

The Service of Worship

October 25, 2026

Fellowship Coffee refreshments can be enjoyed before and during the service.

Greeting and Announcements

Chimes

Prelude

Great Is the Lord

Michael W. Smith

Marsha Davis

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer (responsive)

In the very beginning, when God brought order out of chaos,
using the raw elements to create land and seas...

God saw that it was good.

And when God caused the earth to put forth vegetation,
creating plants yielding seeds and trees bearing fruit...

God saw that it was good.

And when God created living creatures of every variety,
animals and people...

God saw that it was good.

Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a distant land.

Those whose souls are parched and weary cry out:

Tell me something good.

Let us pray.

Holy One, meet us here today, and tell us something good. We are gathered to receive good news from a distant land, the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have come to hear something good, to be rooted in the gospel, to grow in faith. Receive our praise and encourage our spirits.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

God Is So Good

#658

Prayer for Illumination (responsive)

Spirit of the Living God,

as your scripture is read and your Word proclaimed,

open our minds and hearts

to receive the good news of the gospel

to see the new thing you are doing.

May we be rooted in your good news,

nourished by the word of faith,

and filled with thanksgiving.

Surprise us with something good today.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

from Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—

those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

those he gathered from the lands,

from east and west, from north and south.

Some wandered in desert wastelands,

finding no way to a city where they could settle.

They were hungry and thirsty,

and their lives ebbd away.

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way

to a city where they could settle.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for humankind,

for he satisfies the thirsty

and fills the hungry with good things.

They sowed fields and planted vineyards

that yielded a fruitful harvest;

he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased,

and he did not let their herds diminish.

Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled

by oppression, calamity and sorrow.

But he lifted the needy out of their affliction

and increased their families like flocks.

The upright see and rejoice,

but all the wicked shut their mouths.

**Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Tell Something Good – *Let the Redeemed of the Lord Tell Their Story*

Threads of Love

Lorie Line

Marsha Davis

The congregation is invited to Tell Something Good:

How is the church making a difference for good in your life, in the community, in the world?

How do you see the goodness of God at work in your own life, in the community, in the world?

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

Hymn of Response

Give Thanks

#647

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

Stewardship Update

Connie Sue Clark

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

A Moment for Grateful Reflection

The Goodness of God

Marsha Davis and Darla Korrey Gertner

Prayer Dedication (responsive)

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.

**Receive our offering,
the fruit of our labor
and the testimony of our roots.**

Our lives spill over into thanksgiving
for your good news and your good provision.

**Bless the gifts we return to you;
may they bring good news
to a world thirsty for hope. Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

#750

Charge

Chimes

Postlude

How Majestic Is Your Name
Marsha Davis

Michael W. Smith

Worship Notes – Sources Used in Today’s Liturgy

Call to Worship: adapted from Genesis 1; Proverbs 25:25

Affirmation of Faith: adapted from Colossians 2:6-7; Colossians 1:5-6

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Prayer Concerns October 25, 2026

Military Personnel

Luke Brigham (Randy & Terry's son)
Thomas Gage Snyder (Kim Schlup's son)

Presbytery of Plains & Peaks

LaPorte, LaPorte Presbyterian Church

Those with Special Needs or Concerns

Joe Baran (in-law of Ted & Penny Propst)	Debby Korrey (Delinda's & Darla's sister)
Jackie Barton	Delinda Korrey McDowell
Tye Bennett (Neblett's grandson)	Jim Leh
Clark Bernhardt	Jim Miller (friend of Jane Robinson)
Norm Blackburn	Rena Morrison
Brenda Boeff	Rose Neblett
Randy Brigham	Dirk Nye and Regine Bendelow (Jackie Barton's step-father & mother)
Leah Burt (friend of Judy Rounph)	Jeni Porter (In-law of Blackburns)
CEDEPCA (Protestant Ministry in Guatemala)	David Prince (Tanna's brother)
Cooperating Ministry	Emma Rich (Granddaughter of Gary & Kay Rich)
Sally Craig (friend of Jackie Reynolds)	Cadie, Hailey, and Austen Rose (Jason Rose family)
Dylan Cranwell — Peace Corps	Leslie Rudolph (sister of Mike Tyson)
Taylor Cranwell	Betty Scharf
Jeanne Crouch & Family	Linda Schoyer (Sister of Connie Sue Clark)
Dave & Marsha Davis	John Seffens (friend of Mike Tyson)
Jill Davis	Darrell Smith and family
Sarah Davis	Montelle Smith
Andrew DeSouza (Michelle Hawkins' son)	Jim Stegman
Gary Espinosa (Arden Fennell's family)	Becky Stieb, Justin & Torin (friends of Michelle Hawkins)
Family Resource Center	Amy & Byron Uhrich (Jill Vollmer's parents)
Brad Fitzgerald Family (Connie Sue Clark's cousin)	Under the Umbrella
Carolee Goldsmith (mother of Brandon Eaton)	Robert Vance (Michelle White's dad)
Meredith Goodwin (friend of Propsts)	Laurie Weskamp Wagner (Jeff's sister)
Mike Hawkins (Michelle Hawkins' brother)	Jeff Weskamp
Highlands Camp	Michelle Wilson (friend of David Chrisp)
Sonja Holden (friend of Arden Fennell)	
Dennis Kaan	
Robert Koehler (friend of Laura Guenzi)	

Prayer List Updates:

Do you have an update on anyone listed on our church prayer list? We'd love to hear the good news of recovery, healing, and answered prayer. If you have a joy to report, let us know!

Announcements—October 25, 2026

We invite you to join us in our work and worship at First Presbyterian Church.

At a Glance

October 25		Retreat
	10:30	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
October 29	5:30	Bells
	6:30	Chancel Choir
November 1 (Daylight saving time ends)		
	10:30	Worship Service with Communion
	11:30	Fellowship Coffee

Church Office hours: Mon/Wed/Fri: 9:00 am—Noon; and Tues/Thurs: 1:00-4:00 pm

Food Pantry Items: Throughout the month of November we are collecting: Cake Mixes and Frosting. You may bring your donations to the church and put them under the table outside the church office, or in the box in the elevator vestibule.

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Serving Today

Liturgists	Darla Korrey Gertner Tara Guenzi
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Offering Count	Jerri Spear
Fellowship Coffee	Deacons
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