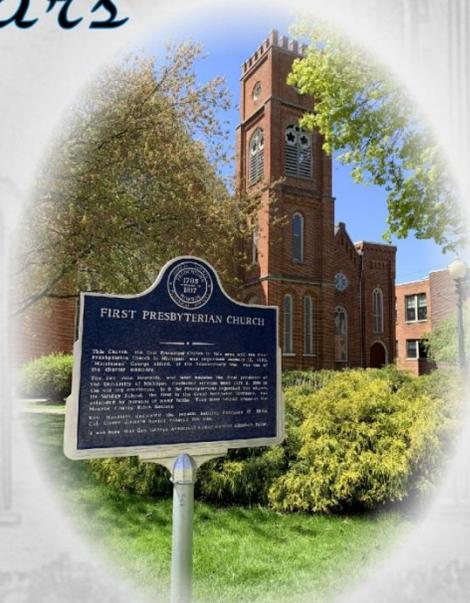




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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

OPENING WORDS

Come gather before the Lord.

We call upon the Lord.

Come call on the name of the Lord.

We call upon the Lord.

Precious is the Lord to the faithful.

We call upon the Lord.

Come offer thanks to the Lord.

We thank the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, behold the works of the Living God!

Listen for what God would say to us.

We await God's word for our church and for the times in which we live.

God beckons us to remember the support and promptings of the Spirit.

We have received comfort and assurance, and our eyes have been opened to God's challenges.

OPENING HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" vss. 1,3

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come to the One who justifies and reconciles, who knows us as we are and yet reaches out to draw us into the realm of God. Be still and know that God is God. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of God, when faced with your miraculous love, we often question our worthiness to receive it; when faced with opportunities to share your grace, we often retreat out of fear; when faced with your invitation to join the harvest, we often close our doors to the needy. We focus our ministries inward to serve our own needs, rather than outward to meet the needs of others. We ask for your forgiveness, and for the strength to turn away from fear and selfish motives. Bless us so that we may open our hearts anew and have courage to serve you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord hears your voice in the wilderness and grants the peace you seek. Proclaim the good news! In the name of our redeemer you are forgiven. Celebrate God's grace and know that you dwell in the heart of the Lord.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF AFFIRMATION # 634

“To God Be the Glory”

v. 1

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to once again hear your word for our lives. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Romans 5:6-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Matthew 9:35-10:15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “There is Work to be Done” Rev. Dean McGormley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The 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.

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

HYMN #485 “We Know That Christ is Raised” vss. 1, 2

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
- 2 We share by water in his saving death. Reborn we share with him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

CALL TO OFFERING

Please reflect on the blessings God has given you and how you might reach out.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

What shall I return to the Lord for all of God’s bounty? The Lord hears my voice and listens to my prayers and supplications. I will pay my vows in the presence of God’s people. I will pledge these tokens of my gratitude and love. I will freely support God’s harvest and ask that these offerings may multiply in God’s ministry throughout the world. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Pray for those who are ill and all health care workers and those in essential jobs serving us. Pray for our congregation now separated. Pray for our country’s leaders as they make tough decisions. Pray for our world.)*

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN #826

“Lift High the Cross”

vss. 1,4

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Share with all the world the love you have received this day. Take the blessing of the Creator, the grace of the Redeemer, and the love of the Sustainer as you leave this place. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will be with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Being Received into membership today are:

Courtney Ross by baptism and Affirmation of Faith

Meghann Borgelt by Reaffirmation of Faith

Brent Borgelt by Reaffirmation in Absentia

Ushers: Kim Hooper, George Kostoff, Helyn Schroeder