

# Firelands Presbyterian Church

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## Vineyards with a View of the Auvers

Vincent Van Gogh 1853 - 1890

October 4, 2026

Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

## The Order of the Liturgy

↑ Please stand in body or in spirit ↑

### Prelude

*Interlude #13*

*Come, Christians Join to Sing*

Tate  
arr. Larson

### ↑ Call to Worship : Micah 6: 6, 8

With what shall we come before the Holy One,  
And bow ourselves before God on high?

**God has shown us what is good.**

What does the Holy One require of us,

**But to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God?**

### Hymn 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

### ↓ Call to Confession:

Have mercy, Christ, have mercy on all that trust in You, for You are God in glory to all eternity. Let us sincerely come before God for confession and repentance.

### Prayer of Confession *(together)*

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven; thanks be to God!

Glory to God - Hymn 447 (together)

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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Prayer of Illumination (together)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Psalm: Psalm 19

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims God’s handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
- <sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world. In them God has set a tent for the sun,
- <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong person, runs its course with joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

- the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
- <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- <sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;  
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.
- <sup>12</sup> Who can discern their errors? Declare us innocent from hidden faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servants also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion over us!  
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Anthem How Great Thou Art Hine/Hayes  
Sometimes Serendipity Singers

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 33 - 46

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Galatians 6:7

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will you also reap.

## ↑ **Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Hymn 321**                      *The Church's One Foundation (vs 1,2,5)*

## ↓ **Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving**

## ↑ **Doxology - Hymn 609** (*together*)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**The Peace:**              The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## ↓ **Prayers of the Church 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. Lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Communion Invitation & Acclamation**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. In Christ shall all be made alive.**

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Everytime you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

The Lord be with you.              **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.              **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **The Lord's Supper**      (*approach the table using the center aisle - return using the side aisles*)

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Communion Meditation

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Hayes

Prayer after Communion

↑Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Charge and Benediction

As we go forth from this place, our service of worship comes to an end. May our lives of worship and service begin anew with tomorrow’s rising sun.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Benediction Response (together)

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song. And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.

Postlude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. Carter

Announcements

Exploring Our Faith Bible Study meets Wednesday at 10:30am in the Conference Room, when we begin a study of the Apostles' Creed. Books are available in the church office.

Pot Luck Lunch & Walleye Bites, open to everyone meets this week on Thursday, October 8. We encourage you to attend and discover the joy of visual media as we learn about living our faith in God. A special showing of “Cabrini” is the featured video. Thursday Video continues on Thursday, the 15th with “The House of David” as the featured video, with conversation to follow.

Our Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30am in the Conference Room. This adult class studies the Scripture lessons which are a part of the morning worship service.

Prayer Concerns

Bob Leib; Remi Floro; Terry Webster (Kay McIntosh’s cousin) after surgery; Rod Keen (knee surgery); Linda and Garrett Holcomb; David Douglas, Dottie’s son, and Dottie; John Vardyon; Jim Layton; Bill Umlauf; Rob Constein; Rob Morris, Judy Smithers’ brother; Linda Holcomb’s sisters, Lois & Carol; Bill & Pat Sharp; Karla Hoffman; Flona & Eric Pott; Karen Dietz; Anne Trombatore; Betty Layton’s friend, Sue; Sue Holman; Karen Salzgeber’s friend Becky Deredick; All those under a doctor’s care; All who travel this weekend.

This Week at Firelands: Office Hours 10am - 2pm, Tue.-Thurs

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| Today 10/4        |  | 9:30am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader is Jane Gray-Moore. Communion Servers are Jay & Karen Viery. Coffee Fellowship Hosts are the Deacons.       |
| Monday            |  | 10:00am Sewing Group<br>2:00pm Exercise with Janet                                                                                                                                   |
| Tuesday           |  | 2:00pm - 4:00pm Dulcimer Group                                                                                                                                                       |
| Wednesday         |  | 10:30am Exploring Our Faith Bible Study<br>3:00pm Sometimes Serendipity Singers                                                                                                      |
| Thursday          |  | Noon Pot Luck Lunch & Walleye Bites<br>'Cabrini' - video to follow                                                                                                                   |
| Next Sunday 10/11 |  | 9:30am Adult Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship and Fellowship. The Reader is Gwen Aber. Communion Servers are Sally & Dave Wahlers. Coffee Fellowship Hosts are Ed & Shirley Carlson. |

