

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 12

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching..... **Rev. Greg Isaacson**
Ushers & Greeters..... Craig & Connor Morgan
Organist..... George French
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins
Reader..... Mary Pulkrabek
Coffee Fellowship

Wednesday, September 15

7 pm Session Meeting

Thursday, September 16

1 pm Book Study
 “What Is The Bible”

Next Sunday, September 19

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....
Ushers & Greeters..... Glen & Marlys Finkenbinder
Organist..... Hannah Krueger
Music Director..... Sandy Perkins
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First Presbyterian Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 12, 2021

***Those who are able may stand**

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Marsha Odom

SONG OF CONTEMPLATION Bells – Come People of The Risen King



***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

We are invited –

Into the story, into this place, into this hour of worship.

We are invited –

Into reflection, into community,

Into our spiritual journeys never alone.

We are invited –

The broken and bruised, the hopeful, the new, the faithful,
the doubting, the wondering, the waiting.

We are invited –

Because God so loved;

So listen, trust the invitation, and bring your whole self.

All are invited to worship Christ here.

***GATHERING HYMN #726.....”Will You Come and Follow Me”**

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

God of Grace, we confess our need for you.

Take what is closed in us and open it. Take what is distracted in us
and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it. Take any parts
of us that create distance from you and bring us close again. Even
as we argue what we don’t know, fear what we cannot see, and
speak sooner than we listen. Open us, settle us, hold us, and
forgive us. We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you
more fully. With hope we pray, and with gratitude we confess.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Siblings in Christ, we confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God's hand. So rest in this good news:

God invites us in. God meets us where we are. God hears our prayers. God forgives us.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

***RESPONSE HYMN #627 "I Love You, Lord"**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Dear Jesus, your living in this world provided an example of how to be a SERVANT and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, embrace our calling to be your SERVANTS, teach us to STAND UP TOGETHER, and follow you. 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)

Creator God,

We cannot hear the trees growing – seeds pushing up through dirt. And we cannot hear a single drop of rain, missing one in the many. We cannot hear the weight of people's grief or when hearts are changed, but you can. You hear it all. So once again, we come to you with bowed heads and hopeful hearts, asking that you would lend us your ears. Help us to hear as you hear so that we can live as you live.

We are listening.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a (pg 755)

Let us read responsively from the prophet Isaiah, the fiftieth chapter:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

4. The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
That I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Let us stand up together.

Morning by morning he wakens –
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

5. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

Let us stand up together.

6. I gave my back to those who struck me,
And my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

7. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
Therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

8. he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

9. It is the Lord God who helps me;
Who will declare me guilty?

Let us stand up together.

SECOND READING.....James 3:1-12 (pg 247)

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

GOSPEL READINGMark 8:27-38(pg 44)

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

SERMON Servants! Let Us Stand Up Together Rev. Greg Isaacson

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

***HYMN OF THE DAY #693....."Though I May Speak"**

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 #826....."Lift High the Cross"**

***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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Brent Blake	Chuck Mullins II
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