

## *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 10**

10:30 am      Worship

11:30 am      Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....      Rev. Michael Ozaki  
Ushers & Greeters.....      Mario & Jill Schisano  
Organist.....      George French  
Music Director.....      Sandy Perkins  
Reader.....      Sandy Perkins  
Coffee Fellowship .....

#### **Wednesday, October 13**

5 pm                      Bell Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, October 14**

1 pm                      Book Study  
                                  “What Is the Bible”

#### **Next Sunday, October 17**

10:30 am      Worship

11:30 am      Coffee Fellowship

Preaching.....      Rev. Greg Isaacson  
Ushers & Greeters.....      Wayne & Lori Folkers  
Pianist.....      Ruth Sanders  
Music Director.....      Sandy Perkins  
Reader.....      Ralph Pester  
Coffee Fellowship .....

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# *First Presbyterian Church*

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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Sunday, October 10, 2021**

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

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP  
PRELUDE MUSIC  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CALL TO SILENCE



#### **\*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 own spiritual journeys.**

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 here.**

#### **\*GATHERING HYMN #749.....”Come! Live in the Light!”**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

In the gospel of John, a group of Greek people approach the disciples and say, “We would like to see Jesus.” It’s a brief, beautiful moment that the text doesn’t spend a lot of time on, and yet, it always catches my eye. It catches my eye, because the phrase, “I want to see Jesus,” feels like it should be my constant prayer.

Help me see Jesus. I’d like to see Jesus. Bring me closer to Jesus.

In the prayer of confession, we take a moment to recognize how much space exists between us and those words, trusting that even when we forget to seek our God, God is seeking us out. So join me in the prayer of confession today as we take one step closer to the Divine.

**KYRIE**

*Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)*  
*Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)*  
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**CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)**

Gracious God,  
We want to see you.  
We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus.  
But not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts.  
Why do we feel so far away from that at times?  
What went wrong?  
Where did we lose our way?  
Could you, once again, write on our fragile hearts?  
We would be so grateful. Amen

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**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)**

Friends, despite our wonderings, despite our distractions, despite wrong turns time and time again, we are known and loved by God. Like a lighthouse keeper by the sea, God will never stop waving us home. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**Our fragile bones are held by the Great Creator.**  
**Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator.**  
**Our tender spirits are forgiven by the Great Creator.**  
Today is a new day.  
**Again and again, we are forgiven. Again and again, we are reformed.**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN #475 .....”Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**  
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**\*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 God,  
Scripture tells us that your word is written on our hearts,  
But we struggle to hear it.  
Is it possible that we have covered up your words with our own self narratives.  
Is it possible that we have erased your truth to write our own?  
Is it possible that we have forgotten your words entirely?  
Take us back to the beginning.  
Remove the self-talk that distracts.  
Clear away the cobwebs of doubt.  
Show us how to look inside ourselves for your truth, and then write on our hearts once more.  
We are listening.  
We are hopeful.  
We are here.  
Speak now.  
Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING ..... Amos 5:6-7,10-15 (pg 951)**  
*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!*

**SECOND READING.....Mark 10:17-31 (pg 47)**  
*Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ*

SERMON We Can't Spiritualize This Rev. Michael Ozaki

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION (play intro for the following hymn in the background)

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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 #12....."Immortal, Invisible"

\*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

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

\*POSTLUDE



Please continue to be in prayer for:

- The Pester Family
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Brent Blake
Curt Hoppe
Alex Gullingsrud & Family
Marlys Mjoen
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