

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 17, 2025

*"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."
~ Martin Luther*

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC

"Hear Our Praises"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

People: Lord, help us follow where you lead.

Leader: Jesus said, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

People: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

People: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you.

People: And also with you. Let us worship God.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, "Follow me" and we offer excuses because we can't do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus's call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

(now that we have confessed as a congregation, let us confess our own sins in the silence of our hearts)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Titus 3:4-7)

Leader: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Thy Will"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:45-56

Isaiah 5:1-17

SERMON

"Faith Trumps Judgement"

Rev. Paul Masters

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Trust In God"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

Children up through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church in the CLC hallway which begins after the Moment For Young Leaders. If they'd prefer to stay seated, worship bags are by the door. We have the CLC rooms 108/109 available for parents to sit with their children. The service can be streamed on a tv in the rooms.

Prayers for August 17th – 23rd

Members of the Congregation:

Nola Humes, Floyd Herum, Ed Deal & Steve Vance

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family)

Prayer Families:

Heidi Clay

John & Katie Clay (Patrick)

John & Julia Cochrane (Lucas, Olivia, Helen, Johnilee)

Gabrielle Constable & Damon Lockner (Waverly Lockner, Adrian Lockner)

Pray for: (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Waterloo &

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Stewardship News

Attendance on August 3rd was 142 (98, 18 FB, 26 YT). The offering on 08/03/25 was \$11,330.97. The amount needed each week is \$11,118.00. The total contributions through 08/03/25 are \$274,552.86. The amount needed through 08/03/25 is \$335,246.00.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Lizzie Crowley, Lillian & Nora Eastwood

Vocals: Aaron Amhof & Roxanne Amhof

Musicians: Isac Jamba, Greg Merritt, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: Don Miller

Elder: Linda Whiting

Thank you to the family of Lorraine Black for generously donating the angel in the courtyard in her memory.

KidZone Volunteer Opportunities

The biggest mission of our church, KidZone, needs you! They are looking for summer help with weekly grocery shopping until September 15th. They also need help with afterschool pick up for this coming school year. If you're interested, please talk to Bernadette or Jessica in the KidZone office.

Confirmation

Sign up your child for confirmation! Confirmation age students are 7th graders and up. Please register by September 7th. Students will meet with their mentors on September 21st from 5:30-7:00 pm. To sign up for confirmation or to be a mentor, please put your name on the sign-up sheets outside the office. You can also call or stop in the office.

Quilting Group ~ Volunteers Needed

The sewing ladies are looking for more volunteers. No experience needed! They need help tying quilts, sewing, cutting and making bibs and potholders. They meet every Wednesday from 8 am to noon in the west wing.

Wednesday Programs Begin

Wednesday programs will begin on September 17th. Registration and medical form are available on the table outside of the office and on our website at:

<http://fpcfd.org/ministries/children/>. Forms are due in the office by September 3rd.

Heritage Sunday

Come celebrate our 50+ year members on September 21st!



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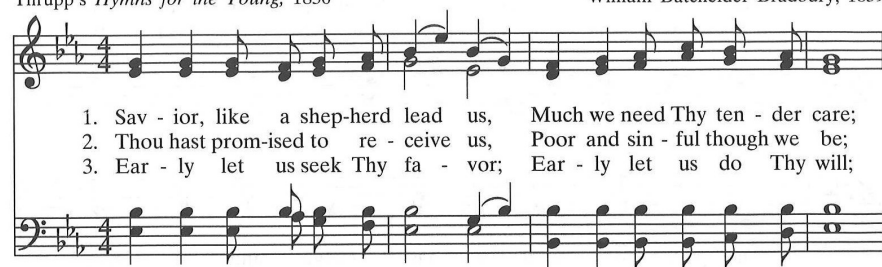


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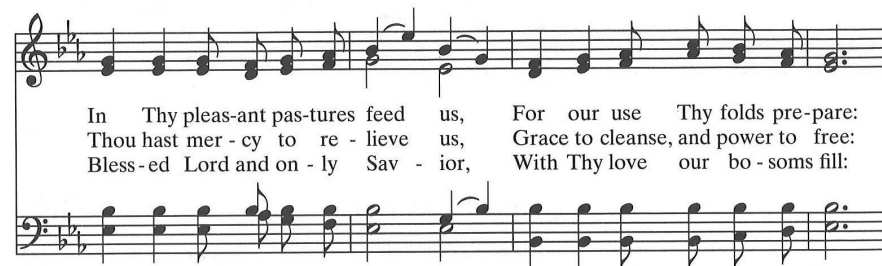
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Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

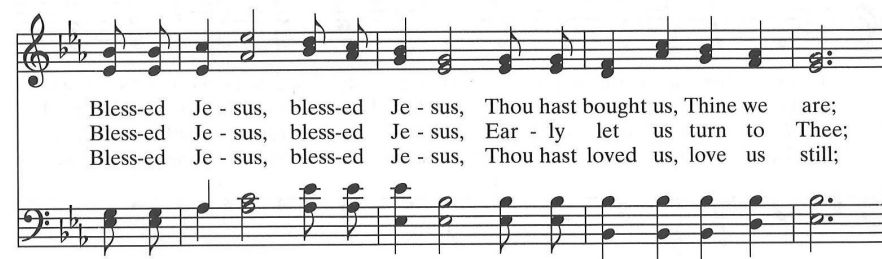
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



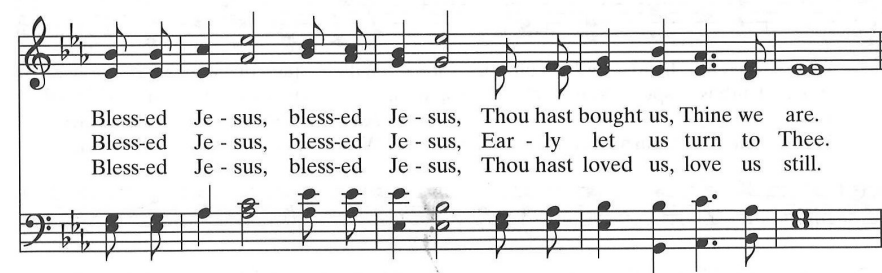
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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Thy Will

I'm so confused
 I know I heard You loud and clear
 So I followed through
 Somehow I ended up here
 I don't wanna think
 I may never understand
 That my broken heart is a part of Your plan
 When I try to pray all I got is hurt
 And these four words

Thy will be done
 Thy will be done
 Thy will be done

I know You're good
 But this don't feel good right now
 And I know You think
 Of things I could never think about
 It's hard to count it all joy
 Distracted by the noise
 Just tryna make sense
 Of all Your promises
 Sometimes I gotta stop
 Remember that You're God
 And I am not so

Thy will be done
 Thy will be done
 Thy will be done
 Like a child on my knees
 All that comes to me is
 Thy will be done
 Thy will be done
 Thy will (be done)

I know You see me
 I know You hear me Lord
 Your plans are for me
 Goodness You have in store
 I know You hear me
 I know You see me Lord
 Your plans are for me
 Goodness You have in store so

I know You see me
 I know You hear me Lord

Trust In God

Blessed assurance
Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire
Time after time
Born of His Spirit
Washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary
Is more than enough

I trust in God
My Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Perfect submission
All is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps
So this is my story
And this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior
All the day long

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him
That's why (I trust Him)

Hear Our Praises

May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray

From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water over the seas

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

From the mountain to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You