

ORDER OF SERVICE
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 24th, 2025
GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Joys and Concerns

Prelude “Light”
By Dr. Adrian Carr, from the album *Release*.

Silent Reflection Time

Introit “If I Had a Hammer”

Words & Music by
Pete Seeger and Lee Hayes
Performed by Stuart Voss

Call to Worship
A love that never ceases.
A hope that is never quenched.
A Creator who calls us.
A redeemer who heals us.
A Spirit that equips us.
These are the gifts of God, whom we worship with gladness.

***Hymn** “For the Beauty of the Earth” #14

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of living water, we confess that our wells are empty. Our reservoirs of hope have run dry. We feel their absence in the careless words we have thought and spoken. We feel their loss in wounded relationships and unjust circumstances.

Forgive what we have done and left undone, O Lord. Then let the rain of your mercy replenish the parched places in ourselves and in our world. 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 Luke 19:1-10 pg. 82

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

Anthem “Bridge Over Troubled Water”
Words and music by Paul Simon

Second Reading Acts 9:1-19 pg. 127-128

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

Sermon “Act Two” Rev. Marty Weitz

Silent Reflection Time

***Hymn** “Will You Come and Follow Me” #726

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

"Blowin' In the Wind"

Words and music by Bob Dylan

***Doxology**

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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**

Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. **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**

"O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing"

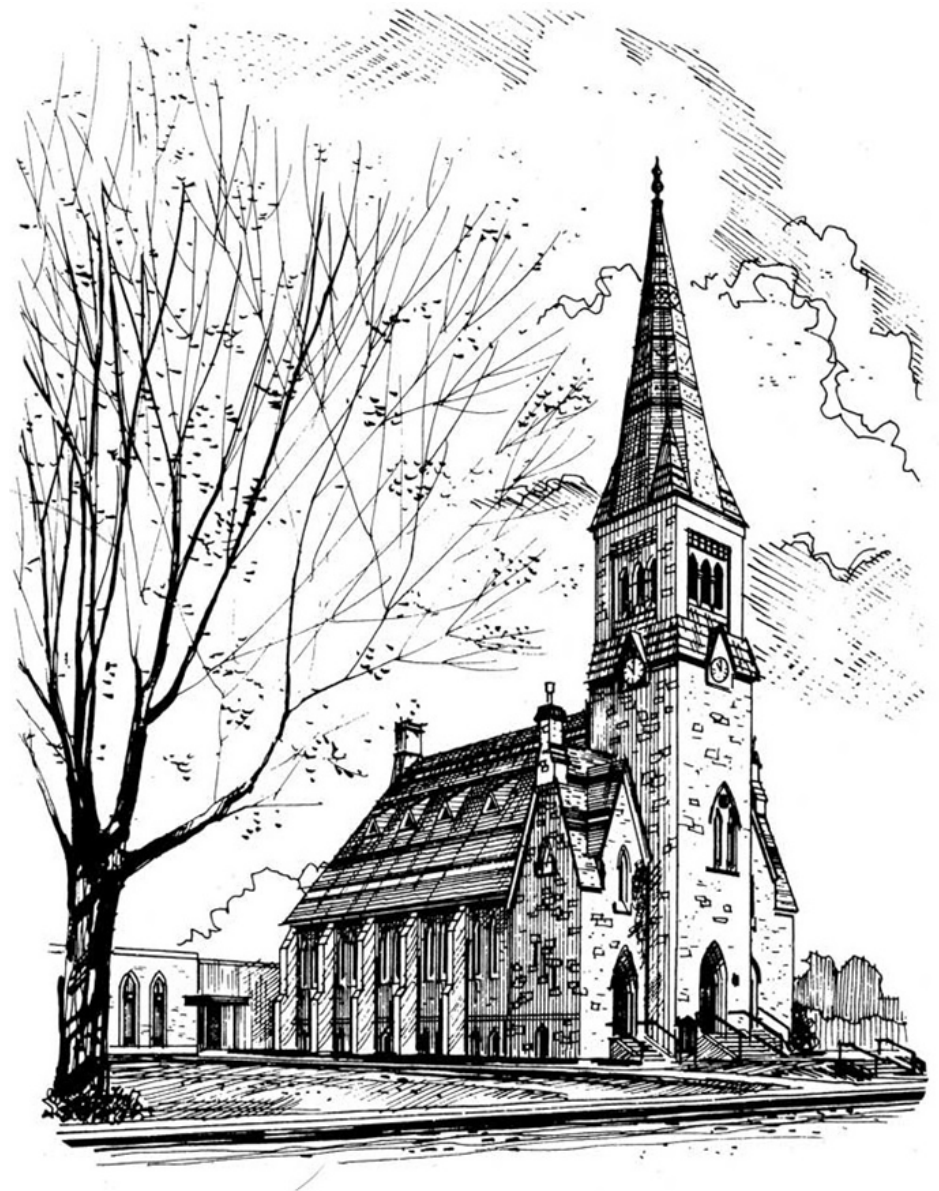
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Benediction*Postlude**

"If I Had a Hammer"

Words & music by Pete Seeger and Lee Hayes

All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.



The First Presbyterian Church

Founded 1797

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Happy Birthday!

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
Roland McGee	9/8	Declan Keleher	9/8
Felicia Krieg	9/9	Michael Deeb	9/12
Connie Harrica	9/13	Maria Poveda	9/13

Bible Study

Bible Study will come back from summer break on Tuesday, September 2nd. They will be meeting in the Memorial Room at 10:30am. The Bible study looks at the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday as it appears in four different versions of the Bible – NASB, NIV, NRSV (pew Bible) and the Message. New participants are always welcome.

Back to School & Back to Church Picnic: Sunday, September 14th

TO: Everyone, young and young at heart

Come to 10 am worship dressed casually (play clothes) and be ready for a picnic and fun and games on the Brinkerhoff lawn immediately following worship (Fellowship Hall if inclement weather).

Grilled burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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

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PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of August 24th, 2025

Marjorie Mapstone

John & Joy Mazur

David McCrea

Roland & Yong McGee

PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family

Barbara Thompson

Joy Mazur

Sue Ellen Bailey

Peg & Jack Myers

John Mazur

Bob Davis

Geoge Wurster & Family

This Sunday we thank:

WORSHIP LEADER: Dana Jeweler

USHERS: Sally Blow & Carol Czaja

FELLOWSHIP: Sara & Howard Black

ZOOM COORDINATOR: Jim Snook

Worship Leaders

Aug 31- Stuart Voss
 Sept 7- Deb Donahue

Fellowship time

Aug 31- Potluck
 Sept 7-

Ushers

Aug 31- Linda Voss and Tish Landis
 Sept 7-

Zoom Coordinators

Aug 31- Carl Payne
 Sept 7- Carl Payne

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 is hosting the last week of his Study of Luke 15 during this coming week. We will finishing looking at the parables through the mind of people of the Middle East.

By popular demand, we are having two separate times for these classes:

Monday Evening on the 25th they will meet in the Library at 7pm, with a remote option to zoom in.

Tuesday Morning on the 26th they will meet in the Memorial Room at 10am in-person only.

Guest Vocalist Spotlight

Stuart Voss has prepared a selection of songs for today's worship service. We would like to thank Stuart for joining us and helping make beautiful music for today's worship service.

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!

The folks from Chazy Presbyterian Church will be joining us for Worship and the luncheon as our guests. This Sunday please make an effort to wear your name tags- they can be found in the back of the Sanctuary. There will be a basket in Fellowship Hall in which to return your name tags to be put back on the board.

Choir Returns!

Our first choir rehearsal of the season is next Thursday, August 28th at 6pm. We are always looking for new members. Please feel welcome to join us at 6pm on Thursdays and bless us with your gifts of music!

Pastor Tim is on Sabbatical until the beginning of September. He will be back in the office on Tuesday, September 2nd.

We thank the Rev. Marty Weitz for serving as our guest pastor for the summer. This week will be the last week he will have office hours on Monday and Tuesday. He will be preaching on August 31st, and will be available for pastoral emergencies until that date. You may reach him at (315) 262-4684 or memweitz@gmail.com.

Sunday, Aug 24:	10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, Aug 25:	7:00 pm	Study of Luke 15
Tuesday, Aug 26:	9:30 am 10:00 am Noon	Staff Meeting Study of Luke 15 AA Meeting
Wednesday, Aug 27:	1:45 pm 7:00 pm	Parkinsons Support Group Plattsburgh Table Tennis
Thursday, Aug 28:	9:15 am Noon 6:00 pm	Quilting Group AA Meeting Choir
Sunday, August 31:	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship Service Potluck