First Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL **October 4, 2026**

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ***World Communion Sunday***

Welcome to worship service at the First Presbyterian Church in Palestine, IL. Whether you are here in person, or watching us online, we are honored that you have chosen to worship with us!



Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

From north and south and east and west,
All Creation sings forth your praises!
The mountains and the hills burst into song;
The trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Your steadfast love never ceases.
With joy and peace, let us praise God together!

Let us pray:

God of all nations, you have poured out your blessings upon all the peoples of the earth. Grant us eyes to see your gifts of faith and love. Appoint us as heralds of your mercies that are new every morning. Empower us to write the vision of your peaceable kingdom, where destruction and violence are no more, where suffering and wars shall cease. Empower us to be sent out with joy as bearers of your hope in a hurting world; through Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Blue Hymnal 376**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest; Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above, Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Time with the Younger Church

Call to Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our resolve and our bodies to follow in your ways.

Personal Silent Confession

…in the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Grateful Response**

******Gloria Patri***

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 WORD

Scripture Exodus 20:1-4, 7-20 Matthew 21:33-46

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *The Kingdom Way*

Call for the Offering

October – Grant-In-Aid

How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POBox 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon., Tues., or Thurs., 10 am – 2 pm.

Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

*****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)***

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Hymn of Preparation "We Come as Guests Invited" Blue Hymnal 517

We come as guests invited When Jesus bids us dine, His friends on earth united To share the bread and wine; The bread of life is broken, The wine is freely poured For us, in solemn token Of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving From Christ the grace we need, And in our hearts believing On Him by faith we feed; With wonder and thanksgiving For love that knows no end, We find in Jesus living Our ever-present Friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, One single fruitful vine, Our fellowship declaring Renewed in bread and wine: Renewed, sustained, and given By token, sign, and word, The pledge and seal of heaven, The love of Christ our Lord.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God…

Hear us now, O Merciful God, as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray…

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 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.

Breaking and Pouring and Serving

Prayer After Communion

Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world sadly in need of your loving imagination. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending "In Christ There is No East or West" Blue Hymnal 439**

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord, Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north; All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

Brian Alumbaugh- is having some issues with his kidney function please continue to pray for him

Marily Henderson- prayers for her and Lee.

Cindy York – is having knee surgery on October 13th

MaryAnn Fulling – prayers for healing after having a pacemaker surgery this week

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Harry Redman – had a fall and broke his 8th vertebra in his back. He is at Deaconess Midtown in Evansville.

Riley Cox – Recovering from surgery

Phyllis Adams – had knee replacement surgery continued prayers for healing

Jim Higgins – leg issues

Phyllis LeFever – prayers to accept the needed procedures

Kathy Klauss

John Edgington- had heat exhaustion last week and now home with a heart monitor

Jamie Alexander – 4 month old son of Josh and Jessica Alexander needs a liver transplant

Pam Hill – (**Sandy Ellis Sister**) is having a lot of pain and could use prayers as she is still recovering from neck surgery, she also is now in physical therapy twice a week

Chester Greene – prayers to continue to improve with his eating.

Dick McCarty

Hob Murphy – continued prayers

Kendra Jones – cancer diagnosis and also please pray for **Encourage Puerto Rico** – a children's ministry that she helped start

Paul Postlewaite

Jocelyne Ramsey & Family

Andrew Knoblet – is having additional/reoccurring problems please pray for him and his family. Also continued prayers for the other two Knoblett Children with their ongoing Behavior Challenges.

Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer

All of God's People

Knox Pritchard – diving accident

Prayers for Blake Padgett – 16 year old that was involved with a hit and run in Terre Haute.

Nancy Bex

Debbie Skidmore – starts cancer treatments

Anne Wiseman – had surgery

Meredith Gentry – continued prayers her lung biopsy tested positive for cancer.

Lynn Brower (Sandy Ellis sister)- is recovering well and will have her five radiation treatments later this month.

Kathy Lutes – is home now and doing well her address is: 8832 Trumpeter Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46234

Frank Draper- continued prayers currently in Jasonville, IN Rehab

Lee Waldroup

Judy Kincaid – Back injury and broken wrist

Paul and Nancy Gray – car accident with still a long road ahead of them for healing

Jim Bush – continued medical needs

Luke Hayes – Brain disorders

Aiden Robbins – (Senior Airman) is stationed in the Middle East and is the grandson of Greg and Pam Robbins

Krue Williams – Leukemia

Victims of Weather Disasters

Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes

BridgePointe Health Campus
Cheryl Mefford
Bus Reynolds
1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

Arbor Rose of Robinson
Marilyn Henderson and Sharon Biggs
500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

StoneBridge of Olney
Joan Summers
1304 N East Street, Olney, IL 62450

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION GIVING – October | **MISSION GIVING – November**

Grant-In-Aid

Please Note: Each month the Session designates a specific mission on which to focus our giving. Funds from the annual church budget are allocated and sent during that month, but you are able to give specifically to that mission (or any other mission!) by writing in the memo line of your check or making note on our online giving site what you would like to add to the church's level of giving. If there is no specific notation of a mission, your giving will go to the general fund. Thanks always for your generosity.

Meeting Dates

- **October 20th Session Meeting at 6p.m.**
- **October 19th at 6p.m. Investment Committee Meeting/Budget Meeting**

Important Dates & Events

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Volunteers Needed

- **Food pantry needs volunteers! Monday 1-3 and Wednesday 5-6. They could use any able-bodied workers!**

Located at the Back of the Sanctuary

- **2025 Annual Report**
- **The Upper Room – May/June**
- **The Upper Room – July/August**

New Addresses:

Chester & Karen Greene (Home Address) 45A Marker Street, Highland, IL, 62249

Jerry and Linda Russell (Indiana Address)156 Dogwood Drive, Warren, IN, 46792

Diane Nickum (New Home Address) 63594 East Harmony Drive, Saddlebrooke, AZ, 85739

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Office Hours: Rev. Nan Adams

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9AM-1PM

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Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshipping with us today. Please know that we do not pass an offering plate during worship but offering plates are located near both entrances to the Sanctuary. You can also give online by going to link firstprespalestine.com and on the upper right side of page there is a button that says give now.

Communion (also called the Lord's Supper) is offered once a month and on special liturgical days. Everyone is welcome to take communion, no matter your age or if you've been baptized. The Lord welcomes all to receive this gift of God's hospitality. We receive the bread and the cup at the same time as it is passed to you. Eat the bread as you receive it; save the cup until we all drink it together. This reminds us that we are individual persons receiving God's love and a community of faith led by God's love.

Information About Our Church Building – We have a Balcony, a Sanctuary Floor and a Basement Floor. Three bathrooms are located in the basement – one at the foot of the West side stairs, and two at the back of the basement (on the South side of the building next to the kitchen.) All are for anyone to use. The basement houses our fellowship/dining space and adult Sunday School meeting space. There is also a nursery room on the North side of the basement.

In the back of the sanctuary on our table is a paper to fill out if you would like to be added to our prayer chains by text or by email. Please note due to the way our email program is set up for the prayer chain you will also get our weekly email about the bulletin for Sunday and any other group email that is sent. If you fill out the paper please leave in offering tray. Thank you.