

Welcome To Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost



PENTECOST

September 6th, 2026



SUNDAY SERVICE

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PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN **#15** *“All Creatures of our God & King” (Vs. 1 & 4)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silence for individual confession

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition. We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.
Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN

#740

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Reading #1.....Psalm 149

Reading #2.....Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel Reading.....Matthew 18: 15-20

MESSAGE

Pastor Ryan Ferwerda

moment for silent reflection

HYMN OF REFLECTION

#515

“I Come with Joy” (Vs. 1-3)

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

COMMUNION

- Invitation
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People
- Prayer



BLESSING AND CHARGE

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#515

“I Come with Joy” (Vs. 4-5)

BENEDICTION

Family of God, the lessons of reconciliation and peace-making are not easy. As you move into the week ahead, may God bless you with the desire to restore community when it is broken, to hold boundaries with firmness and grace, to listen with curiosity, and to speak with gentleness, that all may know we are disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

September 6th – September 13th, 2026

Sunday – September 6th, 2026

10:45 am ~ Worship @ First Presbyterian

Message.....Ryan Ferwerda
Ushers & Greeters.....Jon & Merrie Nelson
Pianist.....George French
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins
Reader.....Ralph Pester
Communion Server.....Sandy Perkins
Communion Preparer.....Marlys Mjoen

Wednesday – September 9th, 2026

6:00pm ~ Bell Choir

Saturday – September 12th, 2026

2:00pm – 4:00pm ~ Glen Finkenbinder's 90th Birthday Open House

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

Special Announcements



Bell Choir starts up this
Wednesday, September 9th
at 6pm!!

Glen's 90th Birthday Open House

Please join the Finkenbinder Family in
celebrating Glen Finkenbinder's 90th
birthday! Cake and coffee will be served
during an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on
Saturday, September 12th (Glen's actual
birthday) in the Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!



Join us
after worship
on Sunday,
September 13th
for a
Rally Sunday
Pizza Party!



We are there...to share our table, to share loving kindness.

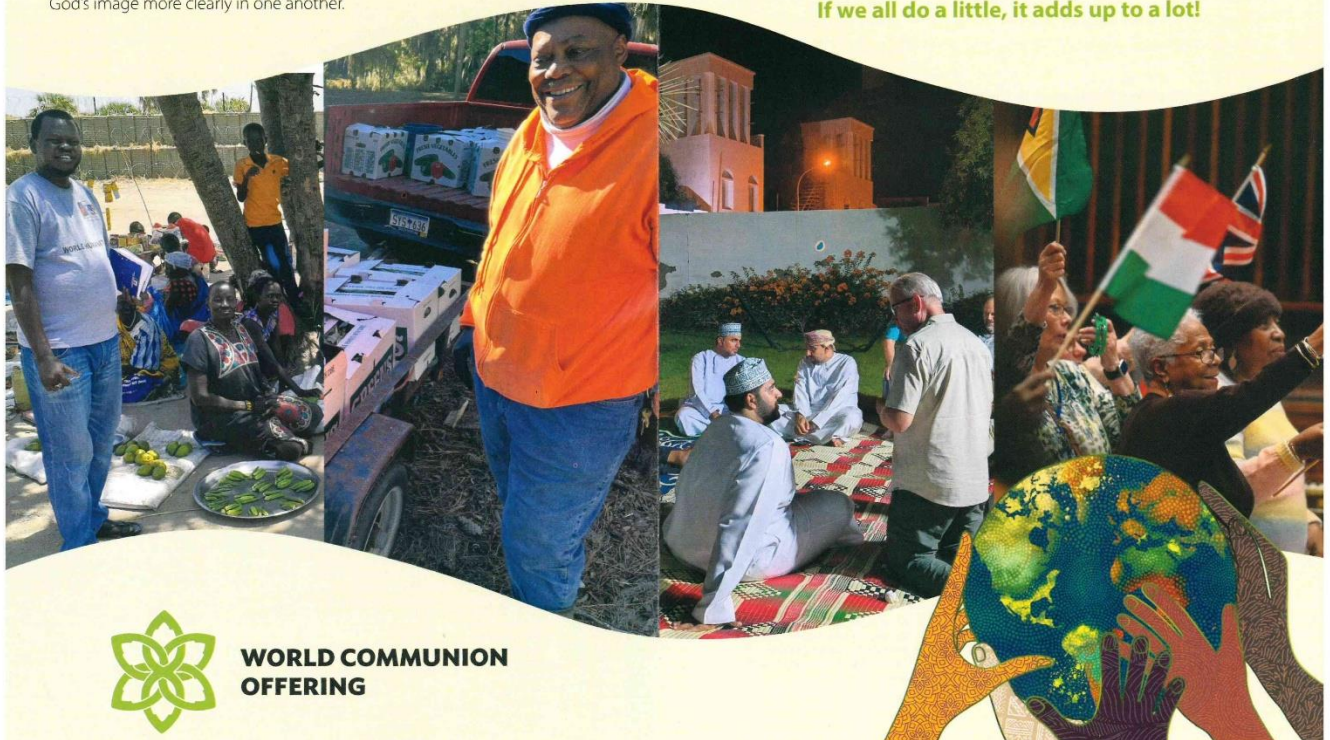
We join siblings in Christ across the globe in God's mission of welcome, justice and hope. We step beyond the boundaries of our neighborhood and into the life of the worldwide Church, learning to see God's image more clearly in one another.

In a world that often feels divided, this Offering helps us remember that we belong to one another, even to people we may never meet.

With our gifts, we witness this truth and celebrate what it means to belong to a global, connected Church shaped by God's endless love in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,

...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



*Lord, we thank you for the gift of
this global table where all are
welcome, and none are strangers.
As we eat this bread and drink this
cup, we pray that you would make
us one in you, regardless of our
languages, cultures or circumstances.
Amen.*



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

September 10th ~

Marley Melbye

September 12th ~

*Glen Finkenbinder
and Dennis Koch*

September 27th ~

Rose Koch

September 29th ~

Ana Koch