

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

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.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Berceuse from 24 Pieces in a Free Style Vierne

The Call to Worship

Let us praise the Lord! God gathers us and calls us to worship him.

We come together as God's people to praise his holy name.

God blesses those who walk according to the law of the Lord.

We rejoice in following God's laws. We delight in God's decrees.

God blesses those who seek him with all their heart.

We seek after God. We desire to know him, love him, and praise him with all our heart.

*The Hymn of Praise *We Gather Together* 559

*The Call to Confession

We have done wrong and have not followed God's ways. But if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. With this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Word and through the Living Word, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn and our failure to walk in your ways. We have not been steadfast in obeying you. We have put our longing for money, success, or happiness above our desire for you and your kingdom. We have not sought you with all our heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. [Silent confession.] **Merciful God, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*The Assurance of Pardon

We do not have a righteousness of our own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. Friends, in Christ our sins have been forgiven and we are righteous. **Thanks be to God!**

*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* Avery & Marsh
Walk-Up-Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 119:1-16 page 676 OT

The Sermon *Worshiping God in the Psalms:* Pastor Ruth Estell
The Word of God

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Wonderful Words of Life* see insert

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 Minuet *from Fireworks* Handel
 *The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
**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 *O Word of God Incarnate* 327

*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 *La Rejouissance from Fireworks* Handel

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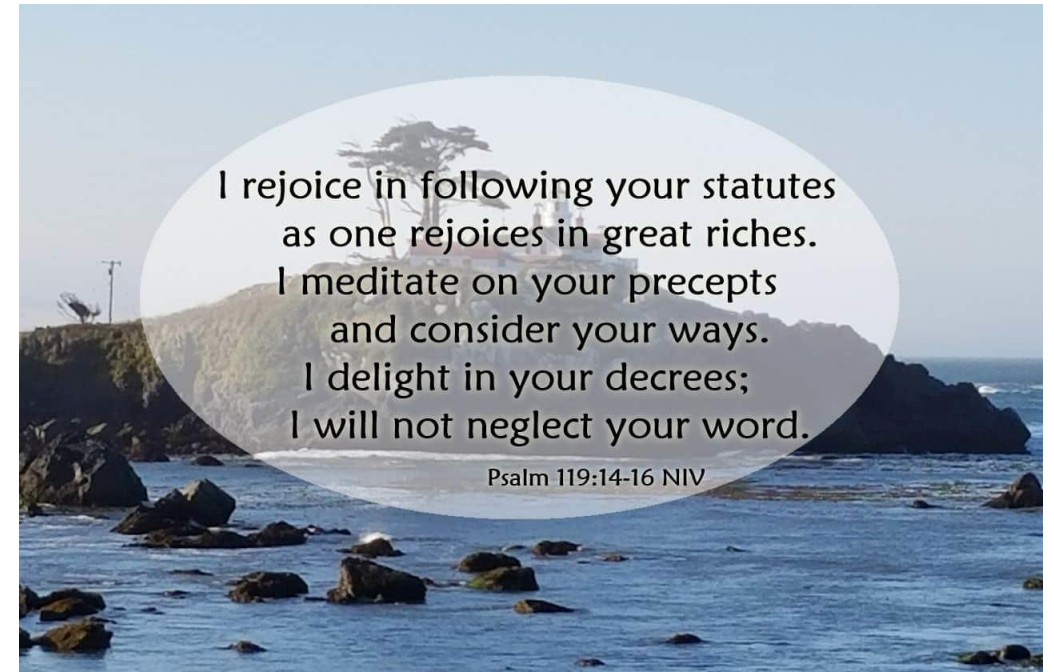
Liturgist: Kitty Myers
Ushers: Hugh Matson, Anne Schmidt, Larry Smith
Greeter: Mary Smith
Fellowship Hour: Christian Education Committee
Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry & Walk-up-
 Choir

**Please join us immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall for
 “Sundaes for Sunday” and fellowship as we celebrate the Kick-off of the
 Church Year.**

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Office hours for the week of September 9 will be **Monday through Thursday** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 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.

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

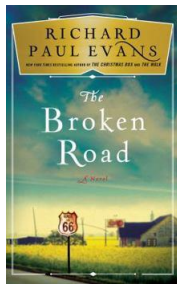
If you have a church key, please make note of the following:

The alarm code that you chose for arming/disarming the alarm is in effect. To open the inner doors, please use the same code that we all have been using. Thank you for helping us to make this transition go smoothly!



A Book Group for Fall

Back by popular requests, we are going to have another open-to-all book club. The book is "The Broken Road" by Richard Paul Evans. Grab a copy or download the book, read it over the next several weeks, then we will meet on Thursday, October 10 @ 6:00 p.m. in the church library to discuss the book, eat some treats associated with fall, and enjoy some fellowship! Yummy treats, coffee, tea, and water will be provided. No need to sign-up, just show up. If you would like Sonia Hoepfner to do a group order of the book, please let her know by **September 11**.



Florence Gilmore Circle

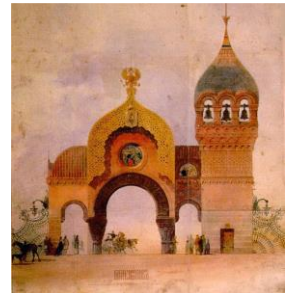
All women of the church are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 11**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. As a Presbyterian Women's group, we meet once a month and enjoy spending time together as we get to know each other. At this first meeting, we will decide what we would like to focus on for the new church year.



For September, the mission focus will be "It's All About the Cross," the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail. Chaplain Andy Cox, (Formerly of Forgotten Man Ministries) is continuing to collect books and Bibles to provide to inmates at the Saginaw County Jail. Our mission focus collection will be books for this ministry. Books must be soft cover with a positive theme, such as inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They may also accept puzzle books or magazines, such as crosswords or word-searches. They are unable to accept hard cover books, books with stapled bindings, or books with themes of romance, crime/thriller, or violent themes including those about war. In addition to any books collected, we will also be donating Bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in jail. For more information on the ministry work of "It's All About the Cross," visit <http://www.crosssaginaw.org>.

Concert Season Is Back

Concerts at First Presbyterian Saginaw is returning this fall with two exciting events planned. Both events are at First Presbyterian Church (121 S. Harrison St., Saginaw, MI, 48602). The first is an organ recital presented by Thomas Heidenreich on **Sunday, October 13, at 4:00pm**. The recital is centered around a transcription of Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*—a piece that will be sure to use the full resources of the Casavant organ!



261 Wonderful Words of Life

1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won - der - ful words of
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