

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer of Adoration

***Praise Music** *"Sing Wherever I Go"*

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen.

Please take a moment to personally confess your sins to God.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 103:2-5, 8-12

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

*** Hymn of Praise #3** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Kids Church

All kids kindergarten through 5th grade are invited out the Sanctuary's side door (near the elevator) for Kids Church.

Staff and volunteers will lead them through worship, activities, and age-appropriate Bible lessons. They are welcome to make their own offering on their way downstairs.

* The Peace of Christ

Because we have been granted peace with God, we extend that same peace to those around us with a warm greeting and welcome.

Choir *"God of Grace"* violinist - Deb Linnes

Offering / Offertory

As an act of worship, we invite you to give towards God's Kingdom work here.

* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading **Nehemiah 2:1-20**
Robyn Hendrickson

Sermon *Permission to Proceed*
Rev. Nancy Overgaard

*** Closing Hymn #210** *Jesus Paid it All*

*** Benediction and Response** *Go Now In Peace*

** Please stand if you are able.*

Are you in need of prayer? After the worship service, we have dedicated people ready to pray with and encourage you in our prayer chapel; located in the front of the sanctuary, just behind the piano.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

MONDAY SEPT 21

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

TUESDAY SEPT 22

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

WEDNESDAY SEPT 23

9:00 am Prayer Warriors (*Hearthside Room*)

10:00 am Coed Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room*)

3:00 pm KidZone (*Westminster Hall*)

5:45 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm Choir (*Choir Room*)

6:00 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY SEPT 24

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

SUNDAY SEPT 27

9:00 am Faith Cafe (*Multipurpose Room*)

10:00 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

11:00am Coffee Fellowship (*Westminster Hall*)

MONDAY SEPT 28

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

TUESDAY SEPT 29

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

WEDNESDAY SEPT 30

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Happy Birthday - Trey Hill & Tanieka Sousa (9/20), Zakk Hyland (9/21), Donna Rice & Tom Fogal (9/22), Asher Clark (9/24) and Siglinda Kleih (9/26)!



Prayer List - Please pray for: Karoline Fisher, Margaret Frerich's family, Rodney Williams, Lyle Paulson, Robyn Schafer, Siglinda Kleih and Bill Sievers. **If you have a prayer concern**, please fill out the purple 'Pray With Us' Card found in the pew-back in front of you and place it in the offering plates or the offertory box outside the church office.

Get Involved! - We would enjoy you joining in any or all of our activities and ministries. Please fill out the green 'Serve With Us' Card found in the pew-back in front of you and place it in the offering plate or the offertory box outside the church office. We'd love to serve with you.

Soup & Pie - Save the Date! Join us after worship on Sunday, October 11th for the annual church "Soup & Pie" fellowship. All are welcome! If you would like to bring a pie to share (or be judged in the pie baking contest), you will find a sign-up sheet outside the church office.

Tiger's Den - One of the missions the PWSC here at First Pres supports is "Tiger's Den", which collects hygiene products for the local middle school throughout the school year. If you would like to help, you may bring hygiene items to the donation box located by the church office, (You can also find a helpful 'needed items' list near the donation box).

Worship Accompanist - The worship and personnel committee would like to share that they have officially started looking for a worship accompanist to play for church service on a part time basis. Stay tuned for more details; but if you know of someone that might fit the bill, please reach out to those committee members!

Women's Bible Study - All women ages 16+ are welcome to join in on a new Bible study series! The group will meet every other Monday at 7pm in the Hearthside Room. A 7-session study series from 'Well Watered Women' entitled "Sweeter than Honey". (Books can be found on several online retailers!) Come join other women in the Word and fellowship!

Women's Retreat - Time is running out to get registered for the women's retreat at Hope Shores September 25-26! Grab some gal pals and head out for a day or two of fellowship with other women in God's presence. Registration can be found on the Hope Church website, hope-pc.org

Karoline Fisher - Please pray for Karoline as she embarks on her mission trip to Panama, from end of September to early November, helping finalize a Bible translation project with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Pray for her and her group's safety, and the success of her and the team's mission project.