

Next Week's Worship, Sunday, September 27, 2026, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 14:22-33, *1 Kings 19:1-13; "The Silence of God"; Pastor Matt is preaching.

In his book, *The Way of the Heart*, Henri Nouwen writes that one of the goals of ministry is to lead people into the "silence of God." For Nouwen, this place of silence is not an absence of things but a place where we can experience the richness of God's presence. But silence of this sort can be scary and unnerving, not to mention difficult to attain in a noisy world. What are your thoughts about entering the silence of God? What can we learn from the Elijah's encounter with God's silence on Mt. Horeb?

Announcements for the Week, September 20 - September 27

Worship, Sunday, September 20, 8:30 and 11 am; **Sunday School**, 9:45 am

Worship Team Rehearsal, Monday, September 21, 5:45 pm, Sanctuary

Session Meeting, Monday, September 21, 7 pm, Upstairs Classroom/Zoom

Fish Co., Tuesday, September 22, 8 am, Zoom

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Tuesday, September 22, 2 pm, St. Andrew's Place

Men's Breakfast Group, Wednesday, September 23, 9 am, Fairmount Diner

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday, September 23, 10 am, Upstairs Classroom

Mexican Train Dominos, Saturday, September 26, 2 pm, Fellowship Hall

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Books for adult Sunday school are available at the Connection Center and in the church office. Suggested donation is \$10.

First Presbyterian Church Purpose Statement

We are a people rooted in the love of Jesus—a tapestry woven together by threads of faith, grace, and relationship. We are a safe place to worship God, grow in the Spirit, and engage with God's Word. We live out our faith by serving and supporting others. Here you will be embraced, encouraged, and empowered wherever you are on your walk of faith. Everyone is welcome!

Join us in the call of Jesus: "Come and see."

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

8:30 & 11 am

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Reflection"

D. Wagner

*Call to Worship

Listen, friends! God is speaking!

God's voice whispers to us in the stillness.

It thunders across the skies.

It breaks out from the heavens.

All creation proclaims the glory of the Lord.

God also speaks through the Word.

That Word took on flesh to make God known to us.

The Word is truth and life.

The Word proclaims the promises and purposes of God.

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*Hymns of Praise

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Wickham, et al.

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

#123

"As the Deer"

#503

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prayer of Confession

We search for joy and meaning in our world. We look for it in our careers, our social circles, and along many of our paths in life. But these things are often fleeting, and our search is unsustainable. God, forgive us for not seeking your kingdom first. Remove those blinders that prevent us from seeing what you are doing in the world and in our lives. Help us to have our eyes focused only on you. May we seek the ultimate treasure, which is your salvation. Help us to trust that we are a forgiven people, who find joy in the assurance that we are yours. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	Matthew 11:25-30	Becca Paul
Time for Young Disciples		Pastor Matt
Scripture Reading	Psalms 46	
Sermon	“Rest in the Lord”	Pastor Matt
*Hymn of Response	“Abide with Me”	#466

Responding to the Word

Offering

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

sing twice

Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
our hearts are filled with gladness.
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our hearts are filled with gladness.

Congregational Prayer/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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Closing Hymn “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” #856

*Benediction

Postlude “The Gift of Love” Carter

Leading in Today’s Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Becca Paul
Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols
Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Jody Cox, Iantha Frazer
Media Team (varies): Ruth Brown, Wayne Brown, Tim Brye, Dan Cobb, Jody Cox, Bret Curtis, Dona Hair, Michele Haworth, Todd Haworth, Bonnie McCloskey, Bruce McCloskey, Barb Pappas, Bob Pappas, Dorita Reed, Paul Stutesman, Mark Wendt
Slides: Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes
This week’s slideshow: Sabbatical Reflections
Last week’s attendance: 8:30 36, 11:00 48, online 46

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*