First Presbyterian Church

902 S Walnut St, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Share God's Love

"The motto of the First Presbyterian Church is to Share God's Love, Shine God's Light, and Get Shaped as God's People"

Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Trey Hegar**
Director of Congregational Ministries: **Rev. Sarah Hegar**
Music Director: **Ming Vierra**
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Worship Icons

The icons below are provided throughout the Order of Worship to encourage participation of all ages and abilities.

- **Speaking**
- **Music**
- **Listen**
- **Pray**
- **Scripture Reading**
- **Offering**
- **Holy Communion**

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation

*Asterisk invites all who are able to stand

Green is the liturgical color that symbolizes life and growth. Green paraments are used during Ordinary Time on the church calendar.

The Prelude calls us to quiet our hearts and minds in preparation for worship. We invite you to keep silence as you open yourself to the Spirit.

Order of Worship

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship. There is a children's corner with activities in the back of the Sanctuary. If needed, there is a nursery with attendants (end of long hall) available during the service.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Strategic Plan Update
- Sign up for Press On Meals
- Xennial Gathering - Sunday, September 27, 6 PM Press Box
- All Corn Sunday - Sunday, October 4
- Stewardship Message

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Enough for Today**
One: Come, people of God, and remember the God who provides.
All: We come with our needs, our worries, and our hopes, trusting that God is with us.

One: When we are tempted to believe there will never be enough, God reminds us that we are not alone.
All: God gives us what we need for today.

One: When we compare what we have with what others have received, God calls us away from envy and toward gratitude.
All: We will receive what God gives and share what we have been given as we worship with grateful hearts.

***OPENING HYMN:** "God Is Calling through the Whisper" **No. 410**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION
One: We come before the God who gives us daily bread and calls us to trust in God's provision. Yet we confess that we often live as though there will never be enough. Let us bring our fears, our envy, and our scarcity before God, trusting in the abundance of God's mercy.

UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION
Gracious God, you have given us more than we often recognize, yet we confess that we are frequently afraid there will not be enough. We compare our lives with the lives of others and allow envy to rob us of gratitude. We hold tightly to what we have rather than trusting you and sharing with others.
Forgive us, O God. Free us from the fear of scarcity. Teach us to recognize your daily gifts and to receive them with grateful hearts. Give us enough faith to trust you, enough courage to share what we have, and enough love to celebrate the blessings of others. Make us people who live not from fear, but from the abundance of your grace. Through Jesus Christ, our source of hope and life. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE: "Lord, Have Mercy" **No. 551**

PROMISE OF GRACE
One: Hear the good news: God's grace is not something we earn or something we must compete for. God's abundance and mercy is given freely. God provides abundantly enough for the whole world and there is enough grace for every one of us. Friends, trust this good news: You are forgiven. You are loved. You are held in God's abundant mercy.

All: We give thanks to God, and we will go forward in gratitude, generosity, and trust. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** **No. 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 an end. Amen. Amen."

Prayer of Reconciliation
Confession is our chance to be honest with God so that our relationship may be repaired and our hearts reconciled. We confess the reality of brokenness in personal and communal life.

Silent Prayer
During the time of silent prayer, you may pray for forgiveness for the things you have done which may have hurt another or when you have felt like your actions or words did not honor God. You may also pray for the courage to do things you have not done like helping others or speaking up for what is right. You may also pray for God to bring to mind things you may not even be aware of that are causing harm in your relationships or the world in general.

Promise of Grace
After confession, we remember how, in baptism, God claims us and names us beloved, commissioning us for lives of service in Christ's name.

Prayer for Illumination
We pray for the Spirit to be present in the reading and our hearing of the Scripture.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Giving God, you provide for your people day after day. As we hear your Word today, teach us to trust your provision, to let go of our fear of scarcity, and to recognize that your grace enough. Give us generous hearts and remind us that we do not walk this journey alone, but are a people on the way with God leading us, God forming us, and God sending us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: **Exodus 16:2-4, 11-15** **p. 62**

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron
in the wilderness. **3** The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of
the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of
bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly
with hunger." **4** Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from
heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that
day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.
11 The Lord spoke to Moses, **12** "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites;
say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your
fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' " **13** In the evening
quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew
around the camp. **14** When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the
wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. **15** When the
Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what
it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

One: The Word of our Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR ANTHEM: "I am God's Child" composed by Robert Lau

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 20: 1-16** **p. 21**

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning
to hire laborers for his vineyard. **2** After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius
for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. **3** When he went out about nine o'clock,
he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, **4** and he said to them, 'You also go
into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. **5** When he
went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. **6** And about
five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them,
'Why are you standing here idle all day?' **7** They said to him, 'Because no one has
hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' **8** When evening came,
the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them
their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' **9** When those hired
about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. **10** Now when the first
came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a
denarius. **11** And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,
12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us
who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' **13** But he replied to
one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a
denarius? **14** Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the
same as I give to you. **15** Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to
me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the
first will be last."

One: The Word of our Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON SERIES: **“Enough for Today”** **Rev. Trey Hegar**

***HYMN:** “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” v. 1, 2, 5 **No. 722**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From the PCUSA Book of Worship based on Romans 8)
We believe God works all things together for good. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

VIDEO MEDITATION: “The Mystery of New Beginnings” by The Work of the People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, Creator, Mother, Redeemer, 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.

GIVING THANKS OVER TITHES & OFFERINGS

***CLOSING HYMN:** “What Does the Lord Require of You?” **No. 70**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SERMON NOTES:

Code to give online to the church.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God’s people

Worship Helpers

Morning Building Assistant: **Tim Olson** Ushers: **Curt & Ginnie Swarm**
Financial Secretary: **Ginnie Swarm** Treasurer: **Marvin Bricker**
Financial Clerk: **Mike Tometich**

Prayer Concerns

- **Dee & Wade Benge**
- **Jean Carpenter’s brother-in-law, Ron Gabriel**
- **Lois Roth’s brother, Mark Veldhuizen, sister-in-law, Kim Veldhuizen, sister-in-law, Penny Veldhuizen**
- **Tara Beauchamp’s dad, Doug Cowan**
- **Leo Clark’s stepdad, Raymond Aynes**
- **Erica Redgate’s mother, Audrey Redgate, uncles, Dave Richardt and Gordon, cousin, James and his husband, Darren**
- **Nella Elliot, Sandy Memler, Scott Redgate**
- **Marilyn Vincent’s friend, Sandy Crandell**
- **Kerry Murray, Griffin Manfredi**
- **Carol Chesnutt’s mother, Carolyn Thorsen**
- **Chaiden Miller**
- **Matt Lawler’s brother, Ken**
- **Susan Farnsworth’s mother Joyce, brother, Jeff Stanley**
- **National Guard Troops - 224th Engineer Battalion**
- **Our shut-ins & those in care centers**
- **Israel, Iran, & Palestine; Ukraine**

Week of Sunday, September 20, 2026

SUN: 8:30 AM **Westminster Choir Practice** - Sanctuary
9:45 AM **Worship In-Person, YouTube Live**
Fellowship Time to Follow in Gathering Space
6:30 PM **Scouts** - Fellowship Hall

MON-THU: 10:30 AM **Meals on Wheels** (bag pickup/drop off) - Parking Lot

MON: **October ALERT Deadline**

TUE: 10:30 AM **IowaWINs Board Meeting** - Belle Center & Zoom

WED: 10:30 AM **Pastor Trey's Bible Study** - Addington Place
3:15-5:15 PM **Re:Creation** - Fellowship Hall
5:25-6 PM **Bell Choir Rehearsal: Soul Notes** - Sanctuary
6:15-7:45 PM **Press On Youth Group** - Fellowship Hall
6:15-7:15 PM **Bell Choir Rehearsal: Sound Appeal** - Sanctuary

SAT: 10 AM **DAR** - Fellowship Hall

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — FALL 2026 EVENTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT

Sun, 9/13: Welcome Back Sunday
Worship at 9:45 AM with Children's Moment, Communion, Ice Cream Social, & Committee Fair

Sun. 9/27: Xennial Gathering
6 PM at Press Box Grill & Bar
Millienials & Gen X Fellowship Opportunity

OCT

Sun. 10/4: World Communion Sunday - 9:45 AM

Fri. & Sat. 10/9 & 10/10: PW Fall Rummage & Bake Sale

Sun. 10/18: All Corn Sunday
Cornhole, Corndogs, Popcorn, and Corny Jokes! This fun outdoor event will have something for everyone!

Wed. 10/28: Trunk or Treat Re:Creation Fall Party
Decorate your trunk for our little ones to enjoy!

NOV

Sun. 11/1: Family Sunday & Daylight Savings - 9:45 AM

Fri. 11/13: LGBTQIA+ Outing

Sun. 11/22: Christ the King Sunday & Hanging of the Greens
9:45 AM with Hanging of the Greens to Follow Worship

Sun. 11/29: First Sunday of Advent

DEC

Thur. 12/3: Presbyterian Women Christmas Luncheon
11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Sun. 12/6: Lessons & Carols Service with Brunch
9:45 AM with Brunch to follow in Fellowship Hall

Thur. 12/24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Join us at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary for this special service

WEEKLY:

- **Pastor Trey's Bible Study**
  - Wednesdays at 10:30 AM at Addington Place Care Center
  - 3rd Wednesday - Inclusive Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
- **K-5 Wednesday Re:Creation**
- **6-12 Press On Youth Group**
- **Youth & Adult Bell Choir Practice**
- **Sing with the Choir**

MORE OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Caregivers Support Group**
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1 PM
- **Help Unload Tolson Food Truck**
  - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- **Help Serve Fellowship Cup Meal**
  - 2nd Wednesday at 11 AM
- **Presbyterian Women**
  - 1st Thursday of the month
- **Help stock Little Free Pantry**

East Iowa Presbytery

Sat. 9/19 Presbytery Meeting at Camp Bear Creek
Sat. 10/17 Equipping Event at Milan, IL
Sat. 11/14 Presbytery Meeting at Ely, Iowa