

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer of Adoration

*** Opening Hymn #108** *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Prayer of Confession (Based on Romans 8)

All:

Gracious God,

We confess that when life becomes hard, we often allow fear, worry, and doubt to overwhelm our faith. We forget that You are for us, that Christ intercedes for us, and that nothing can separate us from Your love. Forgive us for trusting our circumstances more than Your promises. Help us to rest in the assurance that, in all things, You are with us.

Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness (Based on Romans 8)

Christ Jesus died, was raised to life, and now intercedes for us. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Him, we are forgiven, loved, and secure. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise #15** *Abba Father*

* 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.

Kids Message

Andrea Riemann

All kids are invited forward to sit on the chancel steps for the Kids Message. Parents are invited to sit with their children if it makes them feel more comfortable.

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

Romans 8:31-39

Elder Name

Sermon

When Life Is Life, God is With Us
Steve Piper

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Sacrament of Communion

All who place their hope in Christ are invited forward for communion. Beginning with the back of the room, you can make your way up the center aisle to be served. Gluten-free bread is available at the center table. For those who are unable to come forward, simply raise your hand and a server will serve you in your seat.

*** Closing Hymn #493** *It Is Well with My Soul*

* 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 7

Church Offices Closed - Labor Day

TUESDAY SEPT 8

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

6:30 pm Session Meeting (*Multipurpose Room*)

WEDNESDAY SEPT 9

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

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

3:00 pm KidZone (*Westminster Hall*) *Season Opener!*

6:01 pm Choir Kick-Off (*Choir Room*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*) *Season Opener!*

THURSDAY SEPT 10

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

SUNDAY SEPT 13

9:00 am Faith Cafe (*Multipurpose Room*) *New Series!*

10:00 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

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

MONDAY SEPT 14

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

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

TUESDAY SEPT 15

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

WEDNESDAY SEPT 16

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

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

THURSDAY SEPT 17

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

9:00 am Days for Girls (*Multipurpose Room*)

Happy Birthday - Sue Erlandson, Ellie Schumaker, Neal Pederson & Jill Hanson (9/6), John Bangh, Linda Lund & Aaron Klatt (9/8), Dylan Riskedahl & Lydia McGill (9/9), Steve Piper, Deb Wessling & Shirley Olsen (9/10), Becky Johnson (9/11) and Maris Riemann (9/12)!



Prayer List - Please pray for: 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.

KidZone & Highlife - Kicking off THIS WEEK **Wed. Sept. 9th!** There is still time to register those kiddos for KidZone!

* *PS - Check out the "Cookie Wall" downstairs by the church kitchen. Would you like to sign up to bring cookies/treats to KidZone?? We can even freeze treats if you would like to bake/bring them in advance.*

New Faith Cafe Series - Grab a cup of coffee and join in on this new series, "Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado, **beginning Sunday 9/13 at 9:00am** in the Multipurpose Room! All welcome; geared towards ages 16+

Church Work Day - Thank you to all who came Monday 8/31 to help with the workday projects - it was a successful day!!

Women's Bible Study (New) - Beginning Monday, Sept.14, 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!

Choir Kick- Off - Attention music lovers and singers, the FPC choir is starting their fall season this **Wednesday, 9/9 at 6:01pm**...with cheesecake!! Anyone interested in joining the choir is welcome to attend!

Sunday Scripture- You may remember that the Sunday scripture passage used to be in the bulletin; however, scripture, more often than not, does not always fit in the bulletin. In addition to scripture being read aloud and on the screens, you will now find a few copies of the scripture (same copy as the scripture readers) on the sanctuary tables for those that may wish to have a written copy.