First Presbyterian Church

Alpena, Michigan November 8, 2026 10:30 A.M.
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* *Gerald Peterson*

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

Liturgist: People of God, listen; the Lord has done marvelous things. Teach your children all that God has done so that they may live in hope and die in peace.

**Hymn *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* *564*

Responsive Reading of Selected Verses from Psalm 23

Liturgist: The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

People: He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

Liturgist: He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

People: Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

Liturgist: You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

People: Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

We are Called to Confession to recognize our fallen state.

Liturgist: Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

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

All: Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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

Pastor: Hear the good news. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel! We are forgiven.

**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: Freely we have received; freely we give, with gratitude and joy.

**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: **Gracious God, receive our gifts, tokens of thanks for your extravagant blessings, signs of trust in your coming reign of justice, peace, and love; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Hymn *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* *486*

Our Prayer for Illumination asks God to open our perceptions to the Word of God.
Liturgist: Lord, to whom should we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of you promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever.
All: **Amen.**

The First Scripture Reading Exodus 32:1-14
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *I Will Dwell in You* *Cynthia Gray*

The Second Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-9
Pastor: The Word of God.
People: Praise to you, O Lord.

In the Sermon the Word of God is proclaimed.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice *Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green*

Prayer for the Day

**Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* *589*

Benediction

Postlude *Variations on HENDON* *Rachel Sawyer*

Participating in Today's Worship

The Friends and Members of First Presbyterian Church
Liturgist: Scott Edgar
Ushers: Dennis & 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.*

There will be a Congregational Meeting after service today for election of Deacons and Elders.

Please pray for the Pickford Presbyterian Church in Pickford, their missions and their community.

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

11/11/26	*8:30 a.m.*	*Worship & Music Meeting*	*12:00 p.m.*	*Chatty Crafters*
	2:15 p.m.	*Prayer Service*	*3:00 p.m.*	*Book Study*
	4:00 p.m.	*Outreach Meeting*		
11/12/26	*3:30 p.m.*	*Choir*		