

Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements

***Opening Hymn #268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and Holy God, our gracious and merciful Father, we come before You today asking that You search our hearts and reveal what is within us. Forgive us, Lord, for being so quick to examine the hearts of others while neglecting the condition of our own. By Your Holy Spirit, expose every trace of unbelief, pride, rebellion, and hardness that would lead us away from You.

Lord Jesus, give us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to us today. Grant us hearts that not only hear Your Word but believe it, receive it, and respond in faithful obedience. Keep us from hardening our hearts, from presuming upon Your grace, and from treating lightly Your holiness and righteous wrath. May we never mistake Your patience for indifference toward sin.

Heavenly Father, help us to take seriously Your warnings, remembering that unbelief kept a generation from entering Your rest. Let us not merely profess faith with our lips while harboring unbelief in our hearts. Instead, strengthen us to hold firmly to our confidence in Christ until the end.

And Lord, when Your Word confronts us, when Your Spirit convicts us, and when life becomes difficult, keep us from seeking comfort in anything or anyone other than Jesus Christ. Remind us that true and everlasting comfort is found in Him alone.

May we hear Your voice today, believe Your Word today, and respond in obedience today, for tomorrow is not promised. We pray all these things in the mighty and matchless name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, and our only true rest. **Amen.**

Gloria Patri #614 *Great Are You, Lord*

***Passing of the Peace**

Anthem *You Are Holy* S.W. Brown
Soloist, Alexis Small

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon “Hebrews, Part 2 - Jesus, Our Faithful High Priest”
 Hebrews 3:7-19
 Rev. Lorenzo R. Small, Sr.

***Hymn of Discipleship** *There Is Power In The Blood*

New Member Reception

Offering	<i>Simple Gifts</i>	P.S. Cota
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***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Closing Hymn #839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand if able

The month of October, our Mission Team is collecting “Coins for Coats. Baggies” Will be available as you enter the sanctuary with the logo on them. Take the baggie home, place your loose change inside, and return it the following Sunday. Baskets will be at the sanctuary entrances for your “baggie”. Coins/Dollars collected go toward the purchase of new winter coats for kids to be distributed at Charitable Union’s Winter Coat Distribution. Thank you for your caring,

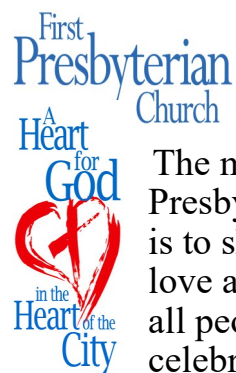


Today After Church:

After Church Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall, tickets required.

October is Pastoral Appreciation Month!

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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, Shirlee Burlingame, Carrie & Jim Hoglen, Paula McPhee, Richard Medaugh, Georgann Parker, Ed Scheinfeldt, Annettie Tribbett, Leroy Miller, Marie Davy, Jean Rost, Sally

McCune.

In Military; James Burns, Steve Mackinder, and Samantha Rainwater.

Flowers are given by Linda Brandt and family in memory of Richard Mann.

The red rose on the chancel is given in honor of Theodore Andrew Till, born to grandparents Tom & Kim Till on September 30, 2026. We give thanks to God for this new life!

This week at First Presbyterian Church:

Mon., 10/19	9A	Men's Coffee & Fellowship
	6P	Cabinet Meeting
	7P	Discipleship Team
Tues., 10/20	8:30A	Prayer in the Chapel
	9A & 1P	Pickleball
	10A	Chair Yoga
Wed., 10/21	12P	Bible Study in the Parlor
	7P	Bible Study in the Parlor
	9A	Pickleball
Thurs., 10/22	9:30A	Sew n Sews
	10A	PW CT Meeting
	5:30P	Bell Choir
	6P	ZUMBA in the Gym
	6:30P	Chancel Choir
Sun., 10/25	6:30P	Boy Scouts
	10A	WORSHIP
	11A	Celebrate Birthdays

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.

RETREAT CENTER CLEAN UP

Saturday October 31st at 9:00am.

There is work to be done both inside and outside. Please bring work gloves. If you have a leaf blower and/or chainsaw please bring those as well. Snacks and coffee will be provided. Remember "many hands make light work". Please see Doug McCune, Bruce Medaugh, or Dena Haas if you have any questions.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS - Dedication flowers are needed for November 1, 15, & 29 and December 13 & 27. ALSO poinsettia orders can be ordered until December 7. They are \$25. Call Kathy Medaugh at (269)832-2758.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The months of October and November, the Mission Ministry Team will represent First Presbyterian. and participate with other churches in Battle Creek and throughout the USA in Operation Christmas Child.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse (Church World Service) partners with local churches to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and (Matthew 28:19) "make disciples of the nations".

It is a global program in more than 100 countries delivered through a "shoebox gift" to children in need with a 12 week discipleship program sharing God's love.

Boxes are available today. This is an opportunity for you, our congregation, to fill a box and **return it to the Mission Corner by Nov.**

9th. Along with your box, you'll receive a list of items to be included in the box. You will note when you're finished with your box, list the age and gender of the recipients that are to receive it.

Food, Fellowship & Family Feud!

Join us **Sunday, November 8th, from 3:00–6:00 p.m.** at the **Youth Center** for a fun-filled afternoon of **food, fellowship, and Family Feud!** Bring your family and friends and come enjoy some great food, good laughs, and friendly competition.

Hosted by the Connections Team.

- we hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS GREENS - We are taking orders for Christmas Greens! You will find the sign up sheets on the main floor. You can also order by calling the church office or by calling Kathy Baker at (269) 964-6642.

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