

Welcome To Worship

16th Sunday after Pentecost



PENTECOST

September 13th, 2026

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PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader:

Welcome to Rally Sunday! Today we celebrate this congregation—not simply for what we have done, but for who God is calling us to be.

We carry decades of memories, friendships, worship, service, laughter, tears, and faith. We honor our past, but we are not finished yet.

God still has work for us to do.

God still has people for us to love.

God still has stories for us to tell.

And God still has a future for us to embrace.

Today we gather with gratitude, energy, and hope.

All:

We are here! We are ready! We will follow where God leads!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come from many seasons of life, but we gather as one people of God.

People: We come with grateful hearts.

Leader: We remember the faithfulness of God through every season.

People: We remember, and we give thanks.

Leader: We may have gray hair, tired knees, and a few more aches than we once had—

People: But our faith is still alive!

Leader: Our best days with God are not necessarily behind us.

People: There is still joy ahead!

Leader: There is still work to do, love to share, and hope to proclaim.

All:

Here we are, Lord.

Use us, renew us, and lead us.

We are ready for the journey ahead!

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,
we thank you for bringing us to this day.

Thank you for the people who built this congregation, for those who taught us faith, for the friends who have walked beside us, and for the memories that remind us of your goodness.

But today we do not simply look backward.

Open our eyes to the opportunities before us.
Give us courage to try new things,
wisdom to recognize new possibilities,
and enthusiasm to share the good news of your love.

Remind us that age does not limit your purposes.
Our experience is a gift. Our stories are a gift. Our presence is a gift.
So, Lord, renew our spirits and send us into this new season with joy.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN #69 “Here I Am Lord”

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As we joyfully celebrate the presence of God in our midst, let us joyfully greet our neighbors in whom God dwells.

SCRIPTURE

Reading #1.....Philippians 3: 13-14

MESSAGE

“We’re Not Done Yet!”

A Time of Remembering and Looking Ahead

Leader:

Take a moment to remember one way this congregation has blessed your life.

(Pause.)

Now think about one hope you have for the congregation’s future.

(Pause.)

And finally, consider this question:

“What is one thing I can still give?”

Perhaps it is your time.

Your prayers.

Your wisdom.

Your encouragement.

Your sense of humor.

Your willingness to welcome someone new.

Every gift matters.

Congregational Commitment

Leader: Will you continue to be a people of prayer?

People: We will!

Leader: Will you continue to encourage one another?

People: We will!

Leader: Will you welcome those who are searching for a place to belong?

People: We will!

Leader: Will you share the stories of God's faithfulness?

People: We will!

Leader: Will you remain open to new ways God may use this congregation?

People: With God's help, we will!

Leader: Then let us move forward—not because we know exactly what tomorrow will bring, but because we know who goes with us.

All:

We are rooted in God's faithfulness,
renewed by God's grace,
and ready for whatever God has ahead!

HYMN

#39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER (*forgive us our "sins"*)

BLESSING AND CHARGE

Leader: Before we leave, let's remember three things:

We have a past worth celebrating.

We have a present worth embracing.

And we have a future worth entering with faith.

So don't underestimate what God can do through a congregation of people who have spent years learning how to trust God.

The best is not necessarily behind us.

God is still writing the story.

CLOSING HYMN

#634

"To God be the Glory"

BENEDICTION

Go now with gratitude for yesterday,
faith for today,
and hope for tomorrow.

May your experience become wisdom,
your memories become testimony,
your friendships become ministry,
and your faith become courage.

Wherever God leads us next,
may we go together.

We are rooted in faith.

We are ready for tomorrow.

And we are not done yet.

AMEN!

Leader: Our worship in the Sanctuary has ended.

All : Our service in the world begins

**Following the postlude please join us in the fellowship hall
for our Rally Sunday pizza party!**

POSTLUDE *(Please stay seated and enjoy the music from our talented musicians)*

September 13th – September 20th, 2026

Next Sunday – September 13th, 2026



10:45 am ~ Worship @ First Presbyterian

11:45 am ~ Rally Sunday Pizza Party



Message....."Celebrating Rally Sunday"

Ushers & Greeters.....Connor & Katie Morgan

Pianist.....George French

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Mary Pulkrabek

Wednesday – September 16th, 2026

6:00pm ~ Bell Choir

Sunday – September 20th, 2026

10:45 am ~ Worship @ First Presbyterian

Message.....Trey Everett

Ushers & Greeters.....Bill & Gloria Watro

Pianist.....George French

Music Director.....Sandy Perkins

Reader.....Sandy Perkins



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

September 10th ~

Marley Melbye

September 12th ~

*Glen Finkenbinder
and Dennis Koch*

September 27th ~

Rose Koch

September 29th ~

Ana Koch

