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 (1 Thess. 4:16-17)**

16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 **Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.** 18 **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

***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 #721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**
***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 #750 "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"**

Goodness is stronger than evil love is stronger than hate
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death
Victory is ours, Victory is ours through God who loves us

***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 78:1-7

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching, incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD and his might and the wonders that he has done.
5He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,
6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25

L: Word of God, Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Sermon Quentin Markfort

***Hymn #749 "Come! Live in the Light!"**
***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

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering (Romans 12:6-8)
God's Tithes and Your Offering Received
Offertory
***Responsive Hymn #710** We Lift Our Voices
We lift our voices, we lift our hands. We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives they are yours we are an offering
All that we have, all that we are, all that hope to be we give to you, we give to you

***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.**

Holy Communion Rev. Gwen Bohlke

***Hymn #737 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"**

***Charge to the People & Benediction**
***Postlude**
**Please stand in body or spirit.*
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November 8, 2026 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
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New Announcements

Church of the Week: Cornerstone Christian Church

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!

Continued Announcements

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!

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church is calling a congregational meeting **immediately following Worship TODAY** 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.

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 for the week of November 8th

This Week at First Presbyterian	
Monday 11/9	3pm Bible Study 5:30pm Scouts Use of the Church
Wednesday 11/11	4pm Youth Club 5pm Deacon's Meeting
Sunday 11/15	9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10:15am Worship
Church of the Week: Cornerstone Christian Church	

Prayer Corner

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

This week's Birthdays: 12th- Patty Rohne, Briana Rohlik; 14th- Lynnda McNelly
This week's Anniversaries: 9th- Kevin & Candy Zaske
Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:
Kevin McKay, 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)*

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



Pastor Bob told Jerry to fill up the baptismal.
He was going to baptize people in the Name of the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit....Jerry heard him wrong

Announcements Insert: November 8, 2026

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

November & December Assignments:

Today's Greeters: Lonnie & Jennifer Quackenbush

November Ushers: Head Usher- Stephanie Klavetter, Save and Corrine Gertsema, Brian and Elliot Klavetter, Dave and Ardrienne Danielson
December Ushers: Head Usher- Dan Fuhr, Shari & Max Fuhr, Brent Prouty, Bob Alexander, Keegan & Shellie Mammen

November Communion Servers (Sunday November 8th): Head Server: Stephanie Klavetter, Scott & Laura Kohler, Leon King, Rhonda Joldersma, Julie Rienstra, Shari Fuhr
December Communion Servers: Head Server: Nick Brozek, Julia Fiala, Tony & Molly Miller, Rick Hauge, Dave Danielson, Bob Alexander

November Deacon of the Month: Shannon Sweetman
December Deacon of the Month: Leon King

November Money Counters: Nathan Stephens, Leon King
December Money Counters: Bob Alexander, Laura Kohler