Assemble in God's Name

Prelude
Ringing of the Church Bell
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 (Hebrews 12:1)**
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

***Prayer of Invocation**
Eternal God, **neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn #326** ***"For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest"

***Call to Confession (Psalm 34:18)**

***Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God, **we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and refused the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon (Romans 6:8-11)**
Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe we too shall live with Christ. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, we believe in the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

***Responsive Hymn: #595 "Holy, Holy, Holy"** (sing twice)
Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart my heart adores you
My heart is glad to say the words You Are Holy Lord

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**
L: The Peace of Christ be with you always!
C: And also with you!

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir
Moment for Children

Prayer of Illumination
Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, help us meditate on your law and commandments. As your Word is read today, help us be fully present – heart, soul, and mind – and show us your way of love. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-7
1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble
3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;
5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
7 he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Scripture Reading: Joshua 3:7-17
L: Word of God, Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon Quentin Markfort

Hymn #69** ***"Here I Am, Lord"

***The Apostle's Creed:** (page 35 in hymnal)

Announcements & Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

L: Lord in your mercy
C: Hear our Prayer

Mission Minute Adrienne Danielson

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering (Romans 12:6-8)

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

Responsive Hymn** *#606* ***"The Doxology"

1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, bless these gifts for Your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in liberating the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (page 35 in the hymnal)

Hymn #65** ***"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

***Charge to the People**
*** Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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November 1, 2026 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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New Announcements

Church of the Week: Church of the Nazarene & Pastor Ken Harmon

God calls us to pray for all people, and that is what the congregation is being challenged to do. Each week, we are going to have an area church of the week to pray for. Every Sunday we'll name them as our church of the week, and we'll lift them up in prayer during the prayers of intercession. We don't always agree with all of our neighbors, but we sure can pray for them!

Bulletin Deadline: Thursdays at 12pm

As part of his ministry here, Quentin has been given the bulletin from Tina's plate. As a result, because Quentin takes Friday as his Sabbath, please have all announcements and additions to the bulletin to the office by Thursdays at 12pm. Please don't assume that Quentin knows your announcement should go in the bulletin, make sure you send things in that the congregation should know! Announcements can either be sent to Quentin or Tina to be put in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!

Youth Faith in Action Bake Sale

Save room for dessert! Our **Youth Faith in Action Bake Sale** will be held during the Annual Turkey Dinner on **Wednesday, November 4, from 5–7 p.m. at the Redwood Area Community Center.** Come hungry, grab some homemade goodies, and support our youth. Sweet treats, sweeter mission! **YFA Youth will be baking following Worship TODAY.**

Mittens & More Trees

The Deacons' Mittens & More Trees are up in the Narthex, and we invite you to help us fill them with the joy of giving! Through Share the Spirit, your generous donations will help provide Christmas gifts for families in need in our community. Every family deserves to experience the warmth, hope, and joy of Christmas, and together, we can help make that happen. Please consider donating NEW items for all ages, including: winter items, new toys, games, books, personal care items, blankets. The M & M Trees will be up for the month of November. Let's fill the Narthex fuller than ever before!

Continued Announcements

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church is calling a congregational meeting **immediately following Worship on Sunday November 8th, 2026** for the dual purpose of 1) voting to sell the Manse and 2) voting to ordain Quentin Markfort as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church. Due to our congregational bylaws, any other business brought forward will need to be tabled until the next meeting. Please contact a member of the Session with questions.

Turkey, Trimmings & a Night Off from Cooking!

Our **Annual Turkey Dinner** is coming up **Wednesday, November 4, from 5–7 p.m. at the Redwood Area Community Center!** Join us for turkey and all the trimmings, or pick up a take-out meal to enjoy at home. **Got your tickets?** Tickets have been mailed out, so if yours haven't arrived, please contact the church office. **Ticket money and unsold tickets need to be returned by Tuesday, November** 3.

Weekend Food Bag Extras Needed

We are seeking donations of extra items for our Weekend Food Bag Program. Every other week, these bags are sent home with students at Redwood Valley Elementary School who may need a little extra food support over the weekend.

Suggested Items: Shells & Cheese, Uncle Ben's or Knorr Rice Pouches, Ramen Noodles (Beef or Chicken), Chocolate Chip Granola Bars, Applesauce Pouches or Cups, Fruit Cups, Individual Mac & Cheese Cups, Oatmeal Packets, Crackers and Peanut Butter Packs, Fruit Snacks, Goldfish Crackers, Breakfast Bars

Please leave donations on the pew in the hallway by the kitchen. Thank you for helping care for children and families in our community. Your generosity makes a difference, one bag at a time.

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

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

Schedule + Prayers

This Week at First Presbyterian	
Monday 11/2	**3pm Bible Study** **3pm Scouts Use of the Church**
Wednesday 11/4	**9am Piecemakers Quilting** **4pm Youth Club** **4:30pm Turkey Dinner & YFA Bake Sale @ RACC**
Sunday 11/8	**9am Sunday School & Confirmation** **10:15am Worship** **Following Worship: Special Congregational Meeting** **Following the Meeting: Sesion Meeting & Friendship Dinner**
Church of the Week: Church of the Nazarene	

Prayer Corner

For Prayers, please contact the Prayer Chain: Char Gilland @ 507- 640 - 0210

This week's Birthdays: 4th Nathan Stephens; 8th AJ Miller
This week's Anniversaries: 3rd Donna & Roger Potter
Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:
Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes
All Those Fighting Cancer: *Jim Curtis, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala's Sister, Robb Schneider, Dale Starr*
Those Requesting our Prayers: *Carly (daughter of Julie Reinstra), Kevin McKay*

If you want anything added to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

Announcements Insert: November 1, 2026

Quentin's Office Days: Monday - Thursday
Tina's Office Hours: Tue & Thur: 11 am- 2 pm, Fri: 8 am- 2pm

November Assignments:

Today's Greeters: Brian & Stephanie Klavetter
November Ushers: Head Usher- Stephanie Klavetter, Save and Corrine Gertsema, Brian and Elliot Klavetter, Dave and Ardrienne Danielson
November Communion Servers (Sunday November 8th): Head Server: Stephanie Klavetter, Scott & Laura Kohler, Leon King, Rhonda Joldersma, Julie Rienstra, Shari Fuhr
November Deacon of the Month: Shannon Sweetman
November Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Leon King

