

November 1, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA

Loving God
Loving One Another
Loving Our Neighbors

Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude *Scherzo* Helman
Celebration Ringers

Welcome and Announcements:

CALL TO WORSHIP ***—Based On Ephesians 1:3-18***

All glorious God, we give you thanks that in your Son, Jesus Christ,
You have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.
You chose us, before the world was made,
To be your holy people, without fault in your sight.
You adopted us as your children in Christ.
You have set us free because he sacrificed his life for ours; you have forgiven our sins.
You have made known to us your secret purpose,
To bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.
You have given us your Holy Spirit,
The seal and pledge of our inheritance.
All praise and glory be yours, O God,
For the richness of your grace,
For the splendor of your gifts,
For the wonder of your love.

***HYMN** **"Come Thou Almighty King"** **#2, Hymnal**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, your love and grace has turned our weeping into singing and tears into shout of joy: Grant that we would continue to seek you with a whole heart, seeking to praise your name by our acts of mercy and grace through the power of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. *—based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV*

O Lord, we're astounded that you love us;
That despite our rebellion, you lavish us with kindness and care.
O God, you are not easily angered with us nor are you resentful
Yet, O God, we often take your love for granted –
So we would confess our self-centered ways,
The rationalizations we use to pretend we're loving like you when we're not.
Forgive us for not trusting your incredible love,
Forgive us for taking your patience for granted.
Help us to ignore the clamor that this world uses to draw us away from you.
Help us to live our lives loving you, enabling us to love others and ourselves as you love us.

Through God's amazing grace, our sin is destroyed through the death of Jesus Christ our Lord. Because of him, we can live new lives in the light of God's love.
Thanks be to God, Amen.

<u>Passing of the Peace</u>
May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Response to Grace: ***"Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"*** ***#455, Hymnal (2x)***
Listen to the word that God has spoken, listen to the One who is close at hand,
Listen to the voice which began creation, listen even if you don't understand.

Choir Anthem *Song of the Saints* Pepper Choplin

Scripture Reading: **1 John 2:12-17**

I am writing to you, little children, that your sins have been forgiven because of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, that you have known him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, that you have conquered the evil one.

I have written to you, children, that you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, that you have known him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young people, that you are strong, and the word of God resides in you, and you have conquered the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that is in the world (the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the arrogance produced by material possessions) is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away with all its desires, but the person who does the will of God remains forever.

Sermon *"Reassurances"* Rev. Tim Dyck

***Song of Response** *"Be Thou My Vision"* *#450, Hymnal*

Affirmation of Faith ***"The Theological Declaration of Barmen"***[1]

In view of the errors which are devastating the Church and are also thereby breaking up the unity of the Church, we confess the following evangelical truths:[2]

3. "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together." (Eph. 4:15, 16.)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer *pg. 35, Hymnal*

All Saints Day – Meditation and Memorial see insert

Minute for Mission Lesley Johnson, Sunday Supper

Presentation of Our Offerings
O Lord God, we present our offerings as an affirmation of our commitment to your rule in our lives. As we give our offering may you use it and us to further your kingdom till that day when all will be whole and complete in the glory of your light and love. Let us now take the morning offering.

Offertory *Pastorale from 3 Pieces* Boellman, 1862-1897

***Doxology** *"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" #258, Hymnal (Verse 5 only)*
O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord.
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.

***Prayer of Dedication**
For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

***Song of Sending** *"O God, You Are My God" #743, Hymnal (2x)*

***Charge and Benediction** *-- based on I Timothy 6*
May the Spirit who lives in us through the power of God
So work in our lives that we willing follow the God's call on our lives.
May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.
Keeping your spirit whole and complete, blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful, and he will complete his work in your life.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the power of the Spirit and the love of God protect you in all ways – now and forever Amen.

Postlude *Postlude from 3 Pieces* Boellman, 1862-1897

[1]There are six articles or assertions of the Barmen Declaration and are exerted from the full declaration in the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) starting on page 280.
[2] Modified to eliminate references to the original German context of 1933.

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The lectionary reader today is Jared Holt

The pulpit flowers today are provided by Craig and Lynda Cose, remembering our saints

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