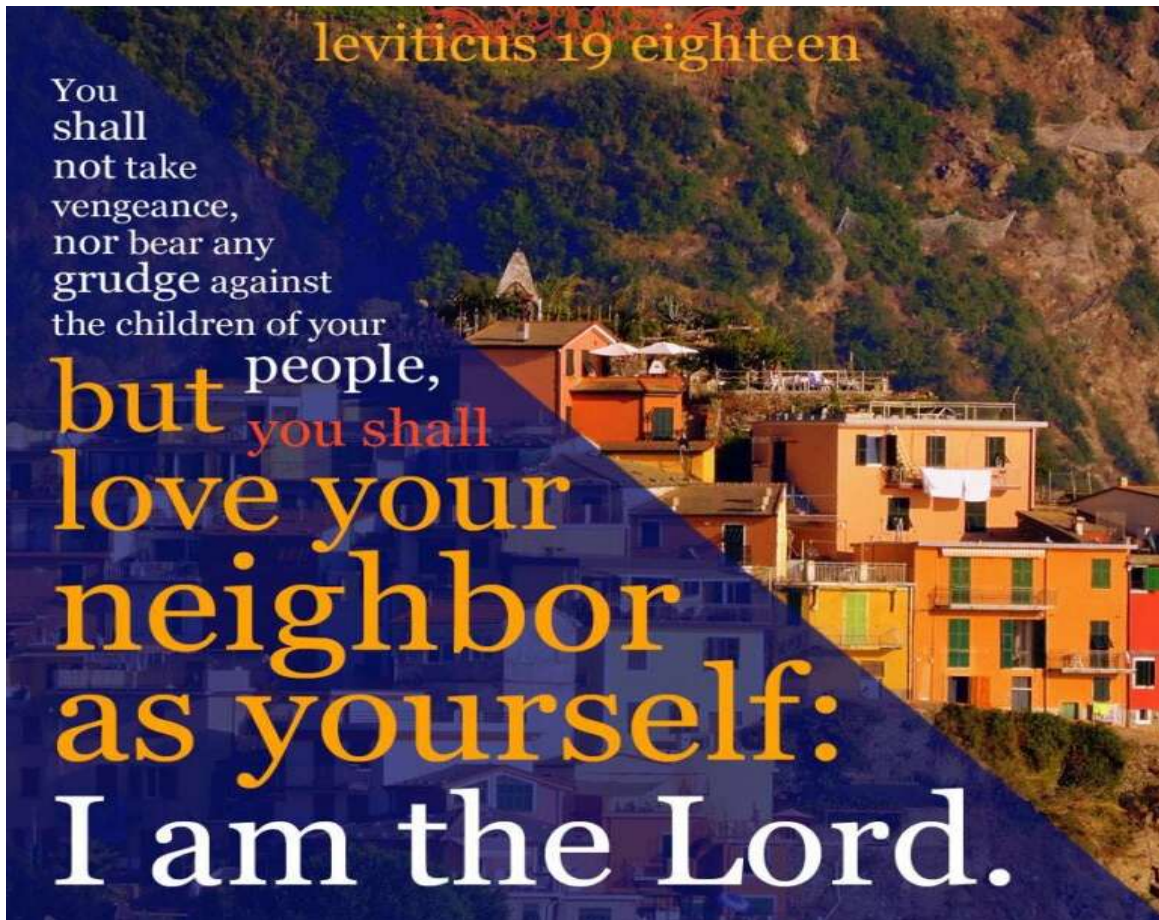

First Presbyterian Church of Palestine, IL
Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

October 25, 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

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home — to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.

We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.

We dwell in you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, your Son has shown us how to love one another. May our love for you overflow into joyous service and be a healing witness to our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Blue Hymnal 260 vs 1 & 4**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth: Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Time with the Younger Church

Call to Confession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of Confession

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. Forgive us and teach us so that kindness and generosity will govern our hearts and minds.

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 22:34-46 Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18

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

Sermon Be Holy

The Lord Is God

1 The Lord is God, the Lord a-lone! Give hon-or, thanks, and praise to
 2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might, O
 3 At night or day, at home, a-way, to-geth-er and a-part, O
 4 The Lord is God, the Lord a-lone! Give ho-nor, thanks, and praise to

God, the ma-ker of all things and gi-ver of our days.
 peo-ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
 chil-dren, take these ho-ly words and keep them in your heart.
 God, the ma-ker of all things and gi-ver of our days.

Glory to God 63

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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

"Today We All Are Called"

Blue Hymnal 434 vs 1, 3 & 4

Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord, To help to set the captive free, Make plow-share out of sword, To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast, To serve the poor and homeless first, Our ease and comfort last.

Pray justice may come rolling down As in a mighty stream, With righteousness in field and town To cleanse us and redeem. As Stewards of the earth may we Give thanks in one accord A world that was created for a harmony of peace.

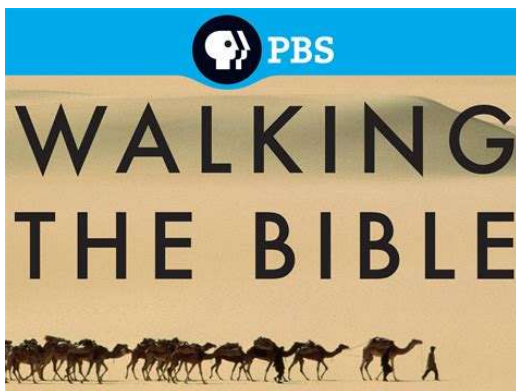
May we in service to our God Act out the living Word, And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard. As Stewards of the earth may we Give thanks in one accord To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

*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.**

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated in worship on November 1. Please submit names to the Church Office of folks who passed away since November 1, 2025. We welcome friends, family, and members of this congregation to be included. Please let the Church Office know the name of the person you wish to recognize, your name and the relationship you had with the person **by Thursday, October 29**. Thank you!



Remember – **November 1, 2026** is the day we turn our clocks BACK an hour.



THEOLOGY ON TAP'S GATHERING

AT GATTER BREWERY

109 S Main Street, Palestine

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 ✕ 5:30 pm

Featuring Monical's Pizza

Join us for an evening of discussion, fellowship and a light supper of Monical's Pizza. The facility is normally closed on Wednesday nights, so we have the place to ourselves and children are welcome! The pizza is Free, but beverages are on you. **We've moved the event start time up to accommodate Choir Practice which will have started up again by that night.** So eat, discuss, and then walk around the corner to sing! We are relaxing our environment and increasing our presence in the community so feel free to bring a friend.

There is a sign-up sheet with your chance to declare your pizza preference.



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

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

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

Krue Williams – Leukemia

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

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

- November 17th Session Meeting at 4p.m. at Lynn's house
- January 11th at 6p.m. Investment Committee 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 – September/October
- The Upper Room – November/December

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

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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Tuesdays and Thursdays 9AM-1PM

Phone or Text anytime (850) 218-9252

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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.

Session Highlights

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

- Nan presented upcoming events and dates.
- Nov. 1st – All Saint's Day. Time Change.
- Nov. 4th – Theology on Tap 5:30p.m. at Gatter's. Sign-up sheet available.
- Nov. 18th – Lunch with Nan with Cheryl preparing the meal. Sign-up sheet will be available.
- Nov. 22nd – Christ the King Sunday. Nan plans to be gone. MaryAnn will provide a message.
 - Advent décor potentially put up in the afternoon.
- Nov. 29th – Advent begins
- Dec. 6th – Church Holiday meal following Worship. Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls and drinks will be provided. Anyone wishing to bring sides or desserts please do so.
- Dec. 12th – Nan and Kathy Open House, 2:00-4:00 pm
- Dec. 13th – Advent Event following worship – intergenerational – possible light lunch, crafts, homebound gift-making, cookie decorating.
- Dec. 20th – Blue Christmas Service, 3:00 pm
- Member and Elder Marilyn Henderson May 20, 1947-October 2, 2026. Marilyn served as an Elder in the class of 2008. The quilted wall hangings that Marilyn created are treasured by our congregation.
- We are still looking for someone to do snow removal
- Mark will be using the new camera next week.
- Rubber guide shoes have been ordered for the elevator. Some of the recent issues have been operator misunderstandings.
- Dave thinks the ultrasonic device is helping deter the bats. He wants to optimize barriers for their potential entry.
- Eric reported the Investment committee rebalanced assets - moving money from stocks to T Bills and Operating.
- The Budget was presented and adjustments discussed. The budget will be completed and presented for approval at the November Session meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at Lynn's house.

