PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Bruce Niebuhr, Liturgist

ADORATION

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, knowing that God knows you and loves you.

We come just as we are.

Come, ready to love God and love our neighbors.

We come with open hearts.

Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN #344**

"CHRIST OF THE UPWARD WAY"

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you know us completely, and you love us still. Yet we so often forget that we are your beloved children. We judge ourselves by standards you never gave us, and we judge others by standards we would not want applied to ourselves.

Forgive us, O God. Remind us that every person is precious in your sight. Teach us to receive your love with gratitude, and to offer that same love to our neighbors. Help us to see one another as you see us: with compassion, patience, and delight.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 Pg. 658

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL Children ages 6 through 5th grade

***HYMN #418**

"SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING"

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 12:28-34 pg. 924

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

DEDICATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN** "LET US BUILD A HOUSE"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE #587**

"AMEN, AMEN"

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand if you are able

Notes

Rev. Becky Downs, Pastor
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Jackson Okland, Assistant Director of Music
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Lori Wiseman, Ensemble Coordinator
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Patricia Anglin, Childcare Provider
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David Campbell, Treasurer

FPC Mission Statement

God calls First Presbyterian Church
to reflect Christ as we strive to:
Enrich our personal and congregational spiritual growth,
joyfully embrace visitors and each other in the fellowship
of a spiritual family, increase knowledge about our faith,
reach out to serve and include our diverse community,
and respond to God's call to serve those in need.

August 23, 2026 – August 30, 2026

SUNDAY	
MONDAY	**Salvation Army** Monday Serving Team
TUESDAY	**Music & Arts Ministry Meeting,** 4:00 PM, library
WEDNESDAY	**Men's Breakfast,** 7:30 AM, America's Kitchen **Meals on Wheels**, Noon
THURSDAY	**Session,** 7:00 PM, library
NEXT SUNDAY	**9:00 Ida Austin Class**, online **9:15 Quest Bible Study**, parlor **9:30 Sunday School Class**, chapel **12:00 Nominating Committee Mtg.**, in the library

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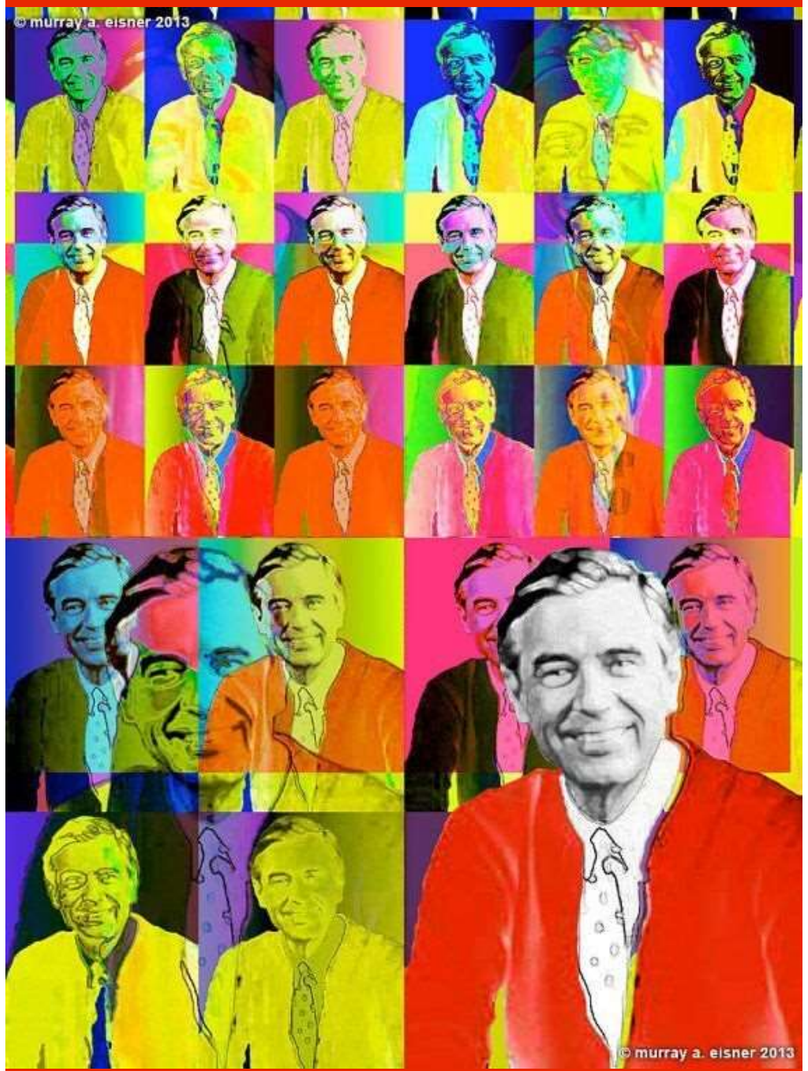

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Sunday, August 23, 2026
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