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SENDING

Sending Song #80 “You Shall Go Out with Joy” THE TREES OF THE FIELD

Benediction

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with your neighbors as you leave this place today,
and then share that peace with the world outside these walls!

Postlude



Worship Leaders

Preacher: Pastor Leanne Thompson
Organist: Chris Schneider
Projectionist: Deb Grunwald
Videographer: Deb Grunwald
Sound: Terry Woitaszewski
Ushers: Darcy Gubrud
Communion Servers: Jon and Darcy Gubrud
Fellowship: Aldia Rampaart and Terry Woitaszewski



Welcome to worship this morning at First Presbyterian Church! This is the place where we bring our whole selves to God and worship the one who created us and loves us. It is also the place where we grow in community with each other, discovering a family of faith where we love and support each other, accepting one another as we are and learning to follow Jesus more closely in our lives. We are all better because you are here, part of this community. You are welcome just as you are!

*Please Rise as You are Able in Body and/or Spirit

Join in Speaking
Bolded Text

Assisted Listening Devices are Available from the Sound Booth

Nursery Care WILL NOT be Provided from May - August- Parents are welcome to use it for your own use. Parents please accompany your children when they are in there. Thank you.

You are Invited to Coffee Fellowship Following Worship

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First Presbyterian Church Willmar, MN

September 7, 2025



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Words (Based on Psalm 98)

Happy are we who hear the joyful call to worship,
for we walk in the light of God’s presence!
Let’s worship God together—
celebrating who he is and all that he has done!
For God is our strength and our protection,
the One in whom we trust.

Song #134 “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH

JOY IN PRISON

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-8, 12-14 (The Voice)
New Testament Pg. 185

Meditation

Prayer

Song #623 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

THE MIND OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 (The Message)
New Testament Pg. 186

Meditation

Prayer

Song #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY

FOUND IN CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-14 (The Message)
New Testament Pg. 187

Meditation “Lost Luggage” by Rev. Leanne Thompson

Prayer

Song #649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” AMAZING GRACE

WELLBEING IN GOD’S CARE

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7, 10-14
New Testament Pgs. 187-188

Meditation

Prayer

Celebration of Holy Communion
By Thom M Shuman from Wild Goose Liturgies

Song of Approach #515 “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord” DOVE OF PEACE

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.
And also with you.
Open your hearts.
We open them to God.
Say ‘thank you’ to God.
We always want to thank God for everything.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request please contact the church office
Or complete a request card and place in the offering plate.
Requests are printed for one month unless otherwise requested.

Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

Nelly Bijker (Alida Rampaart’s Sister)
Marian Cramer
Wilson Salter
Danette Ryan (Earl and Betty Knutson’s Daughter)
Renee Allen
Rob Benson
John Ryan (Earl and Betty Knutson’s Son-in-law)
Will Martin - Connor Gabbert's Grandpa
Vicki Carver
Bea Ourada
Andy Sjerven (Sheila Sjerven’s Stepson)
Bev Skare
George Ruter
Jill Berglund (Mary Berglund’s Daughter)

Prayers for those Serving Elsewhere:

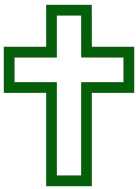
Robert Holmquist, Navy Seal, being deployed (Rita Phillips’ Great Nephew)
LT. Matthew Sjerven, Colorado National Guard, Colorado Springs, CO
Tristian Woitaszewski (Terry Woitaszewski’s Nephew) Navy, Pensacola, FL
Perry Bishop (Bruce and Pam Quimby’s Grandson-in-law) Army, Fort Benning, GA
Rob Grunwald, U.S. Coast Guard Station/Saginaw River in Essexville, Michigan
Peter Rampaart, Rosemount, MN

Prayers for the Church Here and Abroad:

The People of Occidente Presbytery, Guatemala;
Mark and Miriam Adams, Frontero de Cristo, Douglas, AZ.
Bdecan Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake Reservation, ND

Also be in Prayers for:

Minnesota wildfire areas
California wildfire areas
Israel/Palestine (war)
Ukraine War
Conflict in Syria



9:00am:
10:00am:
11:00am:

Sunday, September 7th, 2025
Adult Ed in the Friendship Room
Sunday Worship with Communion
Coffee Fellowship in JKH

Tuesday, September 9th:

10:00am: Staff Meeting in the Admin Office and Chair Yoga in JKH
4:00pm: Zoom Book Study
5:30pm: Personnel in the Pastor’s Office
6:30pm: Buildings and Grounds in the Narthex, CEYM in the CEYM Office, Deacons in the Friendship Room,
and Mission in the Admin Office

Wednesday, September 10th:

8:00am: Women’s Bible Study in the Friendship Room
5:30pm: Budget and Stewardship in the Admin Office

Thursday, September 11th:

10:00am: Chair Yoga in JKH
5:30pm: Music Team in the Sanctuary
6:00pm-8:00pm: Willmar Community Closet Open for Shopping and Drop Off

Saturday, September 13th:

10:00am: Youth at LuLu Beans
2:00pm-6:00pm: Willmar Welcoming Day-Downtown Willmar

Sunday, September 14th:

9:00am: Adult Ed in the Friendship Room and Nurture and Fellowship in ??
10:00am: Sunday Worship/Backpack Blessing
11:00am: Fellowship in JKH

SUMMER SMALL GROUP OPTIONS

Women’s Bible Study: The women meet every Wednesday at 8am in the Friendship Room for coffee, conversation, and prayer. Please join us anytime!

Zoom Book Study is open to all, Tuesdays at 4pm. All are welcome to join. NO preparation required!

Adult Ed meets every Sunday morning at 9:00am in the Friendship Room for informal coffee and discussion on “Living the Word”. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For those of you that use our church nursery on Sunday mornings, there will be no nursery attendant on staff during the months of May through August. Please feel free to use the nursery during these summer months. The worship audio will be running in the nursery during the service for your convenience. Parents should stay with their children while in the nursery.





Peace and Global Witness

The September Mission of the Month is Peace and Global Witness – a PCUSA special offering that draws us together to work as active peacemakers to share God’s presence of peace by seeking solutions that make peace possible.

Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. The Peace and Global Witness offering provides the tools and resources for us as we join together connected as active peacemakers. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global siblings, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

50% of your offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe. 25% goes to mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 25% stays with our congregation to use on behalf of those struggling through oppression and injustice. Congregations use the funds for peace education and training for children, helping families in need, assisting struggling teens and young adults, and for community care and engagement.

Your gift to Peace and Global Witness provides a way for our church to “Pursue what makes for peace” (Romans 14:19). Donations may be made at the church, mailed or be made through the church’s on-line giving portal.

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

AUGUST OPERATING STATEMENT REPORT:

Receipts through August

\$193,509

Expenses through August

\$184,864

Revenue in Excess of Expenses

\$8,645

Building Fund balance on hand

\$117,777

Balance Due on the Internal Loan for 2022 Roof Replacement and 2023 Parking Lot

\$63,088

2025 Per Capita is \$46 per confirmed member. Please pay as you are able. We appreciate receiving per capita as early in year as possible, but welcome payments throughout the year.

Rural Voice Town Hall event, Sept 8, 5-8pm at Foxhole Brewing. Hosted by Southwest Initiative Foundation. The following is a quote from SWIF, President, Scott Marquardt: *‘no PowerPoints or speeches are planned. MPR’s Kerry Miller works the room, creating space for residents to share stories, lived experiences and insights to ensure the real narrative is shared. No political spin, just a forum for real people to talk about how immigration has worked.’* RSVP is required (I’d encourage soon): **To Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rural-voice-how-immigration-has-worked-tickets-1545671588329?aff=odtdtcreator>

THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAY LIST

This week we name and celebrate folks in our congregation who are celebrating birthdays from September 8th through September 14th, we offer them a blessing.

May God bless you with His boundless love, calming peace, and heavenly joy throughout the coming year. Happy Birthday, Child of God!

9/8

Gerald Tallakson

