

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**September 10, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time**

**8:30 and 11:00 A.M.**

## ***Welcome to worship***

\* \* \* *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* \* \* \*

## ***Gathering***

**Prelude**                      Prelude and Fugue in G Minor                      Healey Willan

### **Greeting and Welcome**

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship register and pass it to the person next to you.

### **Minute for Mission**

*Dan Wentz, Christian Ed*

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

*8:30 a.m.*

*11:00 a.m. Dudley Parsons*

*Where two or three are gathered together, God is in their midst.*

**We gather to proclaim the promises, to retell the stories, to remember who we are as people of God.**

*Let us worship the Lord!*

♦ **Hymn 320**                      The Church of Christ in Every Age                      WAREHAM

### **Call to Reconciliation**

*Let us lay aside the works of evil and put on the armor of goodness. Let us live honorably, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom we confess now.*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

♦ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

## Kyrie

TPH 574, Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Words of Life

*Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.*

**We will not take this forgiveness for granted, but will let it transform how we live and love. Amen.**

### ◆ Gloria Patri

GTG 643 (stanza 3), NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,  
to God and to the Son and Spi - rit now be giv - en:  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

### ◆ Time for Young Worshipers

#### ◆ Passing of the Peace

Please refrain from shaking hands and greet each other with a word of peace or a wave of the hand.

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!*

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

GTG 459 (stanza 1), MUNICH

O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

### Reading from the Epistles

Romans 13:8-14

### Acclamation of Praise

Ronald Nelson

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

### Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 18:15-20

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

*The Path of Reconciliation*

Rev. T.J. Parlette

## Our Response

- ◆ **Hymn 361** O Christ, the Great Foundation AURELIA
- ◆ **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles Creed (Traditional)

**I 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.**

**I 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 the People and The Lord's Prayer**

*(using 'debts' and 'debtors')*

*Merciful God ...*

**Hear our prayer.**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**      Hymn Prelude on "We Gather Together"      Craig Phillips

◆ **Offertory Response (Hymn 608)**      PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Musical notation for the Offertory Response (Hymn 608) in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 336**      We Gather Together      KREMSER

◆ **Benediction**

**Postlude**      Voluntary in D Major      George Dyson

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# Stained Glass Window WELCOME BACK

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What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of September 10, 2023

## Welcome Back!

With the start of a new school year begins a new "season" at church. This week we kick-off many old favorites, beginning with a Sunday school scavenger hunt and ice cream sundaes in the Social Hall between services. Check out the calendar below to find some other opportunities.



## This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, September 10**  
Worship – 8:30am in-person  
Message: *The Path of Reconciliation*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette  
Kick-Off Sunday Celebration  
Sunday School Scavenger Hunt  
Ice Cream Sundaes in the Social Hall  
Meeting of the Session—10:40am  
Worship – 11am in-person & livestreamed  
New member recognition
- † **Tuesday, September 12**  
Kitchen Guild—9:30am  
Esther Circle—1pm
- † **Wednesday, September 13**  
Prayer Shawl Group—1pm  
Card Crafter's Group—1pm  
Youth Music Program—4:45pm  
Wednesday Programming Dinner—5:30pm  
Youth Group—6pm  
Adult Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.  
in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge
- † **Thursday, September 14**  
Jubilate Deo—6pm  
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Friday, September 15**  
Sitter Service – 5:30-9pm
- † **Saturday, September 16**  
Ruth Circle – 10am
- † **Sunday, September 17**  
Worship – 8:30am in-person  
Message: *Who's Keeping Score?*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette  
Worship – 11am in-person & livestreamed

## Welcome!

## New Members

### RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome a class of new members during the 11am worship service.

We will be recognizing:

- Meg and Eli Curtiss**, transferring from Plainview Community Presbyterian Church;
- Brett & Joanne Lamberty**, joining by reaffirmation of faith;
- Rev. David & Sharon McBeth**, joining by reaffirmation of faith; and
- Al & Joanne Schuetz**, transferring from First Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN.

Please join in welcoming these new members.



### SITTER SERVICE RESUMES

Monthly Sitter Service resumes on September 15 from 5:30-9pm. Going forward, it will revert to the prior schedule of meeting on the **2nd Friday** of the month through May.

**Parents**, do you have children between the ages of 6 months and 10 years old? You are welcome to bring them to the church once a month so that you can have an evening out. Sitter Service is held in the multipurpose room.

**Adults and teenagers**: you are welcome to help care for the kids. Contact Dee Tiedeman, 507-923-0700, or Carol Shaffer, 507-993-4197, for more information.

### REPORT FROM BDECAN



Mark your calendars! The Bdecán VBS team will provide a presentation on this year's experience at Bdecán on Sunday morning September 24th between services in the social hall

# Church



# Family

## Birthdays...

### 10 September

◆ Stephen Ihrke, Benton Mohler & Grafton Parlette

### 12 September

◆ Vera Herr & Riese Zmolek

### 13 September

◆ Barry Folkens

### 15 September

◆ Nadine Luna, Sue Rostad & Ruth Walts

### 16 September

◆ Beverly Salomonsen

## Anniversaries

### 11 September

♥ Peter & Isabelle Dyck

♥ Robert & Charlene Kyle

♥ Larry & Gail Pease

### 15 September

♥ Jerry & Becky Will

## Congratulations.

Olivia Paige Kemp and Simon Edouard Dunn Ouellette, children of Lynn and Brad Kemp, and Elizabeth Dunn and Yves Ouellette, were united in marriage in MacTier, Ontario on September 9th. Both are members of First Presbyterian Church, receiving their third grade Bibles together in Sunday School, and were part of the confirmation class of 2009, pictured at right.



**All** are welcome and encouraged to provide news and information that will be included in this section highlighting *Church Family News*.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor  
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus  
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
Jesse Copley, Custodian  
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager  
Sarah A. Stender, Music Associate  
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players bands  
Paul Herr, Security  
Margie Schaaf, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 10am;  
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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inclusive community celebrating God with:  
†Energy †Intelligence †Imagination †Love*

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