

# Sunday Morning Worship

September 28, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements  
Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.  
\*Congregation standing for those who are able

## Our Approach to God

Prelude We Walk by Faith J. Biery

The Call to Worship  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!  
**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long ... who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**  
who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.  
**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**  
The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.  
**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord! Amen!**

\*The Hymn of Praise Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim 477

\*The Call to Confession  
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?  
**By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?**  
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?  
**Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the father, so we too might walk in newness of life.**

Let us then confess our sin to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us. Let us pray

\*The Prayer of Confession  
**O God, we have sinned, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. For give us; purify us, remake us, that we might love you as you love. Hear us Lord, as we approach you from the silence of our hearts with our individual intentions (Silent) O God, correct our misguided ways. Change our hearts so that we can tend to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ.**

The Assurance of Pardon  
The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Be at peace for in Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, love and restored. This is the good news.  
**In Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father 579  
**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 end. Amen. Amen.**

The Anthem The Beatitudes R. Avery and D. Marsh

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children Marsha Bennett  
The Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:10-12, 7:7-9 page 259  
The Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16 page 1404  
The Sermon "Crazy Grace" Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed(Traditional) page 14 hymnal  
\*The Hymn Amazing Grace 280

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory                      Comfort, Comfort, Now My People                      M. Sedio

\*The Doxology

**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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn                      God of Grace and God of Glory                      420

\*The Charge and Benediction

The Congregational Response    *Go with Us, Lord*                      535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude                      Allegro from Sonata in C Minor                      F. Mendelssohn

**Liturgist :** JoAnn Hunt

**Ushers:** Sayre Nichol, Larry Smith

**Greeter:** Betty Miller

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Sandra Rease

**Musical Talents:** Carl Angelo and the Chancel Choir

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for fellowship hour.**

**\*\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second will not meet today.\*\*\***

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*Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christian*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

We are so pleased to have Rev. Chip Harwick with us today. We are grateful for his willingness to share his time and ministry with us. Reverend Hardwick, we welcome you to our pulpit and thank you for leading us in worship today.

We would also like to thank Dr. Carl Angelo for filling in for Thomas today. Dr. Carl Angelo is artist in piano and organ at Saginaw Valley State University, the organist at First Presbyterian Church of Flint, and pianist for the Saginaw Choral Society.



- The office will be open Monday and Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.
- The office will be closed Wednesday, October 1 thru Wednesday, October 8. The church secretary will be on vacation.

## PNC News:

The Nominating Committee has found 7 candidates willing to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee, comprised of the following members:

Ed Hak	Fred Herter
Matt Robertson	Sara Hyde
Linda Mattson	Samanatha Engel
Hugh Matson	

The session has called a **Special Congregational Meeting** to be held Oct 12 following worship for the purpose of approving these nominations. The meeting will be officiated by Pastor Ted McCulloch.

## Rescue Mission Lunches:

Saturday, October 4, join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter through Fellowship Hall door.)

## World Communion Sunday:



Next Sunday, October 5, is **World Communion Sunday**. Communion will be celebrated during the worship service. We hold an open Communion at Second Presbyterian Church which means all believing Christians are welcome to participate. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food items for **The Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church**. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God.

## Fish Fry:

Our Fish Fry is fast approaching on **Friday, October 17, 2025!** We will need plenty of help to make this fish fry a success. It really is a fun event! **Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area.** Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church.

Please let one of the following individuals know if you are willing the help:

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Second Presbyterian Church 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat for the community is scheduled for **Sunday, October 26, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Please consider participating as we will need a minimum of 20 cars to make the event worthwhile. A sign-up sheet is on the table outside of the Sanctuary. Candy donations will also be needed.

*"Thank You to all my friends and Second Presbyterian Church members for their cards, phone calls, and concerns for me while I'm going through my knee replacement healing. It means so much to me." ~Alan Poplewski*