

November 15, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA

Loving God
Loving One Another
Loving Our Neighbors

Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude *Invention #6 in E Major* Bach

Welcome and Announcements:

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 112)*

Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

***Gathering Hymn** *"Sing Glory to the Name of God"* *#10, Hymnal*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 know that you provide for our daily needs,
But we often fail to understand that our life comes from you.
You want us to seek you every day,
But often we allow the stresses of everyday life to be more important.
O God forgive us for not putting you first in our lives,
Have mercy on our destructive self-centeredness.
Assist us, we pray, to think about our eternal investments
Help us to trust that you will take care of us
Keep us focused on being good citizens of your kingdom
As we anticipate your coming in power and glory to reign forever more.

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.

Passing of the Peace

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: ***"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*** ***#460, Hymnal***
1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Special Music *Soloist: Mattie Dooley*

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 7:21-29**

"Watch out for false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are voracious wolves. You will recognize them by their fruit. Grapes are not gathered from thorns or figs from thistles, are they? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree is not able to bear bad fruit, nor a bad tree to bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will recognize them by their fruit.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven– only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day, many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons and do many powerful deeds?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you. Go away from me, you lawbreakers!'

"Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, but it did not collapse because it had been founded on rock. Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, and it collapsed; it was utterly destroyed!"

When Jesus finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed by his teaching, because he taught them like one who had authority, not like their experts in the law.

Sermon *"Right Investments"* Rev. Tim Dyck

***Song of Sending** *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* *Words #724, Hymnal*
Sing to tune O Sacred Head Now Wounded, #221

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

4. "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant." (Matt. 20:25, 26.)

The various offices in the church do not establish a dominion of some over the others; on the contrary, they are for the exercise of the ministry entrusted to and enjoined upon the whole congregation.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, apart from this ministry, could and were permitted to give to itself, or allow to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers.

5. “Fear God. Honor the emperor.” (I Peter 2:17.) Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the Church also exists, the State has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. [It fulfills this task] by means of the threat and exercise of force, according to the measure of human judgment and human ability. The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment in gratitude and reverence before him. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God’s commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church’s vocation as well.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State.

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

Presentation of Our Offerings

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

Offertory *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arr. Hayes

***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 and our pledges 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 until the day of your return. Amen.

***Song of Sending** *“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”* *Insert*

***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 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Martin

[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.

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