

# ***First Presbyterian Church of Alton***

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10 AM Sunday, October 12, 2025

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE:**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**Sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise.**

Say to God: **How awesome are your deeds!**

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you,

**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.**

**Let us worship God!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of power and might, you show us the wisdom of humility, reveal the healing you have in store, and bless us in our working and planting. Release your Word within us, that we may live brimming with gratitude for the full abundant life Christ gives to all.

**Amen**

✦ **Hymn:** *"Live Into Hope"*.....No. 332

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world, instead of being transformed into God's image. Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord, but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first. We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips we may truly believe in our hearts. Amen**

## ***SILENT PRAYER***

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ our Savior gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from our sin and claim us as his own people. **Amen**

## THE PEACE

Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

✦ **Gloria Patri**.....No. 579

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, reveal your will to us today through your word, read and proclaimed. Help us to understand your creative, redemptive, and consoling work, and lead us into the world, filled with your Spirit, to proclaim, baptize, and teach in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15  
(Pg 336)

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM

Psalm 111  
(insert)

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 2: 8-15  
(Pg 212)

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke*  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17: 11-19  
(Pg 80)

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Message**.....Pastor Ian Edward Caveny

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**The Lord's Prayer** (*DEBTS, DEBTORS*)

✦ **Hymn:** *"God of the Sparrow"* .....No. 272

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)**

(Pg 14)

## **SENDING**

### **MINUTE MISSIONS**

Mound Ridge Camp and Retreat Center

### **OFFERING**

**Offertory Anthem:** *"Lord of the Dance"* .....arr Don Hart  
Text pg. 302

✦ **DOXOLOGY** .....No. 592 (*Lyrics only*)

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✦ **Hymn:** *"Give Thanks "* .....No 2036 in Sing the Faith Hymnal

✦ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *"Go My Children with my Blessing"*

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### **PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:**

Message.....Pastor Ian Edward Caveny  
Liturgist.....Tom Fields  
Music Director.....Mark Brooks  
Audio/Streaming Technician.....Claudia Droste  
Ushers this Sunday will be.....Sue Sinclair & Jane Lewis

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## Announcements:

First Presbyterian Church of Alton and St. Paul's Episcopal Church are offering a Kids' Night Out on Saturday, October 25th from 5-8p here. Pizza and a movie plus a variety of snacks and activities will be available for kids ages 5-14 as a way for caring for parents who are in need of a break! If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring some pizza, reach out to Susie Delano or Pastor Ian. This is the first of a series of monthly ecumenical children's ministry gatherings put on by First Presbyterian Church and St. Paul's Episcopal!

Pastor Ian asks that all who are on the current list for serving as Greeters and anyone interested in serving as Greeter in the future come to a Greeter training today at noon. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Continuing in October, Pastor Ian will be leading a morning Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark at 9:00 AM before service in the Library. Our goal will be to encounter God in the presence of God's Word! He will also be offering the same study on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Flota Conference Room. All are invited to join as they are able!

Once again this Holiday Season, we would like to participate in a Christmas Adopt-A-Family program by helping with our school's initiative. Contributions can include monetary donations, gift cards, or sponsorship of an entire family. Contact person is Klaudia Taul at Region III - email address is : [ktaul@region3sec.org](mailto:ktaul@region3sec.org) and flyers are available in the narthex.

The First Presbyterian Bell Choir continues to extend an invitation to the congregation to individuals of varying skill levels and experience to join their ranks. If you are interested, please reach out to Mark after service.

October Birthdays: Susie Delano (04), Mark Brooks (05), Jane Van Winkle (16)

October 26: Deacons Meeting

November 2: Session Meeting

Every 3rd Sunday cash in the offering plate goes to the Simpson fund that supports the Good Neighbor bags at Saturday Café.

**Outreach:** Saturday Café and Tuesday's Soup's On; Lunch served at 11:30, Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are welcome.

**Prayer List:** Tony Grillo, Ann Wangelin, Barb Harner, Forrest Bayer, John Thompson, Denny & Trebe Bradfish, World Peace. All are invited to share prayer requests during the Prayers of the People, to drop a Prayer Card in the plate during the Offering, or to request prayers by calling the church.

Members (and spouses) at home or living elsewhere: Donna McCoy, Linda and Gary Smith, Judy and Lyndal Colburn, Gladys Butler, Kathleen Stice, Jim Wigger