

PRELUDE
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

*Please stand as you are able.
Bold text is spoken or sung by everyone.

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD’S WORD
INTROIT “Heaven and Earth and Sea and Air” Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**
Someday the house of God will stand on the highest mountain.
People will come from every place to learn how to walk in God’s path.
God will show us what is fair and put an end to our fighting.
People will turn their old weapons into new tools for growing food.
Come, people of God: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

***HYMN #372** “O For a World”

CALL TO CONFESSION
We know that nothing—not death, not even life—can separate us from God’s love. Trusting in God’s love, let us confess our sin:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, you have called us to love you with heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But, if we are honest, we know that sometimes we hurt each other and fail to keep our promises to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us, day by day, to turn away from what is wrong and turn to you in faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION TO GOD
Silence is held for personal confession.
Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new. **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND MERCY
Hear the good news: We are dead to sin and evil and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Now we can walk in new life. As shoes for our feet, let us put on whatever will make us ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

***SONG OF ASSURANCE**
#582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
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World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
God of all beauty, goodness, and truth, open our hearts to your Word and guide our feet by your Spirit, so we can shout and sing from the mountaintops the good news of your peace; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 16:13-16, 20
"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others, Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, ' But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah."

RESPONSE
Give thanks to the One whose word is life. **Blessed be God forever.**

ANTHEM “Ubi Caritas” by Maurice Durufle Chancel Choir
Where charity and love are, there God is. The love of Christ has gathered us into one flock. Let us exult, and in Him be joyful. Let us fear and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart, let us love each other.

DISCOVERY TIME Daniel Crump
"It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor. Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
It's a neighborly day in this beauty-wood, a neighborly day for a beauty. Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you.
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you. So,
Let's make the most of this beautiful day.
Since we're together, we might as well say
Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?"
(Sunday School students, 4K – 8th grade, are dismissed to their classes.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 19:13-15
"Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' And he laid his hands on them and went on his way."

RESPONSE
For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God within us, for the word of God among us, **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “To Such As These” Daniel Crump

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION
Please let the bell tone help in your meditation and reflection. This is an ancient Christian monastic and Eastern meditation practice aid.

***HYMN #596** “You Are Holy”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

JOYS AND CONCERNS
In order to preserve confidentiality, the sharing of joys and concerns portion of our service is limited to only those present in the sanctuary.
We pray to the Lord...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION Pentecost Offering Kristy JohaneK

A TIME FOR GENEROSITY
God shows us what is good, and what does the Lord ask of us? To do what is right, to be kind, and to walk humbly with our God. Let us offer our lives and our gifts to the God who gives us life.

OFFERTORY
***DOXOLOGY #609** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia. Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Thank you, God, for all your gifts—food and shelter, peace and safety, friends and family, life and health. Especially we thank you for Jesus, who teaches us how to serve you and love our neighbors as ourselves. Now send us out from this place to spread the good news of peace with the world you love so much. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #769** “For Everyone Born” (St. 1, 3 & 5)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES WITH US.** *We carry the Christ Candle out of the sanctuary as a reminder that God’s love is with us, even as we go out in peace, guided by the Spirit to bring healing and hope to a broken, hurting and grieving world.*

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“God be With You Till We Meet Again” Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Daniel Crump
Lector	Dan Burk
Piano/Organ	Dan Kayhart
Choir Directors	Greg Reiersen (Adult) Morgan Schmidlkofer (Children)
Audio/Visual Team	Lead Tech: Greg Walsh Assistants: Dominic Kaiser, Aaron Schmidlkofer, Beth Walsh, Sean Walsh
Deacons	Sue Ferguson, Kathy Nimm, Tracy Olson
Greeters	Jan Hoehn, Sue Nelson
Nursery	Therese Brooks

IN OUR PRAYERS: Laura Nelke, Adele Heller, Dale Fehrenbach, Joy Thomas and Terry Bernick; and the family and friends of Theone Neumann. Please give names for the prayer list to the church office. Names will be kept on the prayer list for two months.

OUTREACH TO THE HOMEBOUND, RECOVERING AND ON OUR HEARTS:

Each week we list one of our members or friends and encourage you to send a card or note. This week we are thinking of: **Marilyn Graham, 601 S. Cedar Ave., #132, Marshfield WI 54449.** Please reach out to anyone you think needs a little encouragement with a friendly chat. Lift a spirit with a phone call, email, FB message, etc.

FORUM FOR ALL TODAY: CONTINUING OUR MATTHEW 25 JOURNEY, 11 A.M. in the Parlor. Led by Kristina Kaiser and the Outreach Committee, we will engage with the key passage from Matthew 25 that inspires our call to be a Matthew 25 church. Using the contemplative practice of Lectio Divina (Inspired Reading), we will first have time to engage the passage on our own, listening for meaning and inspiration. We’ll then spend the remainder of our time in discussion, first hearing what is sparking for us personally and then considering how this connects with our journey as a Matthew 25 church. We’re excited to continue discovering what this means for us as a congregation.

FORUM FOR ALL MAY 5 AT 10:45AM IN THE PARLOR: RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Rumage Sale Committee second forum with sign-up sheets available, answers to further questions about the sale, the new sorting process, and how you can help. We will have flyers with sale dates and donation drop off time windows and guidelines available, and will take a walk down the Sunday School wing of the building to visualize the new process in the space. Our March Forum about the new sorting and organizing for the sale, is on our YouTube channel.

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED NEXT FOR SUNDAY MAY 5, directly following worship in the sanctuary for the purpose of approving the loan with PILP, for the Solar Project. Please plan to stay and help us meet our quorum.

OUR NEXT GAME NIGHT IS COMING SOON! Tuesday, May 7, starts at 5PM. Arrive when you can, for intergenerational potluck, fun and all sorts of games for all ages! Ends about 6:30. Sign-Up Sheet is in the Narthex for the potluck. Help with set up or clean up if you prefer.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin seeks to welcome all to join us on our journey of faith, denying no one, based upon their particular human condition, participation in the life of the church. We want to be a safe place, a sanctuary where people are accepted, included, and cared for as they are. We will be agents of God's transforming power, aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit as we pray, worship, learn, share fellowship and serve together. By attending to the love of Jesus Christ in our midst, we discover a deepening faith that makes a difference in our lives. As a community based on God's love, we strive to be of service to our neighbors and to the world.

THE BLESSING BOX at the front of our sanctuary provides a tangible way to express gratitude for the many ways God blesses us. All money placed in the box assists local individuals with carefully vetted, urgent needs occurring due to job loss, domestic violence, health issues and the like. We work with Faith Lutheran Care Fund to provide direct payments for necessities such as gas, rent or utilities. All are invited to share in this act of love by placing donations in the Blessing Box during the offertory.

WE CHOOSE WELCOME: We at FPC have embraced the "We Choose Welcome" awareness campaign of the PC(USA) which expresses our personal and church-wide commitment to welcome refugees and immigrants into our communities. In the midst of fear of terrorism and radicalism, hate speeches and hate crimes, anxiety about our own economic prosperity, and political debates which seek to divide us between those who were born here and those who were not, we choose welcome for all children of God, proclaiming one household.



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday of Easter
Mr. Rogers Day
April 28, 2024

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS! We would be delighted if you would fill out our quick and easy green VISITOR CARD in the center pocket of your pew. Please place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship.

WELCOME TO FAMILIES with children and infants for worship. The staffed nursery is available for infants through three years old. Worship Bags, on a stand at the entrance to the sanctuary, are available to enhance kids’ worship experience.



HEARING & VISUAL ASSISTANCE Ask an Usher for help: Switch hearing aid to T-Coil Loop Listeners. Magnifiers are available.

PASTOR LAURIE IS ON VACATION from April 26 – 30. If you have a pastoral emergency during her absence, please contact Rev. Janet Wolfe at 715-486-9307.





PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS



MATTHEW 25

APRIL 1-MAY 19, 2024

A FOUNDATION OF FAITH

established during
childhood through
young adulthood
helps ensure lifelong
faith and service.

When you give to the
Pentecost Offering,
you are helping to
provide opportunities
for young people to
grow and share in
their faith in Christ.



WAYS TO GIVE —



Through your congregation



Text PENTECOST
to 91999 to support
these vital ministries



Give online at
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You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by the Pentecost Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700.



The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

"I am coming to you."

—JOHN 14:18b

*Uniting Presbyterians in support of young people sharing
their faith, ideas and gifts with the Church and the world.*



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“When donors give generously to the Pentecost Offering, it proves that our church and its members really want to empower young people and bring them into the church.”

Maggie Collins

Young Adult Volunteer from Winston-Salem, North Carolina



DREAM

DREAM, a ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Champaign, Illinois, stands for Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males. DREAM is designed to reach, teach and invest in African American boys at risk and to walk alongside them and their families beginning at the early age of three until they reach the age of 24. Tracy Dace, DREAM's founder and CEO, calls gifts to the Pentecost Offering “hope in action.”



PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The Young Adult Volunteer program is a faith-based year of service in sites across the U.S. and around the world that has been changing the lives of young people ages 19–30 for nearly three decades. Maggie Collins, who served at Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, said, “My home church has always put an important focus on social justice and the church’s obligation to serve the greater community. This had a large impact on me and my conception of what it means to be a Christian.”



“I am coming to you.”

Christ shared these simple but powerful words to assure us that He will always be at our side. This is the hope and inspiration that carries us forward, and is fundamental to our faith.

Instilling this understanding is a gift we pass to our children. The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime.

40%

STAYS WITH YOUR
CONGREGATION
to support ministries
with children, youth,
and young adults.

25%

SUPPORTS YOUNG
ADULT VOLUNTEERS
(YAV), serving in communities
around the world, and growing
as leaders through transformative
Christian service.

25%

SUPPORTS MINISTRIES
WITH YOUTH
including the
Presbyterian Youth
Triennium.

10%

IS DEVOTED TO
CHILDREN AT-RISK
and supports to improve
education and provide
safe havens.

Won't you join us?

Please give generously... for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.