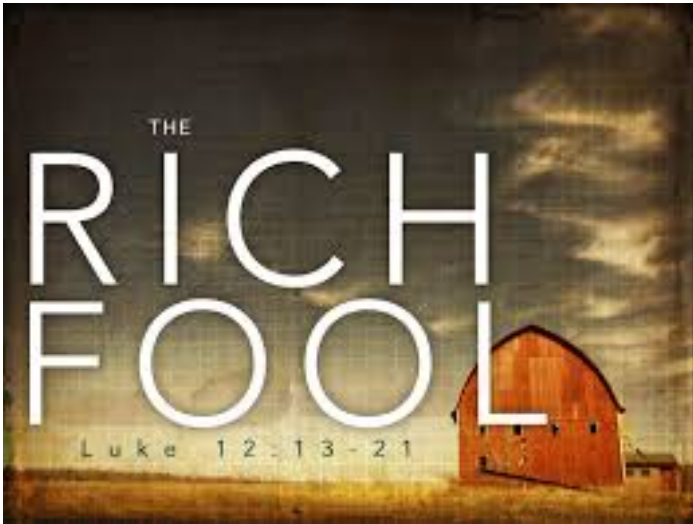


Firelands Presbyterian Church



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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit and committed to serving God and growing together in Jesus Christ.

We invite all of our worshippers to stay for fellowship following the service so that we might become better acquainted.

The Order Of The Liturgy

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

Thomerson Hayes

***Call to Worship**

Come as you are, broken and burdened,
and find healing in God’s goodness.

Come as you are, gifted and beloved,
and find purpose in God’s calling.

Come as you are, weary and anxious,
and find comfort in God’s embrace.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and worship the Lord our God with gladness.

***Opening Prayer**

God of Wisdom and Truth, there is so much that is uncertain, so much that is unpredictable. There are so many detours, confusing paths, and dead ends. Life can be tough to navigate. Yet, you do not leave us to find our way alone. In your Word we find a way, a compass, a guide. In your grace we find a shelter, open to anyone, everyone, all who seek refuge. In your love we can rest and know peace. As we offer you praise for all your mercies, may your Spirit visit us again with assurance and faith; that we might trust in your way of love and live for your glory; in the name of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Hymn** “O, Lord My God” Hymnal #625

Call to Confession

More than anything else, God wants to turn sinners into servants, bonds of sin into cords of compassion. Unafraid, let us confess our shortcomings and sins against God and neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, in things we have done in error and rebellion, and things we have left undone in neglect or indifference; in things we have said in anger or judgment, and things we have left unsaid in pride or busyness. We have not loved you with our whole, heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved others as you love us or as we love ourselves. In your mercy, O God, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we might delight in your will, embrace your ways, and joyfully build with you the kingdom that comes, to the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Kyrie: “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us” Hymnal #574

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are "Lord, have mer - cy up -". The second staff starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, then continues with the lyrics "- on us. Christ have mer - cy up - on us.". The third staff starts with a measure rest of 9 measures, then continues with the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with many whole and half notes.

Words of Assurance

Who has a right to judge anyone one of us? Who is in a position to condemn? Only Jesus Christ – and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Even now Jesus Christ prays for each one of us. Brothers and sisters, let us trust in the One who redeems us! In Christ Jesus we are a forgiven people.

This is God’s glory!

Praise and thanks be to God!

***Response:**

“Glory to God”

Hymnal #582

“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

God of abundant life, nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit, that we may grow in faith and love, serve in wisdom and grace, and live in joy and peace; for the sake of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things –anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Second Lesson: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ 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.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” 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. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” 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?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

***Affirmation of Faith** (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering Our Life and Gifts

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology Blue Hymnal #593**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church

Hymn	“Be Thou My Vision”	Hymnal #450
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COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation	“Blessings”	Brickman
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Communion

Post Communion Prayer

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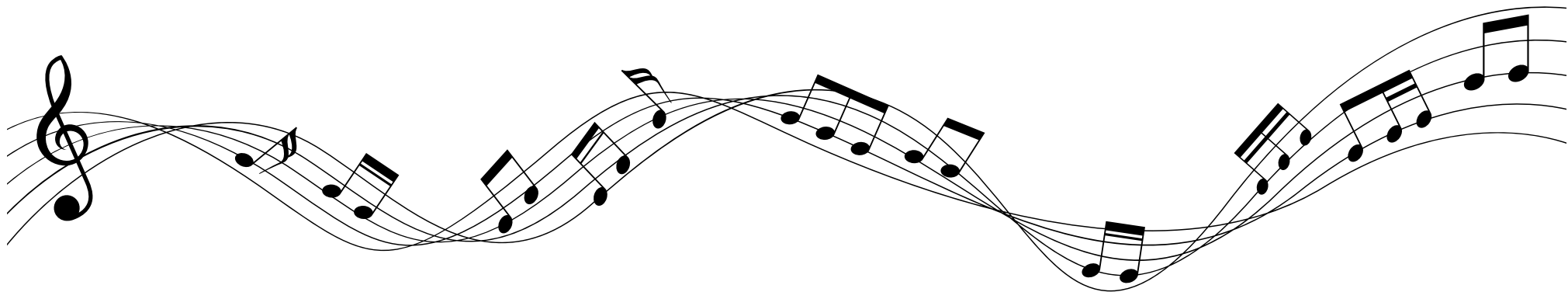
*Hymn	“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”	Hymnal #716
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***Charge**
Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Benediction**
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the comfort and challenge of God the Holy Spirit surround, sustain, and uphold us all this day and every day.

***Benediction Response**

"May You Run and Not Be Weary"



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

Postlude

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

Bell/Grigg

Ministers in This Sunday’s Service

- Preacher: Bobbie Bella
- Reader: Shirley Carlson
- Muscian: Susan Larcey
- Greeter(s) & Usher(s): Joyce Dellasantina
- Communion Assistants & Ushers: John & Kay McIntosh
- Refreshment Host: Carol Riznikove

Ministers in Next Sunday’s Service

- Preacher: Bobbie Bella
- Reader: Mary Caracci
- Musician: Susan Larcey
- Greeter(s) & Usher(s): TBD
- Communion Assistants & Ushers: Dave & Janet Moore
- Refreshment Host: Ed & Shirley Carlson

Prayer Concerns

JoAnn McIntosh, Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill Sharp, Vince Decker, Lois Harris, Simon Edwards, Deb, Danny, Kevin Reffitt, Janet Miller, John McLaughlin, Kenny Ambrozy, Peggy And Jerry Boroff, John Shuman, Susie, Judy, Dennis & Jeanette Walls, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey, Jean Witkowski, Karla Hoffman, Betty & Jim Layton, Chris Brown, Nancy Montagna, Karen Dietz, Maggie, Marilyn Umlauf's nephew Matt and Our brothers & sisters in the Fremont Presbyterian churches who are in the process of uniting congregations.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please contact the office. Names remain on this list for up to one month unless they are resubmitted.

A Very Special Vespers

This just in: Sunday August 24th Firelands Presbyteriaan will host the acapella group Treble here in our pavilion. You don't want to Miss this opportunity for food, fun, and music. More information to follow.

THIS WEEK AT FIRELANDS

Today	9:30 am Worship with Communion followed by Fellowship
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Monday Sewing Group
Tuesday	10:30am - 2:30pm Office hours 2:00pm Dulcimer
Wednesday	OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday	10:30am - 2:30pm Office hours Cleaning Ladies
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	
Next Sunday	9:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship

**Pastor Bobbie's office hours are variable at this time.
Typically she will be in the office on
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
She is always available by cell.**