

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 17, 2021


For most of us "sin" does not connote what it really is: the illusion of separateness from God. Most people think of sin as little naughty behaviors or any personal moral "stain" we suffer by reason of our bad thoughts, words, or deeds.

Paul makes clear that sin is mostly a state, a corporate "principality" and "power," an entrapment, or what many would now call an addiction.

Jesus seems to primarily see it as a blindness that traps us in self-destructive behaviors and hard-heartedness. Thus, Jesus is always healing blind people and challenging people who see themselves as superior to 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. 

GATHER US IN / setting John Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely the Lord is in this place!

**This is the house of God.**

In Christ we are no longer strangers;

**We are members of the household of God.**

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,

**Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones. Let us worship God!**

OPENING HYMN / GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS / Glory to God, Hymn 39

 CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)

God we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways. We then fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life. Forgive us our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness. Forgive and heal us Lord.**

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 / HERE I AM LORD / Mary McDonald

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / Hebrews 5:1-10

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 / The Four E's

MUSICAL MEDITATION / PASTORALE ON "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" /

Janet Linker

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 / THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT / Glory to God, Hymn 408

CHARGE AND BLESSING

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING / setting John Behnke

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of October 17, 2021

**We welcome** all of our visitors who are worshipping 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

**Celebrating Birthdays this week:** Jill Radcliff, Trevor Manke and Mary Ann Sinclair

• **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 today, 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.

• **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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