

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer of Adoration

*** Opening Hymn #2** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Prayer of Confession - from Psalm 51

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!

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me,
and I shall be whiter than snow.

Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness - from Matthew 1

Hear the good news! The angel declared, "you shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

In Jesus Christ, God has come to be with us—Emmanuel—and
through Him our sins are forgiven. Trust in His saving grace and
walk in the peace of His forgiveness. Amen.

*** Hymn of Praise #30** *How Majestic Is Your Name*

* 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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Elder Justin Holmes

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

When Life Brings Salvation

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 #133

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

* Benediction and Response

Go Now In Peace

** Please stand if you are able.*

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

MONDAY AUG 3

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

TUESDAY AUG 4

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

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

WEDNESDAY AUG 5

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

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

THURSDAY AUG 6

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

SUNDAY AUG 9

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

10:00 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*)

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

MONDAY AUG 10

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

TUESDAY AUG 11

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

WEDNESDAY AUG 12

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

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

6:07 pm Stockholder's Dinner (*Westminster Hall*)

THURSDAY AUG 13

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

Prayer List - Please pray for: Doug Christopherson, Betty Rietsema, Erma Colvin, 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 **Wed. Sept. 9th!**

KidZone: Registration for the 2026-2027 season is now open! Go to our [website](#) and click the link at the top to register!

Wednesdays 3:00-5:30pm

Highlife: No official registration is necessary, but if you are a kid between 6th-12th grade, join in on the fellowship and fun!

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm

Pastor's House Call - Tune in to KATE Radio 1450AM this week as our own Pastor Nancy shares a "4 Minute Devotions" segment on air, in a program entitled "Pastor's House Call". This segment will air daily, August 3-7th at 10:05am. Be sure to tune in to 1450 AM to listen!

All Church Picnic - Join us for the all church picnic after the worship service TODAY; all are welcome! Hotdogs, chips and a sweet treat! Don't miss out!

Wednesday Bible Study - 8/5, the Wednesday morning co-ed Bible study group will be starting a new study titled, "1 & 2 Thessalonians". If interested, please contact the church so we can make sure to get you a book.

Food Pantry - The needed item for the month of August is crackers. As always, thank you so much for your continued support of the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Fall Events- Be on the lookout for the church fall events calendar! The 2026 fall event schedule is slated to be out mid August - stay tuned! Also, Hope Shores is offering both a men's and women's retreat - see news email & social media for details!

Happy Birthday - Jason Willner (8/2), Emily Arends & Lou Muilenburg (8/3), Julie Johnston & Eloise Aldrich (8/4) and Kolten Eisenmenger (8/8)!

