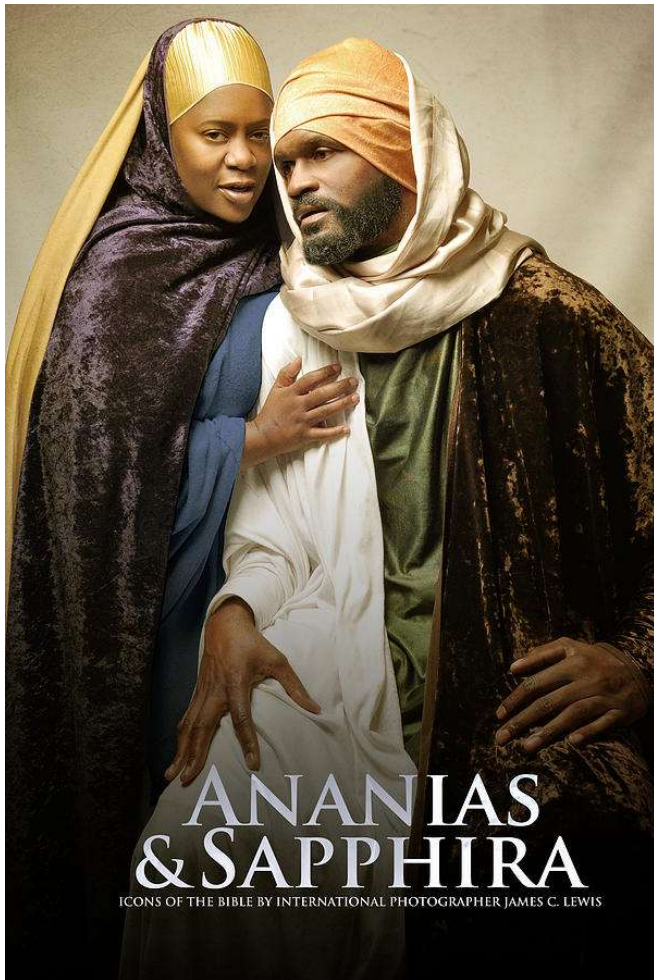


First Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL
Order of Service
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

June 14, 2026

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

The Lord hears us when we cry out.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord showers us with blessings.

Praise the Lord!

Let us lift up the name of Lord for all to hear!

Praise the Lord!

Let us sing of God's endless grace and compassion!

Let us worship God!

Let us pray...

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life, and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil, in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Blue Hymnal 473 vs 1-4

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light. (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight. (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild. (Refrain)

Time with the Younger Church

Call to Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. O Covenant-keeper, forgive us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing.

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 Genesis 18:1-15 Acts 4:32 - 5:11
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Pay Up or Drop Dead*

Hymn of Reflection **“How Firm a Foundation”** **Blue Hymnal 361 vs 1-3**

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.*

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Call for the Offering



June – The Clothing Center

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

Prayers of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but Amen.

Hymn of Sending

“This is My Father’s World”

Blue Hymnal 293 All Verses

This is my Father’s world, And to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world. Oh, let me ne’er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father’s world: The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one.

*Benediction

*Postlude

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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](http://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.

PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Tim Wilson – continued eye concerns and healing from last eye surgery

Dick McCarty – is home and recovering he had an ablation done and is feeling better.

Linda Russell – had surgery to have a thumb joint replaced

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

Kathy Lutes

Paul Postlewaite – fell and broke his rib and had a brain bleed but is now back home. Doctors don’t believe there will be any lasting effects.

Jocelyne Ramsey & Family

Andrew Knoblet – is having additional/reoccurring problems please pray for him and his family

Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer

Shawn Bennett – Samantha Knoblett’s Brother

Ben Ramsey – Senior in Palestine School that had a bad wreck with a semi continue prayers as he recovers.

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

Kay Higgins – recent fall

Prayers for the Knoblett Children – with their ongoing Behavior Challenges

All of God’s People

Frank Draper - had a bad fall resulting in skull fracture and multiple brain bleeds he’s in Deaconess Hospital, Evansville

Lee Waldroup – he broke his left hip, he has had surgery and started therapy

Bo Brotherton – passed away Prayers for his family

Lynn Brower – had surgery on her hip prayers for continued healing

John and Phyllis LeFever – health and caregiver issues

Chester Greene – diagnosed with Tongue Cancer and will be receiving radiation treatments at Barnes Jewish hospital in St. Louis

Luke Hayes – Brain disorders

Krue Williams – Leukemia

Jim Higgins – recovery from back Surgery

Dick McCarty – is home and recovering

Mary Laughead – Would appreciate having visitors from her church family, Carle Richland Memorial Hospital, 800 E Locust Street, Suite 304, Olney, IL 62450

Hob Murphy – is expected to come home on April 28th, no dialysis for the time being but he will be on a feeding tube.

Judy Kincaid – Back injury

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

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

Chester & Karen Greene (Home Address)

45A Marker Street,

Highland, IL, 62249

Carle Richland Memorial Hospital

Mary Laughead

800 E Locust Street, Suite 304, Olney, IL 62450

StoneBridge of Olney

JoAnn Summers (no Visitors at this time)

1304 N East Street, Olney, IL 62450

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION GIVING – June

The Clothing Center

MISSION GIVING – July

Marion Medical Mission

Meeting Dates

- June 23rd at 6p.m. Session Meeting at the church
- July 13th at 6p.m. Investment Committee meeting

Important Dates & Events

- July 12th Pastor Nan's Installation
- **June 21st Father's Day Breakfast 9:15 a.m. All are welcome! Just bring yourselves! We will be having Breakfast pizza, fruit, donuts, rolls, coffee, juice, and milk. West basement entrance. Come and Enjoy a time of fellowship!**

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 – March/April
- The Upper Room – May/June

Get the latest information on worship services, church activities, prayer requests, etc. by signing up to be on our email list. Go to our website, www.firstprespalestine.com and scroll to the bottom to fill out the subscription form or email the church office at 1stpresby.palestine@gmail.com.

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