

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH


September 26, 2021

A salty servant is someone who joins Jesus in service to persons outside their congregation for at least one hour during the previous week in one of four ways:

- ◆ *Hands-on mercy ministry alleviating the suffering of others.*
- ◆ *Justice ministry addressing systems that cause suffering.*
- ◆ *Earth-care as a steward of God's creation; or*
- ◆ *Relationship building to ease the emotional or spiritual needs of others.*

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. 

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING / J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty of our world.


God has given to us systems by which to live together in harmony and peace.

In these commands, God has summed up the ways we might live together and respect one another.

Rejoice in the goodness of God.

Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us.

OPENING HYMN / WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS / Glory to God, Hymn 465

 CALL TO CONFESSION

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.
We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own kin.
We allow the gospel to go stale and hide the light you have given.
Forgive us; give us grace. By the renewing gifts of your Spirit
inspire and empower us again to show the wonder of your love
in Jesus the Christ.

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 / CELEBRATE THE DAY / Pepper Choplin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / Mark 9:43-50

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: Salty Disciples

MUSICAL MEDITATION / BLESSED JESUS, WE ARE HERE / J. S. Bach

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 / IN MY LIFE LORD, BE GLORIFIED / Glory to God, Hymn 468

CHARGE AND BLESSING

FANTASIA / Georg Philipp Telemann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 26, 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
After Service: Congregational Meeting

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Lora Collins

• **Adult Ed Classes:** Join us downstairs today, September 26 after worship for the second lesson 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. The class will also use a guided study and discussion led by elder Andrew Byshenk.

• **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).

• **Dartball:** Faith Springs is looking for a few people interested in joining their **Dartball team**. Games take place on Tuesday evenings from 7 to about 10p.m. at various churches in the Waukesha area. There will be a pizza party, orientation, and practice **at Faith Springs on October 5, starting at 6pm. Please contact Jim Ziegler at 414-750-4141** if you'd like to give it a try. Being an expert dart thrower, or even knowing what Dartball is, is NOT a prerequisite for playing.

•**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.

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

• **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.

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