

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 19, 2021


A radically welcoming community seeks to welcome the voices, presence and power of many groups—especially those who have been defined as The Other, pushed to the margins, cast out, silenced and closeted—in order to help to shape the congregation’s common life and mission.

Few communities could achieve the vision of radical welcome in its totality.

Radically welcoming communities are the ones committed to transformed life and live into the values of being Hospitable, Connected, Centered, Open to Conversion, Faithful, Compassionate, Real.

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 IN D MAJOR / C. P. E. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who follow the ways of Yahweh God.

God's ways are just and merciful.


Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

They continually grow in their faith.

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

OPENING HYMN / O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE / Glory to God, Hymn 738

 CALL TO CONFESSION

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In today's reading the disciples want to decide about "who's in" and "who's out". It sounds all too familiar as we often make similar decisions on the basis of people's theology; their sexual preference; their cultural background; their political stance. Forgive us if our actions, or lack of action, have contributed to whether people feel welcomed into our lives, into our church.

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 / YOU DO NOT WALK ALONE / Elaine Hagenberg

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / Mark 9:30-37

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: Opening Up to Welcome

MUSICAL MEDITATION / I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY / setting Dale Wood

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.

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 / LET US BUILD A HOUSE / Glory to God, Hymn 301

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE IN D MAJOR / J. K. F. Fischer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 19, 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: Judie Berthelsen and Quentin Schultz

• **Adult Ed Classes:** After a long hiatus from Adult Education at FPCW, we'll be restarting this Fall! **Join us downstairs today, September 19 after worship and on September 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 Byshek.

• **Loaves and Fishes:** Our date for Loaves and Fishes is today **Sunday, September 19**. **Volunteers should meet at the Hope Center, 502 North East Avenue, Waukesha at 1:30PM**, to help set up, serve, and clean up. **Wrap up should be around 3:00 PM**. The crowd has been growing little by little and we want to make sure we have enough people to welcome our guests. 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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