First Presbyterian Church

Alpena, Michigan November 15, 2026 10:30 A.M.
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Please place your offering in the plate next to the door when you enter the sanctuary.

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *Simple Gifts* *Russell Schulz-Widmar*

Our Call to Worship moves us from the commonplace, directing us toward God.

Liturgist: Lord, you have been in our dwelling place in all generations;
People: You have been our home throughout all the ages.
Liturgist: You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

**Hymn *Count Your Blessings* *786*

Responsive Reading of Selected Verses from Psalm 90

Liturgist: Lord, through all the generations you have been our home!
People: Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.
Liturgist: O Lord, come back to us! How long will you delay? Take pity on your servants!
People: Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives.
Liturgist: Let us, your servants, see you work again, let our children see your glory.
People: And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful.
All: Yes, make our efforts successful.

In the Sermon the Word of God is proclaimed.

Buried Treasure *TRE Scott Edgar*

Prayer for the Day

**Hymn *Just As I Am* *488*

Benediction

Postlude *The Abundant Life* *Garrett Parker*

Participating in Today's Worship

The Friends and Members of First Presbyterian Church
Liturgist: Char Keune
Ushers: Nancy Harris
Greeter: Val Fuhrman
Fellowship:
Pastor: TRE Scott Edgar
Pastor Emeritus: Sanford K. H. Wright
Organist: Suelyn Bartz Choir Director: Gordon Snow
Administrative Assistant: Laurie McRoberts
Church Custodian: Kyle Robb Prayer Group Contact: Connie Louis 989 340-1492

News and Announcements

** *Indicates standing if you are able.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Barbara Gail Hutchinson and were given by Debby and Scott Edgar.

Please pray for the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rogers City, their missions and their community.

The 2026 per capita amount is $42.00 per member. Please indicate this on your check.

11/17/26	*9:45 a.m.*	*Mission & Education*	*7:00 p.m.*	*Session Meeting*
11/18/26	*11:00 a.m.*	*Deacons Meeting*	*12:00 p.m.*	*Chatty Crafters*
	2:15 p.m.	*Prayer Service*	*3:00 p.m.*	*Book Study*
11/19/26	*3:30 p.m.*	*Choir*		

We are Called to Confession to recognize our fallen state.

Liturgist: God's love has destined us not for wrath, but rather for salvation. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who is eager to save.

In our Prayer of Confession we enumerate our faults and ask for forgiveness.

All: Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

We feel the weight of our sins lifted as we receive the Assurance of Pardon.

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, when we acknowledge our human limitations and turn to depend upon our everlasting God, we grow wise in heart to God's commands. You are freed to love another, for your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ.

People: Amen.

**Gloria Patri *813*

Time for Children and the Young at Heart

Lighting of the Care Candle

Pastoral Prayer *(For privacy, please use first names only for personal concerns.)*

Pastor: *. . . in your mercy,* or Pastor*: . . .praise to you, O Lord,*

People*: Lord, hear our prayer.* **People*: Thanks be to God.***

Lord's Prayer *(We say "debts" and "debtors.")*

In response to God's love, you are invited to give of yourself in the Offering.

Liturgist: In giving to God, we grow closer to God. Let us offer our life and labor to the One who draws near and freely gives the treasure of eternal life in Christ.

**We sing a Doxology in praise of our God. *815*

**Our Prayer of Dedication asks for God's blessings upon the gifts we have given.

All: O God of constancy, you are our home and our dwelling place forever. Thank you for giving your people a gift beyond all value, the treasure of eternal life. Bless our gifts that we offer you this day. With them may we share your love with others, that all may enter into your eternal joy. Amen.

****Hymn *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* *591***

Our Prayer for Illumination asks God to open our perceptions to the Word of God.

Liturgist: Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of the light.

All: Amen.

The First Scripture Reading Judges 4:1-7

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *In Everything Give Thanks* *Joseph M. Martin*

The Second Scripture Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor: The Word of God.

People: Praise to you, O Lord.