

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Missions Karoline Fisher

Prayer of Adoration Praise Team

Opening Worship

Seek Ye First/Change My Heart

Prayer of Confession: Nehemiah 1:5-6

All: I said, "God-of-Heaven, the great and awesome God, loyal to his covenant and faithful to those who love him and obey his commands: Look at me, listen to me. Pay attention to this prayer of your servant that I'm praying day and night in intercession for your servants, the People of Israel, confessing the songs of the People of Israel. And I'm including myself, I and my ancestors, among those who have sinned against you."

Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness: Nehemiah 1:8-9

Pastor: (Lord), remember the warning you posted to your servant Moses: 'If you betray me, I'll scatter you to the four winds, but if you come back to me and do what I tell you, I'll gather up all these scattered peoples from wherever they ended up and put them back in the place I chose to mark with my Name.'

*** Hymn of Praise # 2** *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing (all vs)*

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

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 1:1-11
Jill Hanson

Sermon Leadership Begins on Your Knees
Rev. Mike Olmsted

*** Closing Hymn #435** *What A Friend We Have In Jesus (all vs)*

*** 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 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*)

3:00 pm KidZone (*Westminster Hall*)

6:00 pm Choir (*Choir Room*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY SEPT 17

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

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

SUNDAY SEPT 20

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

10:00 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

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

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*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*)

THURSDAY SEPT 24

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

Prayer List - Please pray for: 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.

Cookie Wall - Calling all bakers and baked-goods aficionados! 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. **Began today!** At 9:00am in the Multipurpose Room! All welcome; geared towards ages 16+

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 (New) - Beginning TOMORROW, 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!

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

Sunday Scripture- 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.

Happy Birthday - Louella Komdat (9/13), Marlowe Wangen (9/14), Jarred Hanson (9/15), Lori Austin (9/16), Jesse Maiden (9/18) and Shari Klatt & Ali Radke (9/19)!

