First Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL **October 18, 2026**

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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!



Moses and the Glory of the LORD, Painter Unknown

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

O magnify the Lord with us and let us exalt God's name together!

Let us pray:

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you,

and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" Blue Hymnal 474**

O splendor of God's glory bright, From light eternal bringing light; Thou light of life, light's living spring, True day, all days illumining.

Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, Shower down Thy radiance from above, And to our inward hearts convey The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day With thoughts as clear as morning's ray, With faith like noontide shining bright, Our souls unshadowed by the night.

O Lord, with each returning morn Thine image to our hearts is born; O may we ever clearly see Our Savior and our God in Thee!

Time with the Younger Church

Call to Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength.

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 **Matthew 22:15-22** **Exodus 33:12-23**

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

Sermon *Longing to See God*

Hymn of Reflection "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Blue Hymnal 404

Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn Through the storm, through the night Lead me on to the light Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home

When my way grows drear Precious Lord, linger near When my life is almost gone Hear my cry, hear my call Hold my hand, lest I fall Take my hand precious Lord Lead me home

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

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 deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Sending "Let All Things Now Living" Blue Hymnal 554

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving To God the creator triumphantly raise. Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night. Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished As forward we travel from light into light.

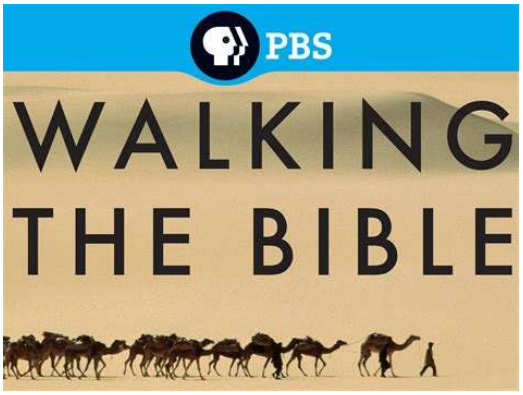
By law God enforces, the stars in their courses And sun in its orbit obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; With glad adoration a song let us raise Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.

*Benediction

*Postlude

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Walking the Bible – A Journey by Land through the Five Books of Moses



Adult Sunday School begins a video series featuring Bruce Feiler's book "Walking the Bible" on **Sunday, October 18**. The stories in the first five books of the Bible, also known as the Torah, come alive as Feiler searches across three continents for the stories and heroes shared by Christians and Jews. Please arrive for Sunday School **before 9:30 am** as we'll start the 32-minute video segment right on time; then we'll have time for brief discussion before we adjourn at 10:15 am. All are welcome!

****** Choir practice begins Wednesday, October 28th at 6:45 p.m. Come one, come all! There will be persimmon pudding to kick off our first rehearsal.**

PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Cindy York – prayers for a speedy recovery after having knee surgery

Harry Redman – is home now and having in home care from CMH continued prayers for his recovery.

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

MaryAnn Fulling – prayers for healing after having a pacemaker surgery

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 back in a behavioral hospital please pray for him and his family and an effective treatment that will allow him to safely get back home. Also continued prayers for the other two Knoblett Children with their ongoing Behavior Challenges.

Rita Garrard – Breast Cancer

All of God's People

Family of Marily Henderson- she passed away on October 2

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

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 she has stage 2B lung cancer. She will be having a port put in on the 22nd for Chemotherapy.

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

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

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

- **Choir practice begins Wednesday, October 28th at 6:45 p.m.**

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
Meredith Gentry 600 E Adair Street, Valdosta, GA 31601

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Office Hours: Rev. Nan Adams

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9AM-1PM

Phone or Text anytime (850) 218-9252

Email: nanadams@outlook.com

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.