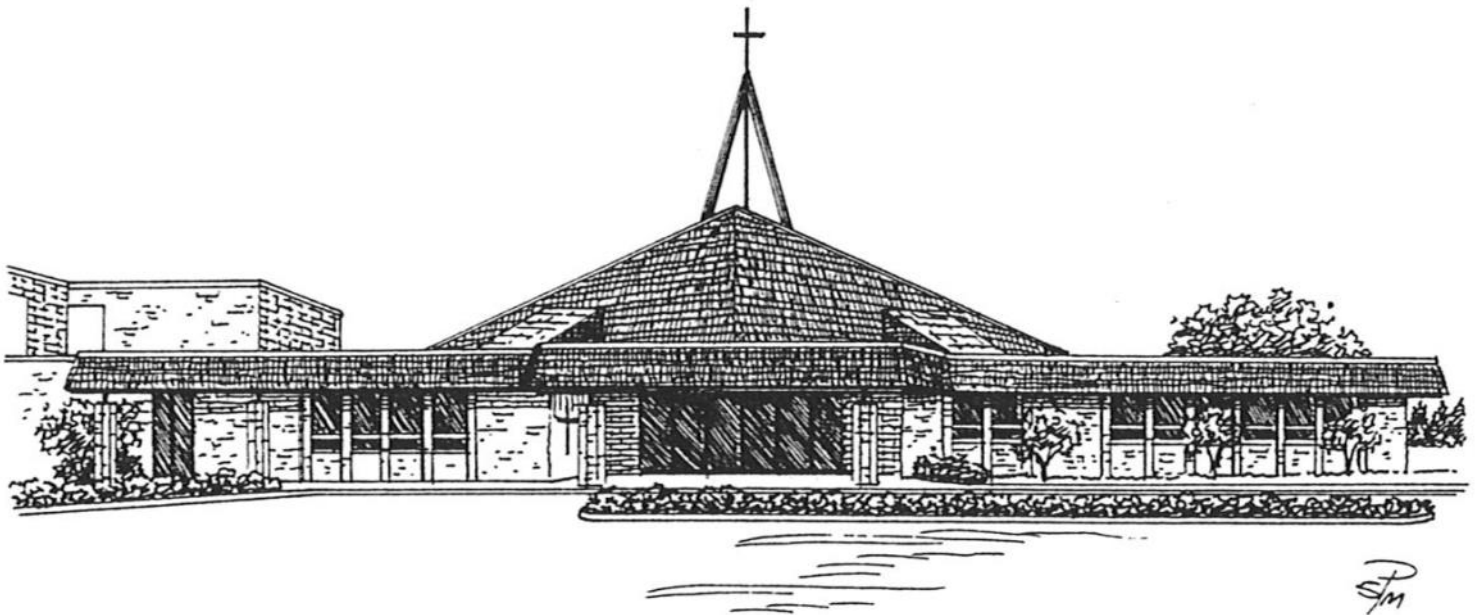


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MORNING WORSHIP – 10:00 A.M. (CDT)

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Please silence your phones.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Church at Work

Congregational Nominating Committee

Ron Scott

OPENING SENTENCES

* HYMN

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

No. 396

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us.

Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us.

Many: **As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. Thanks be to God!**

* PRAISE RESPONSE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* No. 582

* PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Likewise, greet each other in Christian love.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 50:15-21

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Gift of Forgiveness

Rev. Kim Adams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN

Jesus Loves Me!

No. 188

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S BOUNTIFUL TABLE

God Moments

Jeanne Turner, Trish Lawson,
Elizabeth Monroe, Denise Walker

* HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

No. 753

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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GRATITUDE FOR ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Liturgist: Michael McKee

Ushers: Elizabeth Monroe
 Rose Ross

Sexton:

Children's

Open: Zane Cole

Moment: Rev. Kim Adams

Close: Ron Phillips

Elder on Call: Linda Long

Offering/gifts to the church are received in the offering plates, mailed to the church, online at fpcvalpo.org and via electronic transfer. Grateful for all.

SEPTEMBER'S SECOND MILE OFFERING. . .

is being received for the Kairos Ministry.

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MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sun., October 1, 2023, following 10:00 a.m. worship for the purpose of receiving the Congregational Nominating Committee's Report and electing officers. Opportunity shall be given to the congregation to bring forth nominations from the floor. The nominee must be present, an active member and in agreement to have his/her name placed in nomination.

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PADS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

PADS, the winter men's homeless church shelter will begin at our church on October 18. Our church will host the men every Wednesday through April 2024. The men arrive at 7:00, are served a homemade dinner, have a social time, spend the night and then are served a hot breakfast before leaving by 7:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

We anticipate around 6-8 men to start in October.

There are several volunteer needs:

- ◆ Intake from 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- ◆ Hosting from 7:00 -10 p.m.
- ◆ **Hosting 10:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m.**
- ◆ Hosting 2:00-6:00 a.m.
- ◆ Provide and serve dinner for the men and clean up. Dinner is served around 7:00-7:15 p.m.
- ◆ Serving Breakfast 5:30-6:30 a.m.
- ◆ Laundry - washing bedding once a month

There are two sign ups in the Hospitality Center. One for Meals and one for volunteers for intake, hosting and laundry. If you have any questions, please call or email Beth Germann at:

219-477-9964

or

bcgermann@gmail.com

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GLIMPSES OF VIBRANCY

- ◆ Recognition for two key missions of FPC Valparaiso: Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School ("PWNS") and the Presbyterian Church Resale Shop ("PCRS") was evidenced. Both having made significant impacts in our community, PWNS for over 40 years and PCRS for over 80 years. Within our own congregation the lives touched by PWNS have covered three generations. The PCRS volunteers are now 40+ strong (more are needed); and the shop reopened on September 13, 2023, after some upgrades and positive changes.
- ◆ The Sanctuary was 'alive' with the sounds from 10 young people at the Pray-Ground Table.
- ◆ The Adult Choir's rendition of "Down to the River to Pray" made a different kind of wonderful sound as part of our worship experience.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name

FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:



- ◆ Building congregational vitality
- ◆ Dismantling structural racism
- ◆ Eradicating systemic poverty

presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership	FR (Revised)
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online

Monday, September 18, 2023

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, September 19, 2023

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155

Thursday, September 21, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, September 22, 2023

Saturday, September 23, 2023

*denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel.

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EXPLORING NEW MEMBERSHIP AT FPC VALPARAISO THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 9:00 A.M. - 9:50 A.M.

While the faith journey is indeed a personal one, it is not meant to be traveled alone!

Whether you are a first time/frequent visitor and friend of First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso (FPCV) or just need a refresher, all are welcome to join us for "Exploring at First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso." We will take a look at what it means to be Presbyterian (what we believe), how the Presbyterian Church (USA) is structured, and the various ministries of FPCV. Each session will be held on Sunday mornings (9/17, and 9/24 in the Friendship Room – *revised schedule*) from 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Additional Sunday morning faith formation classes are available for children and youth. If you plan on attending and would like to know more about additional opportunities for children and youth, please contact Trish Lawson at tlawson@fpcvalpo.org.

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, you will be encouraged to grow in your relationship with the Triune God through worship, faith formation, fellowship, mission, and outreach. However, by attending this class you are not required to become a member, in fact, you are welcome to simply come and learn more about us (you can still receive our monthly newsletter, participate in a Bible study, join the choir, or enjoy any of our fellowship events).

Please let us know if you are interested in attending, by contacting the church office at churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org.

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