
Order of Service

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

We are so glad you have joined us for worship – either in person or online. You can get the latest information by visiting our website (www.firstprespalestine.com) and signing up to be on our Email list. We know that God is present whenever we gather, whether we gather in person or virtually, and hears the praise and prayers of our hearts. God's peace be with you.

****INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

We live in a society which depends on fellowship supported by forgiveness.

We hurt on another and are hurt by one another because we are human.

We can and must heal those hurts with forgiveness. It is the way God acts toward us when we hurt him.

May God give us a sufficient portion of His grace. That we may be forgiving toward one another.

****Opening Hymn *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* Red Hymnal #288 verses 1&2**

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace
appear The hour I first believed!*

Invocation

Children's Moment

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness (James 5: 15-16)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness.
Thanks be to God!

****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 18:21-35

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "You'll Get What's Coming to You"

Rev. Tom Akers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reflection Hymn

Pass it On

Red Hymnal #484 verses 1&3

It only takes a spark To get a fire going And soon all those around Can warm up in its glowing That's how it is with God's love Once you've experienced it You spread His love to ev'ryone You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend This happiness that I've found You can depend on Him It matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Call for the Offering

SEPTEMBER GIVING – FOOD PANTRY



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 (POB 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – 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

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending**

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Red Hymnal #288 verses 3&4

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun.

Benediction

Postlude

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PRAYER REQUEST

Newly Added or Updated

Family of Betty Powell

Sally Shepherd – Stress triggered heart attack

Kathy Lutes – Kidney stone & infection

Our Continuing Care Concerns

Dave Fulling – Kidney Surgery

John Gerrity – Hip Replacement Surgery

Shawn (Samantha Knoblett's Brother)

Levi, Samantha Knoblett & Kids - Keep the prayers coming as J is getting closer to his adoption day!

Pastor Akers

Blain Loll – Diagnosed with Leukemia

Glenn Judge – Testing as a result of heart pain.

Brenda Wolfe

Megan Burton – Breast Cancer

Roger Wells - Cancer

Kyla Woodward & Family – Intestinal issues

Jeff Shanes

Jocelyne Ramsey & Family – Brain Tumor

Marilyn Henderson

Loretta Felkamp – Recovering from foot surgery

Mike Devin (Loretta's Brother) – Suffered a stroke

Tony Kirby – Several tests at Carle Clinic

John Hunter - Cancer has returned

Bill Miller – Colon Cancer

Nick, Lawrence, & Jacob (Knoblett friend's Children)

Nancy Seamon – Lung Cancer

Jim Higgins – Back Surgery with complications

Margo Riker - Leukemia

Mei Judge – doing well with treatment

Christy (Woodworth) Blickensderfer - Cancer

People of Ukraine

Doris & Bill Powell – Doris battling lung cancer

People of Maui

Please keep the PNC in your prayers for discernment and patience.

Remember our college students

Kendra Biggs – Bellarmine

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

Timber Creek Village

Sharon Biggs, Mary Laughead, Paul Rosenberg
1302 W Highland Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454

Sisters of Providence

Guileen Manual
1 Providence Pl, St Mary-Of-The-Woods, IN 47876

BridgePointe Health Campus

Cheryl Mefford
1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

Arbor Rose of Robinson

Carolyn Ripley
500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

Cotillion Ridge

Lee Vehling
600 Robinwood Dr, Robinson, IL 62454

The Villages at Oak Ridge

Joan Goodwin
1694 Troy Rd, Washington, IN 47501

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER GIVING – FOOD PANTRY

MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6 p.m. – Session Meeting (Packets in Boxes)
- Monday, October 9, 2023, 6 p.m. – Investment Committee Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- October 1 – Communion Sunday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Food pantry needs volunteers! Monday 1-3 and Wednesday 5-6. They could use any able-bodied workers! Also, someone to learn the computer would be great!

LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- The Upper Room – September & October

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023, DONATIONS: **\$865.00**

Our Church Offering	\$ 510.00
Greater Presbyterian Offering	\$5.00
Marion Medical	\$100.00
Memorial	\$250.00
August 2023 Online Giving:	\$3,433.00

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