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# Order of Service

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 29, 2024

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!

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

### GATHERING

#### Gathering Music

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

As our prelude is played, let us quiet our soul with meditation and prayer.

#### Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 124:8)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.**

God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

**Let us worship our Helper!**

#### **\*\*Opening Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Blue Hymnal # 464 All Verses**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began; Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.*

#### Invocation

#### Children's Moment

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God, do you go silent when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence? Does your silence mock our own silence in the face of unchecked weaponization and loss of life? Forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## Declaration of Forgiveness

We are whole people who are called to make this world whole, with God's help. **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**     **Mark 9:38-50**

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message**             *MaryAnne Kidwell*

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Reflection Hymn**     *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*             **Blue Hymnal # 372 verses 1&4**

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart. In-a  
my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart*

## Call for the Offering



### **September giving- Peace & Global Witness**

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      *Take My Life*

**Blue Hymnal # 391 Verses 1&3**

*Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee, Filled with messages from Thee.*

### Benediction

### Postlude

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## PRAYER REQUEST

### Newly Added or Updated

**Family of Donna Siler-Garrett**

**Family of Bernadine Limper**

**Family of David Hetzler**

**Family of Judy Winger**

### Our Continuing Care Concerns

**Family of Lee Ryan**

**Family of Robert "Bob" Manning**

**Kathy Lutes**

**Auggie Martin** – Pulmonary Edema

**Tamra Kidwell** – Serious Health Issues

**Aaron Earle** -pray for guidance

**Mike Emmerich & Family** –Son Deployed to Kuwait

**Bill Klein** – Prostate Cancer

**Knoblett Family**

**Margo Riker** - Leukemia

**Chad Coleman** – Colon Surgery, starting Chemo

**Doris & Bill Powell** – Doris battling lung cancer

**Dave Holubek** – Car Accident/Broken Back & Neck

**People of Ukraine**

**Jocelyne Ramsey & Family** – Brain Tumor

**People of Israel**

**Jamie Schell (Sandy Ellis's cousin)** –Breast cancer

**Rita Garrard** – Breast Cancer

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

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

#### **Timber Creek Village**

Dave & Judy Winger  
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**

Marilyn Henderson  
500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

#### **Villas of Holly Brook Newton**

Sharon Biggs  
101 S Gregory Dr, Room 37, Newton, IL 62448

#### **Carle Richland Memorial Hospital**

Mary Laughead  
800 E. Locust St Suite 304, Olney, IL 62450

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MEETING DATES

- Monday, October 7, 6:00 p.m. - Investment and Budget meeting
- Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- October 6 – Communion Sunday

## 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

- The Upper Room –September & October
- 2023 Annual Report

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