

ORDER OF SERVICE
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 10th, 2025
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Living Faith: Kindness

Joys and Concerns

Prelude “The Immigrant Song”
By Dr. Adrian Carr, from the album
On The Other Side Of Everything.

Silent Reflection Time

Call to Worship

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:
where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:
where the naked are clothed in robes of hope, where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:
where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace. into this world.

***Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” #307**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Yet we confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your kingdom. We fail to see your kingdom in parables because we

fail to see your kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither east nor west, south nor north. We pray for the sake of your kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen. **(Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Micah 4:1-4 pg. 864

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Guest Vocalist “The Impossible Dream”
From *The Man of La Mancha*, Words
by Joe Darion, Music by Mitch Leigh
Performed by Mark Malchoff

Second Reading Matthew 16:13-23 pg. 18

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,
People: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

Sermon **“Why Him?”** Rev. Marty Weitz

Silent Reflection Time

***Hymn** **“Come Sing, O Church in Joy”** **#305**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

*Doxology

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Lord, you look down from heaven, see all humankind, and long to call us home. Accept these gifts on behalf of your people, that they would increase faith, nurture hope, and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn

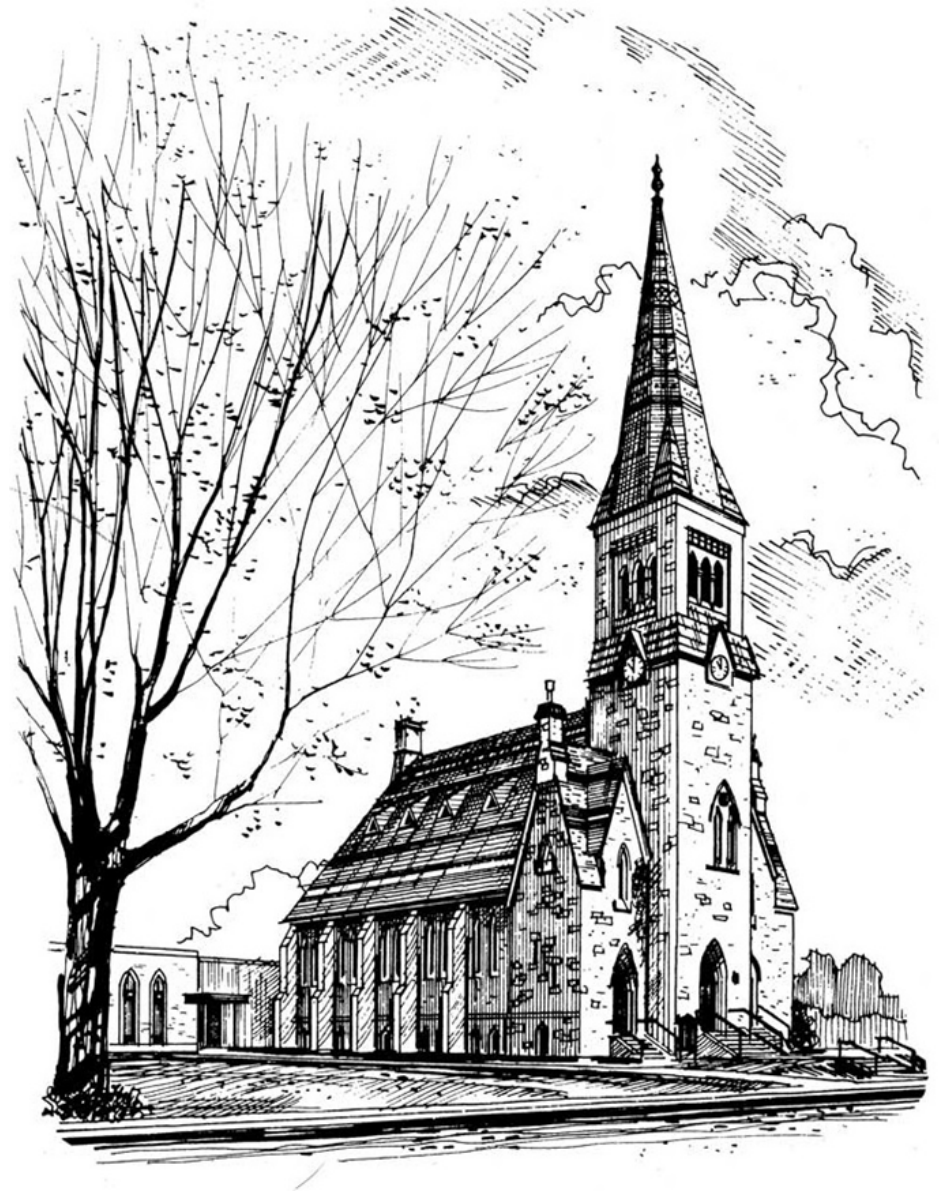
"Go to the World"

#295

*Benediction

Postlude

All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.



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Happy Birthday!

Sally Meisenheimer	8/13	Jim Snook	8/16
Dana Jeweler	8/16	Joyce Alldredge	8/22
Kolton Rafferty	8/25	Gail McGuire	8/26
Herbert Cottrell	8/27	Chloe Berry	8/30
Luke Haley	8/30	Derek Payne	8/31
Warner Houth	8/31	Laura Malchoff	9/2

Elders:

Class of 2025:

Carla Hausrath
Terri Mahoney
Rob Meisenheimer

Class of 2026:

Bill Haley
Bill Merrill
Jennie Booth
Mark Malchoff

Class of 2027:

Carl Payne
Angela Snook
Deb Donahue

Deacons:

Class of 2025:

Victoria Duley
Dianne Root
Anne Bailey
Donna Hanrahan

Class of 2026:

Kathe Fairweather
Stephanie Moore
Holly Smith
Carol Czaja

Class of 2027:

Susan Everett
Tish Landis
Karen Merrill
Travis Payne

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

SUMMER INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Marty Weitz

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Adrian Carr

CLERK OF SESSION: Judy Bunnell

MODERATOR OF DEACONS: Karen Merrill & Dianne Root

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Sadie Prinsen

SEXTON: Sally Ann Blow

First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh

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Teach Faith
Practice Love***

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PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of August 10th, 2025

Felicia Kreig
Stephen Kreig
Tish Landis
Kimberly Larsen

PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family	Peg & Jack Myers
Barbara Thompson	John Mazur
Joy Mazur	Bob Davis
Sue Ellen Bailey	

This Sunday we thank:

WORSHIP LEADER: Sally Meisenheimer

USHERS: Judy & Gil Duken

FELLOWSHIP: Morris & Dianne Root

ZOOM COORDINATOR: Jennie Booth

Worship Leaders

Aug 17- Anne Bailey
Aug 24- Dana Jeweler

Fellowship time

Aug 17-
Aug 24-

Ushers

Aug 17- Susan Everett & Anne Bailey
Aug 24- Sally Blow &

Zoom Coordinators

Aug 17- Jim Snook
Aug 24- Jim Snook

Fellowship Time

Hosts are needed for fellowship time. Please consider stepping up and signing up. If you would like to host ***Fellowship Time***, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office via phone at 518-561-3140 or by e-mail at office@presbyplatt.org

Study of Luke 15

Pastor Marty will be hosting his Study of Luke 15 during August starting this week. We will be looking at the parables through the mind of people of the Middle East.

By popular demand, we will have two separate times for these classes:

Monday Evenings on August 11th, 18th, and 25th they will be meeting in The Library at 7pm, with a remote option to zoom in.

Tuesday Mornings on August 12th, 19th, and 26th they will be meeting in The Memorial Room at 10am in-person only.

Presbyterian Women Meeting

Everyone interested (including men!) are invited to a meeting to discuss how to distribute the profits from our December bake sale and other monies for mission available in the Presbyterian budget. We will also discuss plans for this coming year's sale. The meeting will be held before church at 9am on August 10th in The Library. We would love for you to attend.

Potluck Luncheon August 31st

Sunday, August 31st is Marty's last Sunday with First Presbyterian Church. There will be a Potluck Luncheon following worship service. Please bring a dish to share and join in the festivities! We want to say thank you and wish Marty (and Emilie) well on the next journey!

Hi, My Name Is _____!

The name tag board has been moved to the back of the Sanctuary by the entrance doors for ease of access. Feel free to wear yours to Fellowship Time. There will be a basket on the Fellowship Hall table in which you may leave it, and it will be returned to the board in the Sanctuary.

Pastor Tim is on Sabbatical until the beginning of September. In his absence, Rev. Marty Weitz is serving as our guest pastor for the summer. He has office hours on Monday and Tuesday. If you need to reach him for pastoral emergencies or to schedule an appointment outside of regular office hours, you may do so at (315) 262-4684 or memweitz@gmail.com.

Sunday, Aug 10:	9:00 am	Presbyterian Women Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, Aug 11:	7:00 pm	Study of Luke 15
Tuesday, Aug 12:	10:00 am	Study of Luke 15
	Noon	AA Meeting
Wednesday, Aug 13:	5:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Plattsburgh Table Tennis
Thursday, Aug 14:	9:15 am	Quilting Group
	Noon	AA Meeting
Sunday, August 17:	10:00 am	Worship Service