

Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, in Jesus, You have given us the victory over sin and death. We confess that although we hear this good news, we sometimes struggle to believe it fully; help our unbelief and strengthen our faith.

You have freed us from the fear of death, yet we confess that fear still grips us—forgive us and teach us to trust Your promises. Help us to look to the risen Christ as the sure proof that death has been defeated and eternal life belongs to all who place their faith in Him.

Because our labor in the Lord is never in vain, make us steadfast and immovable, and spur us on to do every good work in Your name. Through Jesus Christ, our risen and victorious Lord, we pray. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“We Shall Be Changed but Not Yet Completely”
Ed Thurston, Guest Speaker
1 Cor 15:50-58

*Discipleship Hymn

Victory in Jesus

Offering

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus Ed Thurston

Doxology

***Offertory Prayer**

***Closing Hymn #384**

Soon and Very Soon

*Charge and Benediction

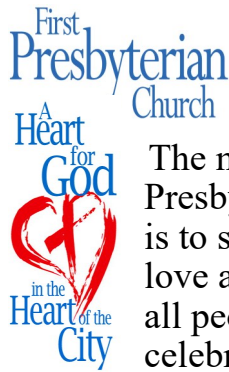
Postlude

* Please stand if able

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Livestream Help Needed:

We thank Woody Windischman for his faithful service as our livestream cameraman. We are looking for a new person to take over this part of our online ministry. Please see Doug McCune or contact the Church Office for more information.



The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to share God’s love and grace with all people and celebrate the truth of Jesus Christ.

We approach this purpose with a commitment to “unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, and love in all things.”

We fulfill this purpose by Serving Christ through SERVICE to others.

Connecting people to God through OUTREACH.

Nourishing people in the Spirit through WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and DISCIPLESHIP.

- We express this purpose through our Core Values:
- † GLORIOUS WORSHIP
 - † SPIRIT EMPOWERED PRAYER
 - † LIFE ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE
 - † GRACIOUS WITNESS
 - † COMPASSIONATE SERVICE
 - † ABUNDANT LIFE THROUGH COMMUNITY
 - † EVERY PERSON'S DIGNITY AFFIRMED

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO CONNECT WITH US!



Remember in Prayer: Katie Graham, Carrie & Jim Hoglen, Jean Kraft (Randi May’s Mom), Chuck & Lela Mann (Denise Rust’s father), Paula McPhee, Richard Medaugh, Georgann Parker, Karen Rich, Karen Noble, Ed Scheinfeldt, Annettie Tribbett. In Military; James Burns, Steve Mackinder, and Samantha Rainwater.

Flowers are given by Gerry Fox & family in memory of Garland Fox.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Patricia Sackett Brewer, who passed into glory on August 1.

This week at First Presbyterian Church:

Mon., 8/17	9A	Men’s Coffee & Prayer
	7P	Worship Team Meeting
	7P	Discipleship Team Meeting in Rm. 14
	7P	Connection Team in Youth Center
Tues., 8/18	8:30A	Prayer in the Chapel
	6:30P	Young Adult Gathering Offsite
Thurs., 8/20	10A	ECC Music Playgroup
Fri., 8/21	12P	Basketball in the Gym
Sun., 8/23	10A	WORSHIP
	11A	Cake Celebrating August Birthdays

NOTE: Pickleball - Tuesdays and Thursdays, June, July, August - will use gym on rainy days.

MISSION - The Mission Ministry Team will again be putting together Health Kits (Hygiene Kits) for several of our community organization individuals or families. The following items will be collected on the Mission table in the Parlor during the months of July and August. The Mission Ministry Team will assemble the Health Kits at the end of August and distribute the beginning of September.

- Wash cloths
- Toothbrush – soft or medium
- Toothpaste – 4 or 6 oz.
- Bar of soap
- Deodorant
- Dental floss
- Chapstick
- VO5 Shampoo
- VO5 Conditioner

DEACONS - With the holidays coming before we know it, please consider a donation to the Deacon Fund to cover the cost of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter baskets.

Opportunities at Assisted Living Communities

Lakeview Assisted Living is looking for a volunteer choir director, and could use more volunteers to read to vision-impaired residents, call Bingo, give talks on things like travel or Battle Creek history.

Please contact Lakeview at (269) 969-8900 if interested, or know someone who might be!

NURSERY - With God's help, we will start to see children in our church, the next generation! With that vision, we have decided to staff the Nursery with two people each Sunday. We are looking for those who may be interested. The fall schedule begins September 6th.

There will be a short meeting in the Nursery after church on August 23. Please contact Sue Healy. swahealy@gmail.com

Presbyterian Women

Our Women’s Circles meet September through May in the Parlor.
Elizabeth Circle: 2nd Thursdays at 10am
Sarah Circle: 2nd Tuesday at 1pm
Come and join us for fellowship and Bible Study.
This year’s Horizon Bible Study is
Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians:
United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other.

Questions??

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