

First Presbyterian
Church
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Ushers: Ben and Deb Lang



WELCOMING WEEK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
2-6 pm - Downtown Willmar

Food ♥ Music ♥ Entertainment ♥ Activities

SHARING STORIES, SHAPING WHAT'S NEXT.
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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

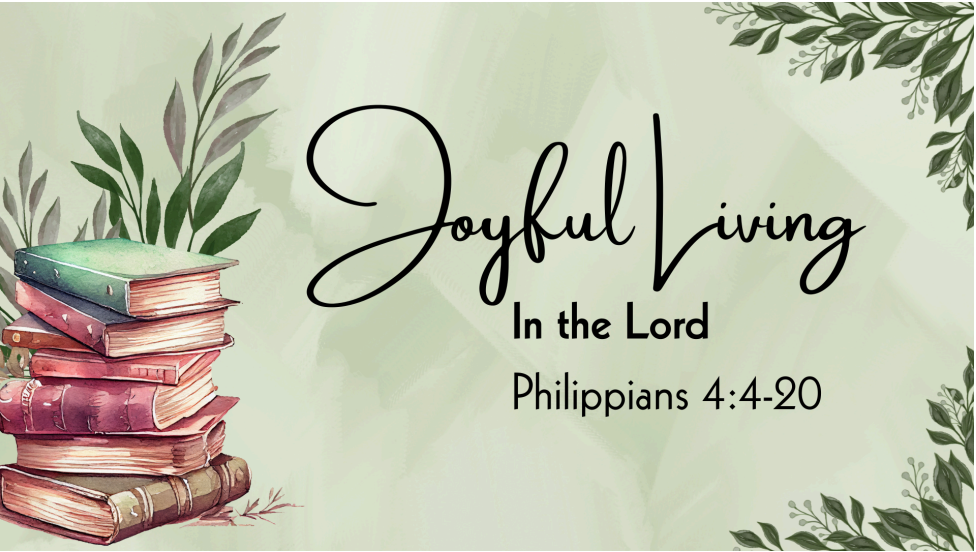
Nursery Care WILL NOT be
Provided from May - August-
Parents are welcome to use it
for your own use. Parents
please accompany your children
when they are in there. Thank
you.

You are Invited to Coffee
Fellowship Following Worship

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First Presbyterian Church
Willmar, MN

August 31, 2025



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Words (Philippians 4:4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.

Song of Adoration #667 "When Morning Gilds the Sky" LAUDES DOMINI

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way.
God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all.
Therefore, I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God
or one another. Let us pray.

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire
or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,
Lord, have mercy.

When have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,
or failed to extend the invitation to others,
Christ, have mercy.

When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy
or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,
Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Thanks be to God!

Song of Gratitude #654 "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" TAIZE

PROCLAMATION

A Good Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-20
New Testament Pgs. 187-188

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "In The Lord" Rev. Scott L. Thompson

RESPONSE

Song of Affirmation #764 "For the Troubles and the Sufferings" PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

Prayers of the People

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.

SENDING

Sending Song #543 "O Christ, Surround Me" GREEN TYLER

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

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:

Mariam 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:

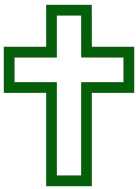
Robert Holmquist, Navy Seal, being deployed (Rita Phillips’ Great Nephew)
LT. Matthew Sjerven, Colorado National Guard, Colorado Springs, CO
Tristian Woitaszewski (Terry Woitaszewski’s Nephew) Navy, Pensacola, FL
Perry Bishop (Bruce and Pam Quimby’s Grandson-in-law) Army, Fort Benning, GA
Rob Grunwald, 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, August 31st, 2025
Adult Ed in the Friendship Room
Sunday Worship
Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex

Monday, September 1st:
OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 2nd:
10:00am: Staff Meeting in the Admin Office and Chair Yoga in JKH
4:00pm: Zoom Book Study

Wednesday, September 3rd:
8:00am: Women’s Bible Study in the Friendship Room

Thursday, September 4th:
10:00am: Chair Yoga in JKH

Friday, September 5th:
10:00am-5:00pm: Rummage Sale at FPC
5:00pm-6:00pm: Bake Sale Drop Off

Saturday, September 6th:
9:00am-Noon: Rummage at FPC
9:00am-1:00pm: Youth Bake Sale at FPC
Noon-1:00pm: Rummage Sale Bag Sale
2:00pm-5:00pm: Willmar Community Closet Open for Shopping and Drop Off

Sunday, September 7th:
9:00am: Adult Ed in the Friendship Room
10:00am: Sunday Worship with Communion
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.





Ridgewater College Campus Ministry Center

Jeff Schmitz & Amy Juel-Palmer are the 2 ministries representatives for the college (United Campus Ministry & Lutheran Campus Ministry). Together they serve the students and staff with activities and programming in a wide variety.

The money donated will go directly to the Campus Ministries. They are adding on there so they have more room. This is helping the needs of more students which is greatly appreciated by all.

We at the Presbyterian Church here in Willmar help them by providing meals every 3rd Wednesday of the month during the school year. The campus ministry receives no support from Ridgewater college. The center and staff are funded by generous donations from churches and individuals with their time and contributions. Please help by donating to the Mission of the month so we who love the Lord can help to love these college students, and to support the staffed ministry that focuses on helping them grow in faith in God's love.

JULY OPERATING STATEMENT REPORT:

Receipts through July
\$167,776
Expenses through July
\$168,534
Expenses in Excess of Revenue
\$758
Building Fund balance on hand
\$116,917
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.

Note from Deb Lang, Financial Secretary: Six month Contribution Statements will not be automatically printed. If you'd like your six-month statement, please contact Deb and request one. It can be e-mailed or available in the church office for pick up. Deb's church email: deb.fpcwillmar@gmail.com



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY LIST

This week we name and celebrate folks in our congregation who are celebrating birthdays from September 2nd through September 7th, 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!**

- 9/4
Bev Donley
- 9/5
Deb Willis
- 9/6
Ashley Johnson
- 9/6
Nicholas Johnson



**Rummage Sale Volunteer Sign Up Sheets are now in the Narthex!
Sign up today! Thank you all in advance!**

