

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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 Prelude in F Major, BWV 556 J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship

As we begin this worship, utter a prayer that those around you may be blessed.

[silent prayer]

Pray that your own life will know healing and renewal.

[silent prayer]

Pray that God's word will be spoken and received

We open our hearts to God's presence and power.

Then let us worship with joy!

*The Hymn of Praise *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 464

*The Call to Confession

Remember that Christ understands our weaknesses because he lived a human life. We can boldly approach God as he has gone before us and makes possible the way to grace. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The Prayer of Confession

God of unconditional love and grace, forgive our tendency to push you out of our busy days and push people out of our limited compassion. Forgive us as we place barriers which only serve ourselves. Forgive us as we pass by the needs of others. Forgive us as we seek after the wrong things which rob us of an abundant life in you. Use us, we pray, to accomplish in and through this church, far more than we can ask and imagine. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you." When we confess our sins, we know through Christ that we are forgiven and a calmness comes because of God's desire to gather us in and make us whole again. Friends, believe in the good news—we are forgiven. **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 *A Jubilant Song* Lightfoot
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children (children are dismissed to Sunday School)2 Aa

The Psalm Psalm 131 page 685 OT

**Lord, I have given up my pride and turned away from my arrogance.
I am not concerned with great matters or with subjects too difficult
for me. Instead, I am content and at peace, as a child lies quietly in
its mother's arms, so my heart is quiet within me.
Trust in the Lord now and forever.**

The Gospel Reading Mark 12:38-44 page 67 NT

The Sermon Goodness Passing By Rev. Janice Chambers

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* 324

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 Fuge in F Major, BWV 556 J.S. Bach

*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 *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining* 425

*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 All Creatures of Our God and King D. Bednall

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Kalina

Ushers: Hugh Matson, Anne Schmidt

Greeter: Cheryl Kelley

Fellowship Hour: Sonia Hoepfner

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir

The mums today are given by Reid Calcott to honor Tom and Carol Poole in recognition and appreciation for all they do for our congregation.

***** The prayer group will not meet September 26*****

Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



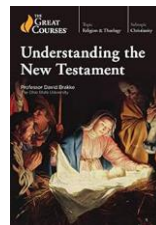
Office hours for the week of September 23 will be **Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church. **Pastor Ruth is on vacation through October 1.** **Next Sunday September 29,** we will welcome Rev. Mike Hahn to our pulpit.

The Fowler Family has requested that, as Alex is close to graduating bootcamp, any mailings to him be put on hold until a new address is available.

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.

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TODAY at 10:15 in the library, we will continue our study with Lesson 7-*Worship & Leaders in Paul's Congregations* of The Great Courses series "Understanding the New Testament." Grab a snack, coffee, or other beverage, and join us in the church library after worship.



Second Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for the community Sunday, **October 27, 2024** from 11am-1pm. Please consider participating as we will need a minimum of 20 cars to make the event worthwhile. We can help you come up with

ideas to decorate your car. Each car will pass out candy and will have a game for the kids to participate in. Refreshments will be served. We hope to make this a fun annual event. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside of the Sanctuary.



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. 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>.

Suggestions to the Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee invites you to participate in the nominating process by carefully considering the qualifications for office of Elder, and then suggesting names of persons who could serve. Forms are on the sign-up tables and in the vestibule. You can even nominate yourself! Place in an envelope addressed to the nominating committee and mail it to the church, turn it into the office, or place in the offering plate. Your Nominating committee thanks you for your suggestions. **Please have your nominations turned in by October 31.**

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!

