

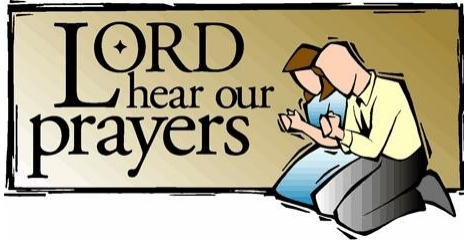
Please pray for:

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

November 18, 8:00 AM Benny's Red Apple

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays on Zoom at 10AM

Choir Rehearsal

Join us after church today!



Flowers are given by Jim & Vicki Olson in honor of their 49th anniversary.
Happy Anniversary!



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 - October 24, 2021

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Long ago a man asked Jesus, "What is the greatest commandment?"

People: And Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Leader: But the man was not satisfied and asked, "Who is my neighbor?"

People: And Jesus answered with a story.

Leader: We gather here to listen to the commandment, to hear the story, and to live as people who love God and neighbor.

People: We come with open hearts, souls and minds, ready to love.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Song The Servant Song

Prayer of Confession

O loving God, we pass by so many people. It may not be on roadsides, but we walk past those who have been beaten down by life and stripped of love and compassion. They have been left half-dead by crushing work; they have fallen into despair, abandoned by those who should have cared for them. We pass them by, strangers, judging them as weak, or bad, or lazy, or the enemy. Forgive us, God! Turn us around to walk back. Give us strength and courage to lift them up, to carry them, to support their healing, to bring justice and hope. Make us good neighbors and good disciples, through the goodness of your grace.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news! God in Christ has rescued us from our sins, redeemed us and lifted us up, so that we may go and do likewise.

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 Luke 10:25-37

Sermon

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song Draw the Circle Wide

Benediction

Response The Servant Song