

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 10, 2021

I sometimes react to making a mistake as if I have betrayed myself.

My fear of making a mistake seems to be based on the hidden assumption that I am potentially perfect and that if I can just be very careful I will not fall from heaven.

But a 'mistake' is a declaration of the way I am, a jolt to the way I intend, a reminder I am not dealing with the facts.

When I have listened to my mistakes I have grown.

~Hugh Prather

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. 

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK / setting Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

With our whole heart, we give you thanks, O God!

In the face of things that clamor for our attention each day, we turn to focus our adoration on you alone, O Lord!

Even though your name is above every name, O God, you recognize us and cherish the meek.

You, Lord, do not give any special honor to the proud and arrogant.

Instead you strengthen those who are ridiculed and downtrodden.

Together, let us worship the God who ever forgets us!

OPENING HYMN / TRUST IN GOD / Glory to God, Hymn 848

 CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us admit our brokenness to God as we share in our prayer of confession:

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we confess that sometimes we act as though there is no hope. We forget the promise of the resurrection. We fail to see your grace at work in our lives, and so we waste time dwelling on our afflictions instead of celebrating our blessings. Open our eyes, dear Lord. Give us your vision, so we may glimpse your eternal glory. Encourage us, so that we persevere and never lose heart. We pray these things in the name of the who holds our future in the safety of his hands. Amen.

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 / IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL / Bob Krogstad

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / Hebrews 4:12-16

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 / Coming to the Harvest

MUSICAL MEDITATION / COME, COME YE SAINTS / setting Alexander Schreiner

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 / TOGETHER WE SERVE / Glory to God, Hymn 767

CHARGE AND BLESSING

SING TO THE GREAT JEHOVAH'S PRAISE / setting Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 10, 2021

We welcome all of our visitors who are worshiping with us this day.

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:	Kathy Rosen
	Organist:	Karen Minson
	Choir Director:	Brianne Sura
	Nursery Director:	Linda Volmar

Next Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday Worship
10:30 AM Harvest Fellowship Festival

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Bob Winchell and Pete Loberg

•**Today we welcome Kathy Rosen to the pulpit.** Kathy Rosen is a graduate of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary with a Certificate in Congregational Leadership and provides pulpit supply to many churches in the Presbytery of Milwaukee. She has spent many years in ministry including singing in choirs, directing children's choir and bell choir, and playing guitar for contemporary and traditional services. Kathy lives in Waukesha with her husband Phil and two Labrador retrievers and the family recently welcomed their first grandchild, Kai David. During the week she is a Contract Analyst for Froedtert Health working with the attorneys on Information Technology legal agreements.

•**Harvest Fellowship Festival:** We're having a Harvest Festival Fellowship after worship on Sunday, October 17 in the Dining Room!

Join us for a tasty lunch of comfort food. The church will provide beef pot roast with vegetables, bread, and beverages. The congregation is asked to bring appetizers and desserts.

•**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, which will be Oct. 19 this month.**

• **Men's Breakfast:** Come join us for breakfast **October 21** as the men of First Presbyterian Church resume their fellowship meetings. **Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM at Dady-Oh's, 250 West Broadway, Waukesha.** We meet the third Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there!

• **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** 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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