

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday

September 5, 2021

Come, labor on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

Come, labor on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on.

Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill
God's righteous will.

Come, labor on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Well done, well done!"

BE THOU MY VISION / setting Sondra K. Tucker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahweh God.”

Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

And I will give you rest.”

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

Let us worship God this day!

GLORY TO GOD / GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / Hymn 39

 CALL TO CONFESSION

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have become proficient in religious planning and performance.

**We can say all the correct words, but sometimes we leave our hearts
far behind. Where you find it, break through false religious pride.**

Surprise us with Your supremacy. Stun us with how dangerous You are!

We keep ourselves busy and we are left anxious and bereft.

We give up trying to get our act together!

We come to you now, as you have summoned us.

Show us your heart and train us in humility.

We ask for insight to see and to seize opportunities for rest.

A Moment of Silent Confession

 **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

 **PASSING THE PEACE**

Please use socially appropriate bow or wave of peace.

We continue our worship as the Word is PROCLAIMED.
We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us receive the Word spoken,
we hear Scripture(s) in song and word,
we listen to a reflection on the Scripture(s), and
we begin our own reflection during a period of quiet.

SPECIAL MUSIC / GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / Dan Forrest

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / Mark 7:24-30

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CONVERSATION STARTER / Resting to Work

We RESPOND to the Word as:
we affirm our faith in song,
we offer our prayers to God, and
we commit through offering to God's work in the world.

MUSICAL MEDITATION / IN THEE ALONE, O CHRIST, MY LORD / Johann Pachelbel

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest....

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Let us pray the prayer said all around the world this day, saying:

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.**

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

As the service of worship of God comes to a close, we acknowledge that
God SENDS us out into the world to be bearers of the good news of God.

We affirm the call God has placed on our hearts,
we receive a charge reminding us of God's call,
and we are sent into the work of God with a blessing.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

FESTAL FINALE / Henry Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 5, 2021

We welcome all of our visitors who are worshiping with us this day. Visitors, members, and friends, please sign the attendance register and pass along to anyone else in the pew. Please place the attendance sheet on the outside of the register and leave on the pew. Thank you!

Hearing assistance devices are available, as are large print Bibles and hymnals. Please contact the ushers for assistance. If you need weekly large print bulletins, please contact the office.

Serving us:	Worship Leader:	Rev. Glen Reichelderfer
	Organist:	Karen Minson
	Choir Director:	Brianne Sura
	Nursery Director:	Linda Volmar

Next Sunday: **NEW TIME!:** 9:30 AM Sunday Worship

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Kaitlyn Lucht

• **Back to School Bash:** Join us for FPCW's Back to School Bash after worship on Sunday, September 12 in the Dining Room! The church will provide cream of tomato soup, grilled American cheese sandwiches, with a few other sandwich options too, and drinks. The congregation is encouraged to bring salads, chips, and desserts. We're also bringing back the things-you-should-have-learned-in-School trivia contest!

• **Adult Ed Classes:** After a long hiatus from Adult Education at FPCW, we'll be restarting this Fall! **Join us downstairs after worship on September 19th and 26th** for the first two lessons of The New Testament You Never Knew, a series of short videos featuring biblical scholars N.T. Wright and Michael Bird, who will guide us on a tour of the explosive story told in the New Testament. They will take us on a journey through Jesus' parables, miracles, death, and resurrection, as well as the expansion of the early church into the Greco-Roman world, and how Jesus' mission can still transform the world today. Each class will also use a guided study and discussion led by elder Andrew Byshenk.

• **Loaves and Fishes:** Our date for Loaves and Fishes is quickly approaching. **Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 19.** We will need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. The crowd has been growing little by little and we want to make sure we have enough people to welcome our guests. If you can help, please contact Susan Byshenk so she knows who to expect. Desserts can be dropped off at church that morning in the Oak Room. Please clearly mark that they are for Loaves and Fishes. Thank you for your support of this important community ministry.

• **Women's Breakfast:** Come join us for fellowship and good food as the women of First Presbyterian Church join for breakfast. **We will meet at 9:00 at the Coop in Waukesha, 350 Delafield St., on the third Tuesday of each month. Our kickoff is Tuesday, September 21.** Please let Gladys Manke know if you plan to attend so we know how big of a spot to reserve, though last minute guests are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

• **Sunday Service:** Did you know you can view any previous Sunday service??? Go to our website, www.firstpreswaukesha.org and from the homepage select the Online Worship for the current Sunday's Service. A printable .pdf copy of the bulletin is available for that service as well.

You can also view the complete Sunday Service by visiting: **YouTube.com** and type into the search bar - First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha; scroll down to the Latest from First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha and you can select the recorded service.

• **Deacons visit:** If you know someone who is hospitalized and who would appreciate a visit from one of the Deacons, please contact Therese in the office and she will let them know.

• **If you are a visitor** and interested in affiliating with First Presbyterian please talk to Andrew Byschenk or David Schultz.

• **Pastoral Care:** If you require pastoral care, please contact Rev. Glen on his cell at **(608) 576-1408**; email: pastorglen54@gmail.com or in the office at **(262) 542-4243**. He will look forward to meeting you.

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