

Please pray for:

At Parkway Center - Bill Griswold

At Resthove - Ann Musgrove

In the Service - Brad Gericke, Brandon Shultz, Payton Lowe

Prayers for - Phil Sinroll, Jessie Witt, Lucy Ettinger, Pat Conklen, Barb Stern, Mickey Gage, Debbie Musgrove, Ross & Marlene Jennings, Mary-Terrie Snavelly, Ron & Jackie Williams, Elijah Flint, Hart DuBois, Yvonne Van Wyhe, David & Beth Wright & baby Lucy



Men's Prayer Breakfast

October 21, 8:00 AM Benny's Red Apple

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays on Zoom at 10AM



Flowers are given by Ann Henderson in honor of the children.

"Jesus loves the little children."



PADS Volunteers Needed

PADS is the local agency that provides temporary housing for the homeless of the Sauk Valley. They are open year-round. The guests are provided with a dinner and breakfast meal. There are bathroom facilities where they can clean up. Laundry facilities to clean clothes and a sleeping area. The shelters hours are from 7 pm to 7 am.

First Presbyterian Church staffs the shelter on the 1st Saturday of the month. The volunteers hours are 6pm to 11pm. There also is a volunteer that prepares the dinner meal and delivers it before 7 pm. Volunteers serve the meal and do the dishes.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Church narthex.

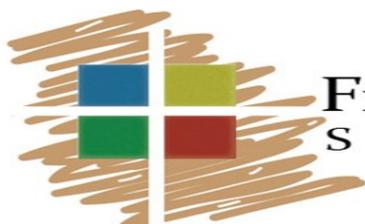
First Presbyterian PADS Coordinator—Bryan Etter



Just a reminder that you can still access our services online! The church Facebook page will feature a link as soon as the service is posted, and the church website will also have the link. You can keep up with us by following us on Facebook and you can always find the current church newsletter and calendar on the website. If you need more information or you'd like to get the sermons via snail mail, just call the church office and leave a message: 815-631-1056

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First Presbyterian Church
STERLING ILLINOIS

Order of Worship - September 19, 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: We come from east, west, north, and south, created in God's image. We come to worship, and to serve. We come to learn what God is like. And what is God like?

People: God is like an eagle, sharp eyed and swift, with wings so wide you can play under their shadows.

Leader: God is like a river constant and lifegiving. When you grow up near God, you'll sprout up strong as a tree.

People: God is like the stars, forever present and bright. Even when they feel far away, you can always look up and see them winking at you.

Leader: God is like a shepherd, brave and good, a protector who loves her sheep so much that she watches over all of them and knows each of their names by heart.

People: God is like the flame of a candle, warm and inviting. With God close by, you can look to the light and see through the darkest of nights.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Song God of Wonders

Prayer of Confession

God, you are so good and kind to us. You made us like you, with eyes to see right from wrong, with hearts to love, with the freedom to choose. But we forget that all people are made in your image. We treat others as if they are not important, and sometimes we treat ourselves that way too. When we have a chance to learn from others, sometimes we act like we already know everything. You made us in your image, God, so forgive us, and help us to love you and love others more, the way Jesus and you love us. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is kind. God is forgiving. God is slow to get angry. God is quick to be glad. God is happy when you tell the truth and sad when things are unfair whenever you aren't sure what God is like, think about what makes you feel safe, what makes you feel brave, and what makes you feel loved. That's what God is like. Rejoice, people of God!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response Glory to God

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Response Peace Song

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Romans 11:1-2, 29-32, 33-36

Sermon

Baptism Karsten James Haya-Ji Oberg

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song You Are Mine

Benediction

Response Run and Not Be Weary