

## *A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!*

Our church has a wonderful array of ministries that seek to spread the gospel into the world. If you are interested in finding out more about the church community or are interested in becoming a member, please contact us at:

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### **Calendar for this week:**

#### **Sunday, October 24**

10:30 am      Worship

11:30 am      Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....      **Rev. Michael Ozaki**  
Ushers & Greeters.....      Dan & Laurie Wilson  
Organist.....      Hannah Krueger  
Music Director.....      Sandy Perkins  
Reader.....      Marsha Odom  
Coffee Fellowship .....      Bill & Gloria Watro

#### **Monday, October 25**

*Office Closed*

#### **Wednesday, October 27**

5 pm                      Bell Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, October 28**

1 pm                      Book Study  
                                  “What Is the Bible”

#### **Next Sunday, October 31**

10:30 am      Worship

11:30 am      Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....      **Rev. Gregory Isaacson**  
Ushers & Greeters.....      Gary & Adam Hoerner  
Organist.....      George French  
Music Director.....      Sandy Perkins  
Reader.....      Lynne Mullins  
Coffee Fellowship .....     

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# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**\*Those who are able may stand**

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVITATION TO SILENCE



**\*GATHERING HYMN #385....."All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES (Responsive)**

Come, you who are weary.

**Lay down your burdens, for God can carry them.**

Come, you who are joyful.

**Join in God's praise with the choir of the saints.**

Come, you who are doubting.

**Behold the one who brings sight to the blind.**

**KYRIE**

*(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

*Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)*

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Christe Eleison**

**Kyrie Eleison**

**CONFESSION OF NEED (Responsive)**

God of grace and mystery you have given us the gift of knowledge and reason. Amazing brains and scientific tools to expand our understanding of creation and the ability to create good things in it. But often times, our ability to understand becomes an object of worship we put our faith in about you.

- A faith that demands no trust.
- A hope that provides no peace.
- A love that affirms no weakness.
- A work that provides no rest.

It is a habit we do not know how to quit.

- So, we ask that you would give us
- The ability to trust before we have an answer to “why”.
- The strength to follow before we know where you lead.
- The courage to try before we know how to succeed.
- And the peace to accept what life will bring along the way.

Amen.

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*Christe Eleison*  
*Kyrie Eleison*

**SILENCE FOR CONFESSION AND RESTING IN GOD’S GRACE**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

May you know that the peace of God is yours beyond feeling or understanding because the same is true for God’s grace. May you come to know this more and more as we stumble and wind our way through this life together. Thanks be to God! Amen!

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #452 .....***“Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you! And Also, with you!  
 Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.



**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.  
Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING .....** Psalm 34:1-8 (pg 560)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**SECOND READING.....**Job 42:1-6 & 10-17 (pg 538)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ*

**SERMON**                      **When God is Unfair**                      *Rev. Michael Ozaki*

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #450 .....***“Be Thou My Vision”*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Lord in your Mercy. **C: Hear our prayer**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (forgive us our “sins”)**

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN #319.....***“Shout to the North”*

**\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**



**Please continue to be in prayer for:**

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| Kaylee Acevedo & Family | JoAnn Westburg            |
| Brent Blake             | Alex Gullingsrud & Family |
| Curt Hoppe              | Randy Beede               |
| Ralph Pester & Family   |                           |

