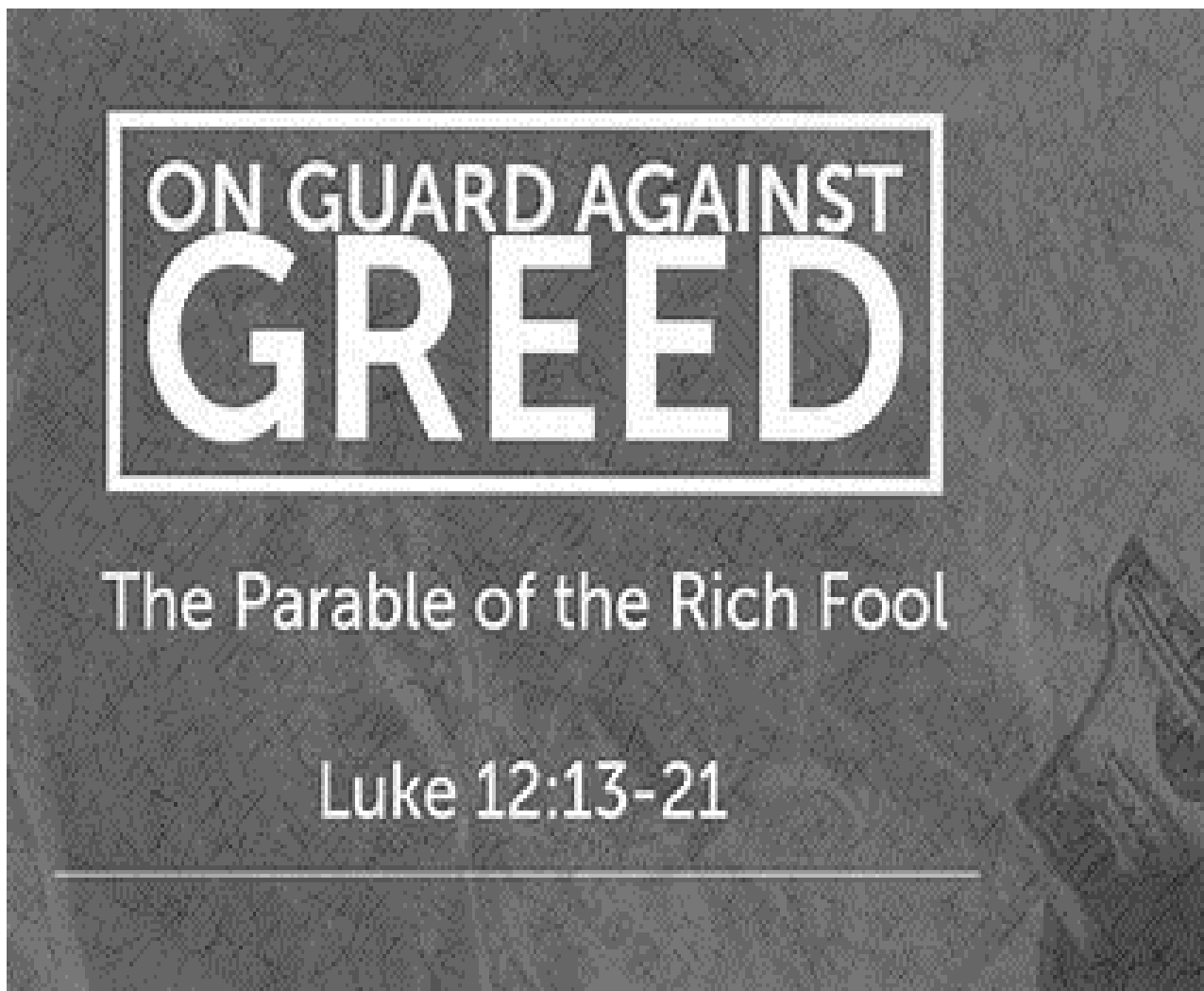


EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2022

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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 31, 2022, the Eighth 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 has given us this day.

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever.*

One: God has gathered us in this place.

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever.*

One: There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

All: *God's steadfast love endures forever.*

***OPENING PRAYER**

Let us Pray.

Extravagant God, you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match. You pour out mercy and cover us with love.

You show us true justice and offer us peace.

You provide us with every need and promise us eternal life with you. In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world, nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance.

Bathe us in the light of Christ, illumine us with your Holy Spirit, and enable us to live only for you. In Jesus' name we pray.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Already assured that forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, that we might receive mercy and amend our lives.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you lavish us with good gifts, yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life.

We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed; we desire the very things that harm us.

Forgive us, purify us, and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

If God is for us, who is against us?
In Jesus Christ you have been set free.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

HYMN: #581 - *Gloria Patri

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN - *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

The arrangement by Sandra Eithun is played by D. Ann Wood on belltree and Bill Rinne on piano.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

Holy God, allow us your wisdom. By the power of your Holy Spirit open the Scriptures to us today, that in the Word read and proclaimed we might know your truth. In Jesus' name we ask it. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 12:13-21 (pg. 57)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 (pg. 477-478)

SERMON: *What's The Point?* **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

God pours out blessings upon us, not so we can hoard them or take pride in what we have but that we might share our goods with the same generous spirit. With joy, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION**

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

All we have and all we are comes from you, O God, our Creator, our Sustainer, our Sovereign. If we were to give thanks until the end of time, we could not repay your benevolence and grace. Take these meager offerings, we pray, and increase our generosity, that everything we say and do might show forth your irrepressible love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

687 - *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vv. 1, 4 & 6)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Harold and Emelia Ogren in the death of his sister, Agnes Anna Johnson.

Luke 12:13-21 NRSV

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”

¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?”

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’

¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’

²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’

²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

August Birthdays & Anniversaries:

- 1 – Amanda Kuenzl
- 2 – Lorie Landis and Linda Peterson
- 3 – Happy Anniversary to
Mickey & Nancy Garber #53
- 13 – Happy Anniversary to
Bill & Peg Pickle #52
- 16 – **Elvera Segorski** -105 birthday
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2701 First Avenue S., Apt 120
Escanaba MI 49829
(906) 786-5085
- 16 – Sam Bender
- 19 – Happy Anniversary to
Harold & Em Ogren #61
- 20 – Ann Wood and Ella Sullivan
- 26 – Jo Kemink
- 27 – Becky Bender



Pray for ...

Cancer:

Bob Doran
Todd Green
Kathy Sovey
Dennis Gottschalk
Debbie Renken

Needing Extra Prayers:

Roman & Gayle Gill
Len Pilon (Jodi Tianen's
Father)
Julie Heemstra (In S. Africa)
Roy Kemink
Sandy St. Peter
Cheryl Miller
Dave Christianson
Audrey Curry

Prayer of the Day

Merciful and just God, I pray that I may regulate my life by thy standards and conform my life to thy laws, that thy goodness and mercy may not be wasted on me. Help me to bear in mind, that willingness is the power that starts the hands to work. May I have thy presence while I wait in quietness, that I may be helped through the anxious moments. Amen

**August Deacon
of the Month:**

Denise Young

Prayer Family of the Week:

Brian & Ann Wood

Pray for parents preparing their children for school.

Pray for our planet, our home, amid droughts, floods, and wildfires.

Pray for peace



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 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost - 9:30 am
Liturgist: Hal Martin

Monday, August 1, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Tri-Co Safe Harbor - Nursery

Sunday, August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost - 9:30 am
Liturgist: Denise Young

Monday, August 8, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Tri-Co Safe Harbor – Nursery

Thursday, August 11, 2022

5:30 pm Picnic Dinner - VBS 6-8 pm

Friday, August 12, 2022

5:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner - VBS 6-8 pm

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 Rahoii	Jane Gundry	Janet Hall
Nancy Garber	Sue Robitaille	Denise Young

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

FPC STAFF

PastorRev. Jan Reed
Pastor’s office hours Tues. 1:00 to 4:30 and 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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