

Called Congregational Meeting

Today, Sunday, October 19, at 10:30 a.m. we will hold a **called congregational meeting** in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to hear and act upon the report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

ELDER:	TRUSTEE:
Rodney Graham _____	Ann Kyle _____
Roger Foltz _____	DEACON:
Paul Luce _____	McKenzie Aynes (Youth Deacon) _____
Evelyn Parker _____	
Sheryl Miller _____	
Terri White _____	
Mary Claire Doughton (Youth Elder) _____	

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were given to the glory of God by Patty Kim in loving memory and in honor of her family members who have October birthdays.

NEED TO KNOW COLUMN

Sunday, October 19

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. - Called Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

Monday, October 20

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, October 21

7:15 p.m. - Joint Officers Stated Meeting - side room of Wilbanks Hall

Wednesday, October 22

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: Crazy Hat Night)
 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class (Journey to Advent)
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Saturday, October 25

7:00 a.m. - Set up Garage Sale
 8:00 a.m. - Garage Sale
 3:00 p.m. - Clean up Garage Sale

Sunday, October 26

7:30 a.m. - Men's Council Breakfast
 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 12:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Meeting Hall - Naming and Re-dedication

Monday, October 27

7:00 p.m. - Jubilate Ringers rehearsal

Tuesday, October 28

7:00 p.m. - Committee on Committees meet in Crossroads Classroom

Wednesday, October 29

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Dinner (Theme: Halloween Costumes)
 6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live Class (Journey to Advent)
 7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, November 2 - Reformation and All Saints

Lord's Supper will be observed at both Worship Services



Feeding the Community

THE CHALLENGE

The 100 Can Challenge continues as we collect can goods and other non-perishable items. The donated items will be given to Sharing Life, as they feed those in need in our community. Our total items collected thus far in October is **64 items.**

Thank you to all who contribute!



Join us for a Mid-Week Rejuvenation.
 Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and
 Classes at 6:30 p.m.

Each Wednesday Night thru November 19 we will have a theme. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Themes	Classes
Oct. 22 - Crazy Hat Night	Journey to Advent
Oct. 29 - Wear Halloween Costume	Journey to Advent

What's on the Menu for Wednesday Night Dinners?



10/22 French Bread Pizza, Mac & Cheese, Salad, and Bread Pudding.
 10/29 Pulled Pork & Chicken Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Salad, and Banana Pudding.

Please sign up for Dinner in the Welcome Center



Matthew 25 Ministries

Presbyterian Women are collecting pill bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries.

They accept donations of clean, empty, label and residue free plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies.

Their pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.



We need volunteers to:

- ⇒ Help prepare for the sale on Thursday and Friday,
- ⇒ Help set-up beginning at 7 am on Saturday,
- ⇒ Helpers during the sale,
- ⇒ Helpers to clean-up at 3 pm.

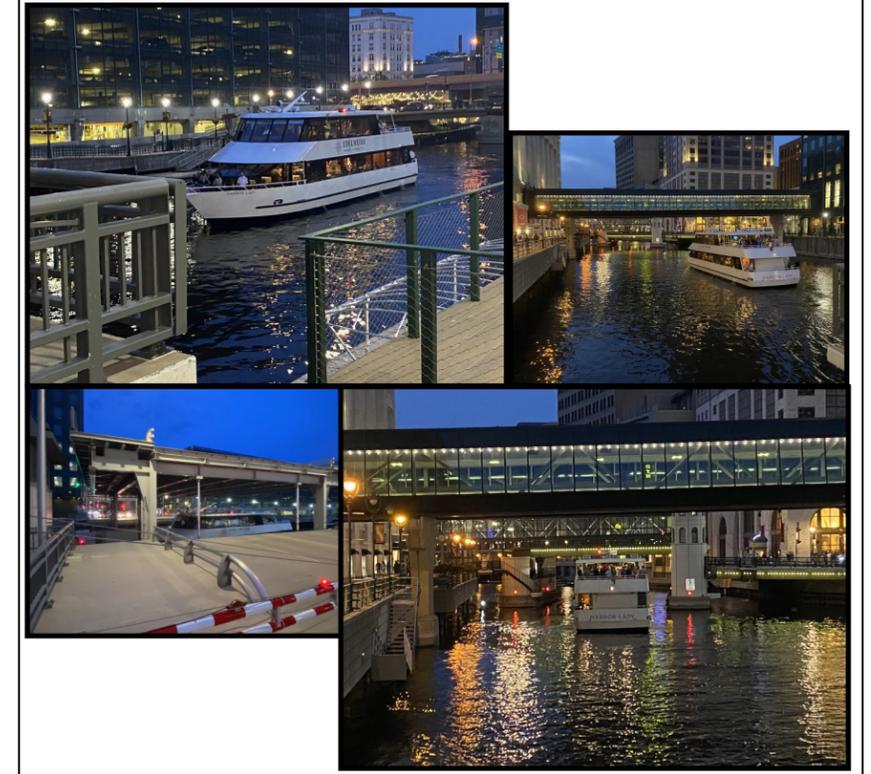
GUIDE TO WORSHIP

October 19, 2025

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

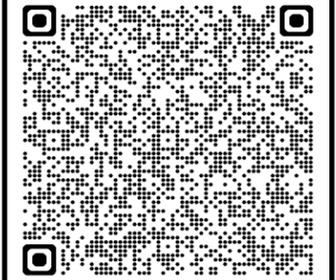
About the Cover Picture

During the Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee, the group had the opportunity to walk along the Milwaukee River Downtown. We waited as the traffic stopped for a boat coming up river. We waited as the road raised. We waited for the boat to go through. We waited for the road to return to its original position. Those in the boat waited as each street was raised. The Old Testament ends on a note of positive waiting. The people awaited their Savior. Today we will look at this waiting process and what it means for us.



ONLINE GIVING OPTION

Have you ever thought of giving online? If you would like to give online you may scan the QR Code, this will take you to the giving button on our website.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STRIKING OF THE HOUR FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *God of Our Fathers* arr. Clarence Kohlmann

INTROIT 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Jacques Berthier
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices;
the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Philippians 1:2; Psalm 118:24; 103:1*
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also to you.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the Lord O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.

*HYMN 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Might, Mercy, and Compassion; in Jesus Christ we behold Your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Focused on ourselves, we fail to see Your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Give us strength to live in Your light and to walk in Your ways, for the sake of Him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE (*Hymn 581*)

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. A—men. A—men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS #

MOMENT FOR MISSION Stewardship Drive
“What Are We Building”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #

Lord, take Your Word and apply it to our minds that we not grow shallow, apply it to our hearts that we not grow cold, and apply it to our feet that we might not just be hearers of Your Word but doers also. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Luke 2:29-32*

"Master, now You are dismissing Your servant in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON # *Malachi 3:1-4*

See, I am sending My messenger to prepare the way before Me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple. The Messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

The Children and Youth are asked to come forward at this time.

*HYMN 330 *Our Help Is in the Name of God*

SERMON *A People Who Long* Rev. Doughton

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Franklin
Ryoji Shimpo, pianist Ritter

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 606*)

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

*HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE 540 *Farewell, Good Friends!* Israeli melody
Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom.

POSTLUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us/* arr. Nancy
He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought Lyons Smith

Please be seated for the Postlude.

The Women's Retreat Committee is selling pecans.

A table is set up in the main hallway and a committee member will be there to assist you. Please make your purchase this Sunday, prices increase at the FPC Christmas Market Place.

**1 lb. bag of halves \$12
1 lb. bag of pieces \$12**



**All Church Workday, Saturday,
November 15, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

The Property Committee will be heading up an “All Church Workday” at our church on Saturday, November 15, beginning at 9:00 a.m. This time will be dedicated to sprucing up the place, both inside and out, before Advent.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a couple of hours out of your Saturday to clean up around the church.



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Please help us Remember, Honor, and Teach on Saturday, December 14, by sponsoring a wreath today. Each Wreath is \$17 and \$5 will be returned to our L.I.F.E. Youth to be used for their next Mission Trip.



Thank you,
TX0524P FPC Mesquite L.I.F.E. Youth Group
Deadline is: November 28, 2025

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Elder # - Dr. Carol Stephenson (8:45); Sheila Hammer (11:00)

**Deacon/Ushers † - Amanda Aynes, Adeline Aynes,
and Sue Bohmer (8:45);**

**Dallas Ward, Sharon Condarco,
Adeline Aynes, and Paul Luce (11:00)**

THOSE WHO SERVE

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton, Pastor
Ryoji Shimpo, Director of Music Ministries/Organist & Pianist
Renee Stormer, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus