

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO



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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Please silence your phones.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We will sing to God and bless God's name forever and ever.

Many: **Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

One: We will declare God's mighty acts and celebrate God's abundant goodness.

Many: **Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.**

* HYMN

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

No. 408

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy.

Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: The grace of God is boundless, poured out freely for all of us.

Many: **We will receive this gift of forgiveness, and trust God to transform our lives!**

*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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 20:1-16

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *What Do We Deserve?* Rev. Kim Adams

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN *Christ Be Beside Me* No. 702

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Presentation

Profession of Faith

One: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

Many: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

One: As members of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized:

Many: 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.

Welcome

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.

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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Mission

Peacemaking Ministry

*HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World

No. 79

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

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GRATITUDE FOR ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Liturgist: Annabelle

Ushers: Kathy Joseph
Jerry Kahrs

Sexton:

Open: Zane Cole
Close: Ron Phillips

Children's
Moment: Trish Lawson

Musicians: Brad Dirks
Handbell Choir

Deacon on
Call: Cathy Greenawald

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WORSHIP FLOWERS

Today's worship flowers are given by Jim and Sharon Hubbard in celebration of fall.

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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

GLIMPSES OF VIBRANCY

- ♦ "God moments" told by three who spoke of experiencing God at work in their lives with FPCV during family crisis, mission trip to Cuba and as newcomers to Valparaiso
- ♦ Reminders through the Finger Prayer to pray for those closest to us, those who head us in the right direction, for those in authority, those who meet our greatest needs, and finally, for ourselves
- ♦ Always opportunities for new and experienced members to engage our hands and feet as those of Christ by serving others as a deacon, hosting the presbytery meeting, or engaging in the PADS program for men without housing

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 24, 2023

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership Class	Friendship Room
9:00 AM	Called Session Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online

Monday, September 25, 2023

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, September 26, 2023

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
4:30 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
2:30 PM	Bible Study	101

Thursday, September 28, 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 29, 2023

Saturday, September 30, 2023

10:00 AM	Presbytery Assembly	FPC Valparaiso
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*denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel.

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2023 PER CAPITA

This year, our per capita is \$43 per member. When we give to support *per capita*, we are saying, "Thank you for the gift of the Church." We are working together, seeking the mind of Christ, working for justice and mercy in the world, and participating in God's continual reformation of the Church.

WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER.

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SEPTEMBER'S SECOND MILE OFFERING. . .

is being received for Kairos Ministry.

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