ORDER OF WORSHIP
19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026
10:30AM

PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together* Mark Hayes
Mary Jo Cox, organ

WORDS OF GREETING
One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
All: the world, and those who live in it.

WELCOME

*PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST & THE WORD OF GOD
Come, All You People
Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come now and worship the Lord.
(Choir 1st time, Congregation joins 2nd and 3rd time)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Norma Richardson
One: We gather with hope in our hearts,
All: for something happens here
that teaches us God is present.
One: We know this place is sacred,
All: for something happens here
that teaches us God is our center.
One: We gather with joyful praise,
All: for something happens here
that teaches us God is forever faithful.

*HYMN No. 409 *God Is Here!*
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*CALL TO CONFESSION
(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we cover, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(sing twice)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 80:7-15
Amen. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Cantad al Senor* Robert A. Hobby
Lexi Galliers and Matthew Bowman, percussion

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 21:33-46
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God..**

REFLECTION "Producing Fruit" Andrew Miller

Question of the day: How might we produce or bear good fruit in the world in which we live?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From 1st Presbyterian Church Mooresville, NC

The basis of faith is desire. The beginning of faith is commitment.
The heartbeat of faith is trust. The privilege of faith is sharing.
The beauty of faith is acceptance. The hope of faith is belief in God.
The joy of faith is the peace of God.
The reward of faith is the presence of God.
The focus of faith is the Son of God. With all diligence, therefore,
I will keep the faith by which I am kept, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN *When We Eat This Bread* *(projected overhead)*
Carli Tower and Lexi Galliers, solos
Margherita Fratini, violin

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are worshiping virtually today, please make sure that you have some sort of drink and bread or cracker for Communion. In person communion wafers are made of flour mix (garbanzo bean, tapioca, sorghum, fava beans, potato starch), water, canola oil salt).

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN No. 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 748 *Go With Us, Lord*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true
our lives may be a gift to you.

* POSTLUDE *Rendez a Dieu* Charles Callahan

*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

*Stand in body or spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; the Chancel Choir; Norma Richardson; Andrew Miller

Gil and Elinor Rau Choral Scholars: Lorelei Wilburn, Carli Tower, Zoe Flickinger, Lexi Galliers, Keon Celestine, Liam Cox

The Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Joyce McNabb who passed away on September 18, 2026

There will be Fellowship after worship today.

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:
Bob Pinnell (brother of Barb Lindley), Cyndy Abbott, Linda Rose, Joyce Petro, Michael Espinoza, William Richardson, Nancy Wilson, Andy Loubert (Pete and John Loubert's brother), John Daniels, J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew& Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, Lois Miller, Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Suzanne Hand, Verna Russell, Sarah Gilbert, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian, Harbor Beach, MI, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and the Community Compassion Network – Food Pantry.

<u>Offering</u>
If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,

Children and Worship

All children are welcome and loved at First Presbyterian! All children from newborns through fifth grade begin in the Sanctuary for worship with their families. Infant through three years old will be dismissed to the nursery and Pre-K through 5th grade will be dismissed to go to the Worship Center for Children Worship with a blessing after the Passing of the Peace. Children are also welcome to stay in worship. On Communion Sundays, Children (usually the first Sunday of the month), children remain in worship.

Save the Date:

Red Cross Blood Drive, October 24 from 9am -2pm in the Witherspoon Room.

Homeless Shelter Volunteers, November 1-7

The Choir is back! If you have questions about the choir or would like to sing, please contact Mary Jo Cox, mary.j.cox@gmail.com or 989-400-2019
We would love to have you join us!

Vowles Elementary Snacks Needed

Students are asked to bring an extra snack or two for "Snack Time" during the school day at Vowles Elementary. Some families struggle to provide snacks. Would you please consider helping by bringing individual pre-package snacks and putting them in the yellow wagon in the Narthex? Approved snacks: Goldfish, Pretzels, Cheez Its, Veggie Straws, Granola Bars (any kind), Crackers- peanut butter or cheese, Teddy Grahams, Rice Krispie Treats, Fruit Snacks, Pudding cups Applesauce cups, Popcorn- individual bags, Pringles- individual cups/containers

Holy Shift: College Ministry

Holy Shift is an ecumenical campus ministry supported by First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Immanuel Lutheran (ELCA), and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Semester Activities:

Sunday 4pm Tea and Tarot at St. John's Chapel, 206 W. Maple St.
Wednesday 11:30am-1:30pm Community Lunch at Wesley Center on the campus of Central Michigan University
Thursday 6:30pm Evening Prayer St. John's Chapel, 206 W. Maple St.

Contact Jess Hart siblingjess@gmail.com call/text: 989-317-4136