude *Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today:	<u>No</u> Girls' Bible Study *(7th-12th grades)*
Monday:	5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen *(**<u>dine in</u>** & drive-thru)*
Tuesday:	1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Wednesday:	3:30p.m. Young Disciples 4yrs. – 8th grades
	5:00p.m. Young Disciples 9th – 12th grades
	6:30p.m. Adult Choir
Thursday:	9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

Thank you to Sandi Lefebvre and Boyd Morstad for filling the pulpit today while Pastor Bob and Marsha are on vacation.

Reminder: Set your clocks back one hour next Saturday as daylight saving time ends.

Soup Kitchen: Meals on the last Monday of the month will be served both as a drive-thru and dine in. Tomorrow is the last Monday so we invite you to come and share a meal with our community from 5:00p.m.-5:30p.m. Doors open at 4:30p.m.

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes are on the table by the office. Enclose a check for $10 in the envelope provided with the brochure and bring the shoebox back here by November 15th.

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: Jeff, Audrey, Aksel, and Samson Hutchinson