

Assemble in God's Name

Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude

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Welcome

Read Vision Statement

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

Call to Worship

L: Lord Jesus, we come to You to enter into the mystery of Your way,

C: the way of discipleship,

L: the way that leads from the cross to new life.

C: It is not an easy way,

L: but it is a way of peace and joy.

All: Help us to be here with a heart open to suffering, a mind open to understanding, and a will ready to follow. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Lord Jesus, help us in this moment to set aside all that preoccupies us today. Take away the many fears that rage around us. Take away the many feelings of insecurity and low self-esteem, and let us be shaped by You, the Lamb of God. Help us to enter more deeply into Your silence, where we can listen to You and hear how You call us, and find the strength and courage to follow You.

*Hymn (Insert) "Trust and Obey"

*Call to Confession

The prayer for God's mercy comes from a heart that knows that human brokenness is not a fatal condition, of which we have become the sad victims, but the bitter fruit of the human choice to say "No" to love.

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we have said no to love. We have failed to fully love You, ourselves, and our neighbors. We have avoided picking up our crosses. We have chosen death over life and curses over blessings. We wandered away from You. Look with mercy upon us Lord! Forgive us. Grant us newness of life and a fresh prospective. Help us to love more freely, choose life, pick up our crosses, and follow You. Amen.

*Time for Silent Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

God's forgiveness is unconditional. God has been waiting for our return without resentment. Believe the Good News; You are forgiven!

*Response Hymn #581 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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Responsive Reading: Psalm 1

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-32

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Message

"Our Cross" by Henri Nouwen

*Hymn #213

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (vs. 1-4)

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

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*Responsive Hymn #647 "Give Thanks"

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

2 And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Offertory Prayer

All that we have, think, do, and feel is Yours, O Lord. Please accept it and make it fully Your own. Amen.

*Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1-3)

*Benediction

*Postlude

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*Please stand in body or spirit.

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Checks should be written to: First Presbyterian Church with "Imagination Library" in the memo line. Thank you!

Bible Study ~ We have two weekly Bible Studies on Wednesdays. At 7 am we read and study the Old Testament (Deuteronomy) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (Matthew). All are welcome!

Choir Practice ~ Choir practice will begin on **September 11**, at 9:15 am. We will start singing during worship services on **September 18**. We are always looking for new members!!! Please feel free to join us.

Youth Activities ~ Kids 3 years old through 4th grade and their families are invited to the **Sunday School Kickoff** on **Sunday, September 18**, from 9-10 am. Families are invited to join for a light breakfast, a fun project and to learn information about this year's upcoming events!

Kids in K-4th grade are invited to the **Youth Club Kickoff** on **Wednesday, September 28**, from 3:45-5:45 pm. A meal will be served at 5:45 pm, everyone is welcome! Parents are asked to attend the beginning of Youth Club to go over more information about the year's coming events!

Kids in 5th-12th grade and their families are invited to the **Youth Faith in Action Kickoff** on **Wednesday, September 28**, from 5:45-7 pm, with a meal being served at 5:45 pm. Parents are invited to join their child for the meal, fellowship and to discuss this year's events including the Urban Plunge Mission Trip.

Volunteers Needed ~ Christian Education will be serving meals on Wednesday nights at 5:45 pm. We need volunteers for these meals. If you are interested in signing up to make a meal or two ;) please contact Pastor Scott.

Meals on Wheels ~ The Deacons are in charge of Meals on Wheels delivery in October. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you can help.

September Ushers: Head Usher Scott Goodyear, Mike, Connie & Max Bentson, Rachel Karnitz, Robb & Robin Schneider, Kory Schneider, Dale Starr, Don Dagner, Gene & Fae Becklund

September Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Molly Miller, Scott Goodyear, Don Dagner, Dave Danielson, Drew Osborne, Katherine Brozek, Nick Brozek

Deacon of the Month: Katherine Brozek

Today's Greeters: Winton & Rosie Venable/Denise Kaupang

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September 4, 2022

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty ~ Adrienne Danielson



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<u>Looking at the Week Ahead</u>	
Sunday, September 4:	10:15 am: Worship with Guest Speaker Adrienne Danielson
Monday, September 5:	Church Office Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday, September 5:	7:00 pm: Nominating Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 7:	7-8:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study
	9:00 am: Piecemakers
	2-3:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study
Thursday, September 8:	9:30 am: Pastor Scott visits Barb Brown
	11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier
	2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Janean McKay
	3:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob Nolting
	3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Millie Bunting
	4:15 pm: Pastor Scott visits Dorothy Symes & Bunny Nolting
	5:00 pm: Deacon Meeting
Friday, September 9:	7:00 am: Pastor has Dollars for Scholars Meeting
	11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Lucille Byram
Sunday, September 11:	9:15 am: Choir Practice
	10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

Pray for The Following

Pray for the unchurched and lonely.

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for those seeking employment.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: 5th - Rick Hauge, Cora Tiffany, Olivia Schneider, 7th - Jackie Venable

Anniversaries: 8th - Dan & Shari Fuhr, Nancy & Kevin Miller

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Dorothy Symes, Jeanette Kotval

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:

Millie Bunting, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Lucille Byram, Janean McKay

All Those Fighting Cancer: Sharon, King, Ralph Revier, Julie Fiala's sister; Jill Nelson

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Trust and Obey

JAMES H. SAMMIS

DANIEL B. TOWNER

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo - ry He
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share, But our toil He doth
 3. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love Un - til all on the
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet Or we'll walk by His

sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He a - bides with us still,
 rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief or a loss, Not a frown or a cross,
 al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He shows And the joy He be - stows
 side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go;

And with all who will trust and o - bey.
 But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er
 Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
 Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey.