

## *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, September 26**

10:30 am      **Worship**

11:30 am      **Coffee Fellowship**

Preaching..... **Rev. Michael Ozaki**  
Ushers & Greeters..... Ralph Pester / Wally Hoselton  
Pianist..... Marlys Finkenbinder  
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins  
Reader..... Marsha Odom  
Coffee Fellowship ..... Jill & Mario Schisano

#### **Wednesday, September 29**

5 pm                      Bell Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, September 30**

1 pm                      Book Study  
                                  “What Is The Bible”

#### **Next Sunday, October 3**

10:30 am      **Worship with Communion**

11:30 am      **Coffee Fellowship**

Preaching..... **Rev. Greg Isaacson**  
Communion Prep/Servers.... **Jeri M /Bill & Gloria Watro, Lori Folkers**  
Ushers & Greeters..... Glen & Marlys Finkenbinder  
Organist..... George French  
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins  
Reader..... Lynne Mullins  
Coffee Fellowship .....

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# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 26, 2021**

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

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS  
SONG OF CONTEMPLATION



#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God is love that never ends.**

Let us worship with all our hearts and minds.

**God is truth that never fears.**

Be fully present as we gather together here.

**God is Grace that holds us now.**

Worship the one who makes you whole.

#### **\*GATHERING HYMN #664....."Morning Has Broken"**

#### **CONFESSION OF NEED**

Gracious and Holy One, Creator of all things and of emptiness, I come to you full of much that clutters and distracts, stifles, and burdens me, and makes me a burden to others.

Empty me now, of gnawing dissatisfactions, of anxious imaginings, of nagging judgements, of old scores to settle and the arrogant need to be right.

Empty me, of the way I unthinkingly think of myself as powerless, as victim, as determined by age, race, history, as being less than I am, or as other than yours.

Empty me of the disguises and lies in which I hide myself from other people and from my responsibility for my neighbors and the world.

Empty me of all that keeps your spirit quiet and the young from casting visions and the old from dreaming dreams and the will to reach boldly for abundant life for the whole human family.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE**

May you stand firm in faith, knowing you are covered by the grace of God and reminded of God’s words:

*“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #463 .....“How Firm a Foundation”**  
Vs. 1 & 2

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Season us with the salt of your Holy Spirit that we might live our lives in service to you and to one another reflecting your grace and love and forgiveness with all we encounter. Amen.

**\*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)**

Please, Lord, be more powerful than our inability to listen, to remember and even to understand. Help us understand beyond the talent or weakness of the words we hear, for we know you are always speaking.

**SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING ..... Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,24-29 (pg 143)**

**SECOND READING.....James 5:13-20 (pg 249)**

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

**GOSPEL READING .....Mark 9:38-50(pg 46)**

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

**SERMON**

**Salt, Telos, and How To Not Ruin A Meal    *Rev. Michael Ozaki***

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #175.....“Seek Ye First”**

**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 #821.....“My Life Flows On”**

**\*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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| Marlys Mjoen                  | Mary Pester      |
| Bladen Melsa                  | JoAnn Westburg   |
| Brent Blake                   | Chuck Mullins II |
| Curt Hoppe                    | Hank Koza        |
| Alex Gullingsrud & Family     |                  |
| Glen & Marlys’s nephew, Duane |                  |