

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 12, 2021

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

“Come, go down to the potter’s house,
and there I will let you hear my words.”

So I went down to the potter’s house,
and there he was working at his wheel.

The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand,
and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me:

Can I not do with you, O house of Israel,
just as this potter has done? says the Lord.

Just like the clay in the potter’s hand,
so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Our service of worship begins as we GATHER.
We sing our praises to God,
we are called to worship God,
we confess to God together,
we are reminded of God's pardon of what we confess, and
we share signs of peace as we greet one another.

Our worship of God involves us all so there are many times when we speak together or when we respond to the leading of another. These times when we speak (and sing) together are noted by **bold text**.

If you are comfortable, you are invited to stand whenever you see the standing icon. 

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, how do we respond to God
for all the blessings God has poured out on us?

What can we give God in return?

We will offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the presence of all people.

Come, let us worship God together!

OPENING HYMN / WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME / Glory to God, Hymn 726,
v. 1, 2 and 3

 CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, the way of the cross is as much a mystery to us as it was to the immediate followers of Jesus. But we have heard how your grace is exercised in the journey of suffering and rejection experienced by Jesus. Help us to hear with ears inspired, to see with eyes opened to your ways, and to respond with lives committed to your service.

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

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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 / MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG /

Jean Ann Shafferman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / Mark 8:31-38

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

CONVERSATION STARTER / Joining Jesus: Remade Pots I

OFFERTORY

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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF BACK PACKS AND COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS

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 sing a song affirming the calls God has placed on our hearts,
we receive a charge reminding us of God's call, and
we are bid into the work of God with a blessing.

CLOSING HYMN / WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME / Glory to God, Hymn 726,
v. 4 and 5

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 12, 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: 9:30 AM Sunday Worship

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Arleen Burdick and JoRae Schultz

• **Back to School Bash:** Join us for FPCW's Back to School Bash after worship today, **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. Everyone was 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!

• **Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 3.** The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Ruling Elder and a member of the Deacon Board who will serve on the Nominating committee to provide the slate of candidates for officer positions at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held on the 2nd Sunday in November (November 14, 2021).

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

• **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 Byshenk or David Schultz.

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