

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 2022

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BUT I AM LIKE A GREEN OLIVE TREE
IN THE HOUSE OF GOD
I TRUST IN THE STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD
FOREVER AND EVER.
I WILL THANK YOU FOREVER
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

PSALM 52:8-9



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Making God's Love Visible

GATHERING

(*Please stand in body or in spirit)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Good morning and welcome to today's service at First Presbyterian Church in Escanaba. Today is July 17, 2022, the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

Are there any announcements?

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please stand, in body or in spirit, for the responsive Call to Worship.)

One: God is good and loving to the faithful. Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for you.

All: God is good! Praise the Lord!

*OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ, that through the witness of our lives the gospel may be proclaimed to all people. Amen

*CALL TO CONFESSION

In Christ, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.
Trusting in Christ, let us seek God's forgiveness.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful Savior, you stand beside us, yet we prefer to stand on our own.

You choose us, yet we choose worry.

You attend to us, yet we attend to our work.

Forgive us, gentle Teacher.

Call us by name and visit us once more that we might find at your feet our joy, our purpose, and our hope.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Listen, I will tell you a mystery!

By his body and his cross, Jesus reconciles all who were once estranged.

Christ in you is the glory of God.

Believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

HYMN: #581 - *Gloria Patri

(Please be seated)

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN - *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he, of
the things that are, that have been, and that future years
shall see, evermore and evermore!

By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done: heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

It is played by Deirdre Kennedy-Peacock on violin, D. Ann Wood on belltree, and Bill Rinne on piano.

CHILDREN'S TIME

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(Let us pray that the words of scripture illumine our hearts and minds.)

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-10a (pg. 10-11)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Colossians 1:15-28 (pg. 155)

SERMON: *The Ultimate Package Deal* Rev. Jan Reed

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED
(pg. 35)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 35)

One: In faith, O God, **All:** *we seek your grace.*

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

In gratitude for all that God has done for us, let us present our gifts to God.

***DOXOLOGY (pg. 606)**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION**

(Please join me in praying the unison prayer of Thanksgiving found in the bulletin.)

O God, receive these gifts, which are the product of our labors, and let us not forget the better part of our offering, which is our devotion to the words of life we have received from Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #634 - *To God Be the Glory

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE



The church expresses its sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of Larry Murray. Larry entered the gates of heaven on July 7, 2022, at age 84.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.”

⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.”

⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife, Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.”

¹⁰ Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”



Pray for ...

Cancer:

Bob Doran
Todd Green
Kathy Sovey
Dennis Gottschalk
Debbie Renken

Needing Extra Prayers:

Brooke Magnuson
Shirlee Lancour
Len Pilon (Jodi Tianen's Father)
Julie Heemstra (In S. Africa)
Roy Kemink
Sandy St. Peter
Cheryl Miller
Dave Christianson
Audrey Curry

Pray for those
struggling to pay
their bills.

Pray for those
fighting wildfires in
the west.

Pray for the people
of Sri Lanka as that
country is in
political turmoil.

Pray for peace.

July Deacon:

Nancy Garber

**Prayer Family of the
Week:**

David & Sally Jo Briggs

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, help me to avoid the
critical spirit that leans toward
injustice. Grant that none may be
made despondent waiting for my
mercy; but through forgiveness
may I inspire confidence in those
who have made mistakes and
influence them to a better life.

Amen



Congregants & Friends at Home

Sam & Elinor Benedict

Jim Davidson

Bill DeHaan (Rm 611)

Pinecrest

Sue Dennis

Jackie Giller

Ed Kuivinen (Rm 214)

North Woods Place

Julie Lang

Edie Olsen

Jean & Mark Rose

Elvera Segorski (Apt 120)

West Highland

Mary VanDyke

Bob Williams (Rm 124)

Bishop Noa

FPC CALENDAR

Sunday, July 17, 2022

6th Sunday after Pentecost - 9:30 am

Liturgist: Valerie Heemstra

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Happy birthday to Hannah Anderson

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Happy Anniversary to

Dave & Jodi Tianen

Monday, July 18, 2022

Tri-Co Safe Harbor, Nursery – 6:00 pm

Friday, July 22, 2022

Happy birthday to Joyce Schrock

Sunday, July 24, 2022

7th Sunday after Pentecost - 9:30 am

Liturgist: Rod Rahoi

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Happy birthday to Jo Rust

ELDERS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Rita Badham - 2	Alex DeHaan – 3	Valerie Heemstra - 1
Jan Curtis - 4	Linda Peterson – 1	Jodi Tianen - 7
Priscilla Green - Clerk	Maggie Tall – 5, 6	Ann Wood - 8

*** Session meets the 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 p.m.**

FPC Committee Chair 2022	
1. Christian Education	5. Nominating
2. Congregational Care/Membership	6. Personnel
3. Finance	7. Property
4. Mission and Outreach	8. Worship

Maggie Tall – Commissioner to the Presbytery

DEACONS

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bryan Bender	Brad Bender	Julie McGovern
Cindy M. Bender	Carol Varvil	Sue Doran
Rod Raho	Jane Gundry	Janet Hall
Nancy Garber	Sue Robitaille	Denise Young

*** Deacons meets the 3rd Sunday of each month @ 11:00 a.m.**

FPC STAFF

Pastor Rev. Jan Reed
Pastor’s office hours Tues. 1:00 to 4:30, Wed. 10:00 to Noon
 Office AssistantMrs. Rita Badham
 Treasurer Ms. Tracy Funke
 Nursery Caregivers
 Musician Mr. Bill Rinne
 Director of MusicMrs. Ann Wood
 SextonMr. Phil Stapert

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