

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday

May 1, 2022

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

Jesus said to him a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?"

And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished.

But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED / setting Robert Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters. If you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Come here, sisters and brothers!

To give praise and honor and glory to God!

GLORY TO GOD / PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY / Hymn 35

 CALL TO CONFESSION

 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the sisters and brothers with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. We confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your eyes. We fail to see

You in one another. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North.

A Moment of Silent Confession

 ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

 PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

We continue our worship as the Word is PROCLAIMED.
We pray that the Holy Spirit helps us receive the Word spoken,
we hear Scripture(s) in song and word,
we listen to a reflection on the Scripture(s), and
we begin our own reflection during a period of quiet.

CHOIR ANTHEM / COME SING / Robert Leaf

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON / John 21:1-19

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We RESPOND to the Word as:
we affirm our faith in song,
we offer our prayers to God, and
we commit through offering to God's work in the world.

CONVERSATION STARTER / Our Foundational Command: Follow Me

LIFT THINE EYES / Felix Mendelssohn / Allison Hull, Erin Sura
and Brianne Sura

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
It is indeed right...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all the
faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest....

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Let us pray the prayer said all around the world this day, saying:

**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.**

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF BLESSING AND THANKSGIVING

 CLOSING HYMN / GREAT IS THEIR FAITHFULNESS / Glory to God, Hymn 39

CHARGE AND BLESSING

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW / setting Michael Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of May 1, 2022

We welcome all of our visitors who are worshiping with us this day.

Hearing assistance devices are available, as are large print Bibles and hymnals. Please contact the ushers for assistance. If you need weekly large print bulletins, please contact the office.

Serving us:	Worship Leaders:	Rev. Glen Reichelderfer Rev. Nicole Farley
	Organist:	Karen Minson
	Choir Director:	Brianne Sura
	Nursery Director:	Linda Volmar
	Elders:	Steve Meyer David Schultz
	Soloists:	Allison Hull and Brianne Sura

Next Sunday: 9:00 AM Worship at E & R Church, Waukesha

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Calvin Volmar, Riley Burgett and Anthony Bryant

• **Celebration Service:** Please come and join everyone for a **First Presbyterian Celebration Service today, May 1, 2022.** We will be saying goodbye to Pastor Glen and celebrating over 175 years of ministry in Waukesha. At the conclusion of today's Service there will be a **celebratory luncheon at The Golden Mast Restaurant in Oconomowoc.** Bus transportation will be available between First Pres and the Golden Mast. Reservations are required and your RSVP sent to First Pres prior to today.

Also, please note to come and join us **on May 8 and May 15** when we will be worshipping at **Evangelical & Reformed Church (E & R Church) at 413 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha. Service will begin at 9:00 AM.**

We will also be joining **St. Matthias Episcopal Church on 111 East Main Street, Waukesha** for a worship service on **May 22 and June 5 at 10:00 AM.**

• **Women's Breakfast:** Come join us for fellowship and good food as the women of First Presbyterian Church join for breakfast. **We will meet at 9:00 at the Coop in Waukesha, 350 Delafield St., on the third Tuesday of each month.**

• **Men's Breakfast:** Come join us for breakfast as the men of First Presbyterian Church resume their fellowship meetings. **Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM at Dady-Oh's, 250 West Broadway, Waukesha. We meet the third Thursday of every month.** Hope to see you there!

• **Deacons visit:** If you know someone who is hospitalized and who would appreciate a visit from one of the Deacons, please contact Therese in the office and she will let them know.

• **If you are a visitor** and interested in affiliating with First Presbyterian please talk to Andrew Byshenk or David Schultz.

• **Pastoral Care:** If you require pastoral care, please contact your Elders in the office at **(262) 542-4243.**

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Blessing

*Do not think much.
Surrender. Believe.
Unprepared, move out into the world and testify.
The words will come. Serve.
From now on service is regal.
There are no more rulers.
Serve. Help. Love. Others as thyself.
This is impossible but do it.
You have seen enough. You have seen it all:
The miracles, the walk on water, God speaking from a bright cloud.
You were not there but the centurion was, through the last hour.
The women, faithful, down the hill, waiting and watching.
"Truly, this was the Son of God," told the centurion
To all near the cross. Not you, craven.
The temple did not fall but its veil was rent
Top to bottom. Enough. You do not need the whole catastrophe,
For it has already taken place.
God is not in the temple anymore.
Keep running; but now you are mine, My brothers and sisters tell them.
Help. Love. Serve.
How I love you.
Whom I serve and will see in Galilee.*

~Barry Hannah



Liturgy of Thanksgiving and Farewell

Elder David Schultz

The church of Jesus Christ changes constantly. It is important that we recognize these times of change. In June of 2020, we called Reverend Glen Hall Reichelderfer to serve as our Bridge Pastor. Today that call comes to an end.

Reverend Glen Reichelderfer

I thank you, members and friends of FPCW.

Elder Steve Meyer

PRAYER

Let us pray for the presence of our living Lord:

In your world, **be present, Lord.**

In this congregation, **be present, Lord.**

In this community, **be present, Lord.**

In this presbytery and the whole church, **be present, Lord.**

In the homes and hearts of all your people, **be present, Lord.**

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:

For work begun but not completed, **Lord, have mercy.**

For expectations not met, **Lord, have mercy.**

For wounds not healed, **Lord, have mercy.**

For gifts not shared, **Lord, have mercy.**

For promises not kept, **Lord, have mercy.**

Elder David Schultz

Let us give thanks for our journey together throughout the years:

For friendships made, for joys celebrated and for times of nurture and growth,
thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept,
thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God which has sustained us, **thanks be to God.**

Elder Steve Meyer

THE CLOSURE OF THE INTERIM PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

Do you, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Waukesha release Reverend Glen Hall Reichelderfer from service as your Bridge Pastor? **We do with thanks to God.**

Do you, Reverend Glen, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation? **I do with thanks to God.**

Let us pray: Loving God, our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love. The time we shared in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Let our time here in this church building end with your blessing.

Touch all memories with your grace and peace. Guide us as we hold these memories but also move in new directions. As Your everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. In every time and place, may we offer you our highest and our best. through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Amen.

Representing the Presbytery of Milwaukee, I witness these words of thanksgiving, forgiveness, and release. The Presbytery rejoices with you in the ministry you have shared, and we pledge to you continued support and prayer.

With thanks to God for the ministry of this congregation over 175 years and during these past two years, the ministry of God's servant Glen, and with hope for God's abiding grace in the years to come, this Bridge Pastoral relationship is now ended.

PIE JESU / Andrew Lloyd Weber / Erin and Brianne Sura

Elder Steve Meyer

CHARGE

With God's help and love, as we go forth, may our lives be blessed and our labors fruitful as we place our hands into the hand of God and offer ourselves gladly in the service of our common Lord.

*Whatever happens,
those who have learned
to love one another
have made their way to the lasting world
and will not leave,
Whatever happens*

~Wendell Berry