

PRELUDE
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

*Please stand as you are able, in body or in spirit.
Bold text is spoken or sung by everyone.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

INTROIT "Amazing Grace" Handbell Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into the presence of God with songs of praise
and shouts of thanksgiving.

**For our Savior frees us from slavery; our Savior heals our diseases;
our Savior is our peace.**

You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN #403** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God’s
purpose. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with
unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find
ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we
act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we
think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If
we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have
failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you.
Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ in within us,
O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down
walls of hostility within our community, among the nations, and around
the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor and praise
together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.**

SILENT CONFESSION TO GOD *Silence is held for personal confession.*

Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the
grace of the God who makes all things new. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY

To all and to each where regret is real, God pronounces pardon and
grants us the right to begin again. **Thanks be to God!**

***SONG OF ASSURANCE #582** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose
grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called
as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us. Place Jesus Christ in us so that he is
the cornerstone holding us together and making us a sacred place
where steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and
peace will kiss each other. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hosea 1:2, 3:1-3

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, ‘Go,
take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for
the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord...’ The Lord said
to me again, ‘Go, love a woman who has a lover and is an adulteress, just
as the Lord loves the people of Israel, though they turn to other gods and
love raisin cakes.’ So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer
of barley and a measure of wine. And I said to her, ‘You must remain as
mine for many days; you shall not play the whore, you shall not have
intercourse with a man, nor I with you.’

RESPONSE

Heavenly words for earthly people.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "This is My Father's World"

Handbell Choir

DISCOVERY TIME

Kristina Kaiser

(All Sunday School students, 4K – 8th grade, are dismissed to their classes.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 6:14-20

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not
know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take
the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute?
Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes
one body with her? For it is said, ‘The two shall be one flesh.’ But anyone
united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every
sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins
against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of
the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are

not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in
your body.

RESPONSE

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

SERMON

"An Example of How God Loves Us"

Rev. Jorge Ramirez

Translated by Jessica Tucker Ramirez

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

*Please let the bell tone help in your meditation and reflection. This is an
ancient Christian monastic and Eastern meditation practice aid.*

***HYMN #618** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" (St. 1,4,5)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*In order to preserve confidentiality, the sharing of joys and concerns
portion of our service is limited to only those present in the sanctuary.*
We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

**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.**

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Ted Krohn

A TIME FOR GENEROSITY

Bring an offering pleasing to God, who has entrusted much to our care.
Bring your gifts, expecting great things to happen because of our
common sharing. Bring all that you have to glorify God and to extend
God’s rule over humankind. Praise God through your giving.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #614 “Great Are You, Lord”**
Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;
by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;
by your mercy you prove you are love.

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We praise you with joy, holy God, for the gospel that extends our human vision and challenges our cherished traditions. We commit ourselves and our gifts to the sharing of life-giving good news. May we be equipped to live the faith in word and deed. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #443** "There is a Redeemer" (Stanzas 1 & 2)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES WITH US.** *We carry the Christ Candle out of the sanctuary as a reminder that God's love is with us, even as we go out in peace, guided by the Spirit to bring healing and hope to a broken, hurting and grieving world.*

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn #765**

"Song of Hope/Canto de Esperanza"

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor	Jorge Ramirez
Translator	Jessica Tucker Ramirez
Lector	Kristina Kaiser
Piano/Organ	Dan Kayhart
Accompanying Bells	Lisa Carroll
Handbell Director	Kathy Phillips
Handbell Players	Jade Hubbell, Kristina Kaiser, Nici Luchterhand, Tracy Olson, Beth Kayhart, Morgan Schmidlkofer, Josette Kaiser, Zach Kayhart, Stephanie Garbisch, Roxie Wetterau, Oliver Johnson
Media Production	Tech Lead: Dominic Kaiser Tech Team: Feyre Hiserman, Aaron Schmidlkofer, Ruth Walsh and Sean Walsh
Deacons	Gail LaFontaine, Kathy Nimm, Jennifer Lurvey
Greeters	Dave Hirsch & Jan Frauenheim
Nursery	Therese Brooks

WE WELCOME BACK TO THE PULPIT, Rev. Jorge Ramirez and his daughter, Jessica, as translator. Pastor Laurie is away on Study Leave and will return to the church on Saturday, Nov. 2. If you have a pastoral emergency during her absence, please call Janet Wolfe, 715-486-9307.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Danielle Redding, Joy Thomas, and Terry Bernick. Please give names for the prayer list to the church office. Names will be kept on the prayer list for two months.

OUTREACH TO THE HOMEBOUND, RECOVERING AND ON OUR HEARTS:

Each week we list one of our members or friends and encourage you to send a card or note. This week we are thinking of **Diane Helgerson, 112115 Hatimar Ln, Marshfield WI 54449.** Please reach out to anyone you think needs a little encouragement with a friendly chat. Lift a spirit with a phone call, email, FB message, etc.

FORUM FOR ALL TODAY: *Two Lies and a Truth: Immigration Edition.*

The wait is over! It’s happening after worship this morning in the Parlor: A Forum For All that will play like a trivia party game. Like all good trivia games there will be food, prizes for the winners, and some learning along the way. Bring a team or find a team there, and join in the fun right after worship!

“GIVE US A HAND” TODAY WITH THE CONFIRMATION STOLES! Please take a few moments to stop at a table in the narthex and trace your hand on one or more of the 8 stoles you will find there, one for each student being commissioned in two weeks. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this--we want hands of all ages and sizes, representing the support and love we have for them as they begin their confirmation journey. We will be Commissioning them next Sunday, Nov. 3.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES “TROUBLE THE WATERS” CONCLUDES

Tomorrow, Oct. 28 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Parlor or via Zoom.

Join us to view and discuss the docuseries produced by the Story Ministry division of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in collaboration with PCUSA. The series aims to serve as a key resource of the Matthew 25 initiative. Each evening includes a segment of the series followed by a facilitated discussion.

SONGS OF PEACE & LOVE: Songs of Peace & Love: *For All the People* Sunday, November 3, 1:00 – 2:15 PM - Chestnut Center for the Arts

Remember all the great songs celebrating peace and love! Two well-known singers from Milwaukee will have you tapping your toes, singing along and wiping away the occasional tear. Something for every age group ... including some kids songs! FPC Outreach Committee and its community partners encourage you to attend, as we use music to help bring people together!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: This is not a Trick, but hopefully a Treat. The Pictorial Directory Committee is hoping to complete the new directory by Halloween. It will be available in two forms: an online app format and a booklet. Good news: It's *not* too late to be in it--even though our "Photo Booth" season has ended. Just email your digital image, to Ashley, secretary@fpcmarshfield.org. Her monthly updates in the directory will now include updated photos.



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
October 27, 2024

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS! We would be delighted if you would fill out our quick and easy green VISITOR CARD in the center pocket of your pew. Please place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship.

WELCOME TO FAMILIES with children and infants for worship. The staffed nursery is available for infants through three years old. Worship Bags, on a stand at the entrance to the sanctuary, are available to enhance kids’ worship experience.



HEARING & VISUAL ASSISTANCE Ask an Usher for help: Switch hearing aid to T-Coil Loop Listeners. Magnifiers are available.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin seeks to welcome all to join us on our journey of faith, denying no one, based upon their particular human condition, participation in the life of the church. We want to be a safe place, a sanctuary where people are accepted, included, and cared for as they are. We will be agents of God's transforming power, aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit as we pray, worship, learn, share fellowship and serve together. By attending to the love of Jesus Christ in our midst, we discover a deepening faith that makes a difference in our lives. As a community based on God's love, we strive to be of service to our neighbors and to the world.

WE CHOOSE WELCOME: We at FPC have embraced the "We Choose Welcome" awareness campaign of the PC(USA) which expresses our personal and church-wide commitment to welcome refugees and immigrants into our communities. The phrase comes from Gradye Parsons, former Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in which he urged us to "Choose Welcome, Not Fear." In the midst of: fear of terrorism and radicalism; hate speeches and hate crimes, anxiety about our own economic prosperity, and political debates which seek to divide us between those who were born here and those who were not--we choose welcome for all children of God, proclaiming one household.