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Rev. Michelle Bartel, Ph. D., Preaching
Stephanie Davisson , Accompanist
Linda Comingore, Liturgist

Welcome
to
First Presbyterian Church
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Church Mission Statement: We are a Presbyterian church responding to new mission frontiers presented by our changing culture. Guided by our Lord Jesus Christ, we love, serve and embrace all people.

Sunday Offering: \$1,470.00
Attendance: 19

Pastor:	Rev. Michelle J. Bartel, Ph.D.	
Youth Minister:	Stephanie Davisson	
Director of Music:	Stephanie Davisson	
Office Administrator:	Bethany Dodge	219-866-7005
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Technology Assistant:	Andrew Dodge	

Prayer concerns: Margaret Miller, Family of Joyce Cady, Carol Geisel, Rick & Kelly Dragoo, Julie Wall, Dawn Jefferson, Joy Mendenhall, Sharon DeWees, Tony’s mother, Family of Richard and Wendy White, Ron Sheffler and family, Ed & Barb Michael, Carol Hoover, the family of Bill Gehring, Deb & Jen H, Baha & Mavluda, Bessy & her family, the family of Malcolm and Jessica, Zachary Ausel, the Jones family, and Central Presbyterian Church in Lafayette.

If you would like a child’s folder or a wireless hearing assistance device, let the usher know.

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.

Lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

for ever. Amen.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 12	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship after the service
Monday, Oct. 13	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
Tuesday, Oct. 14	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dance Magic
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study (lounge)
Wednesday, Oct. 15	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Thursday, Oct. 16	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
Saturday, Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous (Lounge)
Sunday, Oct. 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship

Announcements

- Bible study will meet at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday in the lounge .
- Office hours will be Monday–Thursday from 9am-4pm.
- Youth meets this Wednesday from 5:00-6:30pm.
- Please join us in the fellowship hall after the service for some light refreshments and fellowship time.
- Please join us the **first four Sundays** in November, from **3:30-5:30 p.m.** for an adult education series titled:
"The Courage of Discipleship: Conversations with Dietrich Bonhoeffer about Faithful Living in These Times"
A simple soup and bread supper will be included!

Regarding the healed lepers in Luke 17:11-19

“the other nine ... didn’t do anything wrong and received the blessing promised them..... the one who turns back, however, is identified by Jesus, recognized and affirmed that he not only saw that he was healed but returned to give thanks, and was then blessed a second time.Jesus concludes his exchange by inviting the man to rise and go on his way and saying that his faith has made him not only physically well, but also whole and, indeed, saved.

-David Lose, posted on workingpreacher.org

Pied Beauty

By Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches’ wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God. – Philippians 4:6

“We have to be braver than we think
we can be, because God is constantly
calling us to be more than we are.”
— Madeleine L'Engle

For reflection:

Can you identify with
the leper was cleansed
and then returned to
praise Jesus? What
about this person is fa-
miliar to you?

Imagine running down
the road to catch up
with Jesus and praise
and worship him: what
would you be thanking
God for?

Most of us, most of the
time, do not feel entirely
whole. We may feel that
something is missing or
broken. If you could call
out to Jesus right now,
what would you ask him
to heal in you?

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Oct. 12, 2025

✠ Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Michelle Bartel

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 66):

Linda Comingore

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**People: Sing the glory of God’s name;
give to the Lord glorious praise.**

Leader: Come and see what God has done,

People: the Lord’s awesome deeds in the midst of creation.

Leader: Come and hear, all you who are in awe of the Lord,

People: and let us tell what God has done for us.

Leader: We have cried aloud to the Lord,

People: Extolling the Lord with our prayers and music.

Leader: Truly God has listened; and has heard the words of our friends.

Blessed be God, almighty and all-merciful,

**People: who has not rejected our prayers
or removed his steadfast love from us.
Come, let us worship the Lord!**

✠ Hymn of Praise # 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often we take your healing and grace for granted, the blessings to which we feel entitled, and we continue on our way rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all who suffer. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him. We are clothed with Christ’s own righteousness. Friends, hear this good news: it is in Jesus Christ that we are forgiven.

People: Alleluia, Amen!

✦ Response #581 *Gloria Patri*

Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading Psalm 111 p. 489 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15 p. 336 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15 p. 212 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10 p. 80 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Turning Back, Praising God

“Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him.”

Hymn of the Word # 652 *A Grateful Heart*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (we use “debts and debtors” in the prayer)

The Offering
(The Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plates on the pedestals either before or after Worship.)

✦Doxology #607 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving
Holy and generous God, use the gifts we bring for healing and reconciliation in the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

✦ Hymn of Sending # 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

✦ Benediction

Congregational Response #749 *Come! Live in the Light!* Verse 1 and Refrain

Postlude

-Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), Assurance of Pardon (adapted), Prayer for Illumination, and Prayer of Thanks giving, written by Stephanie Sorge for *The Presbyterian Outlook*.