

Order of Worship

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

The Lord Is My Shepherd, Blake

Call to Worship (Responsive)

adapted from *Psalms 26*

One: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

All: and the place where your glory abides.

One: I sing aloud a song of thanksgiving

All: and tell all your wondrous deeds.

One: Your steadfast love is before my eyes,

All: and I walk in faithfulness to you. Let us worship God!

Hymn No. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Word to Grow By

Anthem

Prayer of Being, arr. Hayes (11:00)

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Sermon

Covenant Community, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 692

Spirit Open My Heart

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

If with All Your Hearts, arr. Hughes (11:00)

Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

(9:00)

Hymn No. 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Benediction

Postlude

Glad Tidings, Chesterton

Liturgist: Scott Harvey.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Donald Brinkley by the Hazel and John Goodman Flower Fund and Margaret Brinkley.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors