

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom
of heaven, and whatever you bind on
earth will be bound in heaven."

Matthew 16:19, NRSV



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LORD'S DAY SERVICE

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

AWARENESS OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Church's One Foundation”

arr. Chris Rice

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We give thanks to God with all our hearts,

All: for God's faithful love endures forever.

One: We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,

All: for God's promises declare God's goodness to all the earth.

One: We place our trust in in God with full confidence,

All: and we come to worship with hearts full of praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Red Hymnal #81

AWARENESS OF OURSELVES

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your purposes. You set a path for us to follow, but we conform to the ways of this world. You give each of us gifts to use for the work of your kingdom, but we wait for others to do what needs doing. Forgive us for taking the easy way out and renew in us the eagerness and energy to serve. *(Silent Confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

All: So let us make a fresh start today!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “Hear the Good News of Salvation” RH #441 (vs1)

Hear the good news of salvation, Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

*PASSING THE PEACE (please share a sign of peace with those around you)

REMEMBERING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S ACTS OF REVELATION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:13-28

New Testament Pg. 17

SERMON

“Perception is Key”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD – OUR COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” Red Hymnal #718

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION “Lift High the Cross” Red Hymnal #826

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “We Lift Our Voices” Red Hymnal #710

POSTLUDE “Higher Ground” arr. Cindy Berry

**Indicates those able may stand.*

WE WELCOME guests and visitors to First Presbyterian Church. We are happy that you are worshipping with us today. Please fill out the pew pad in your row and pass it to others sitting near you. Following the worship service please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

If you have a name tag, either one you bring or one you keep on the name tag board in the narthex, we ask that you please wear your name tag. We have had many guests and new members joining us and name tags make welcoming each other easier. If you need a name tag, please leave a note in the office and we will get you one.

A collection plate is located in the back of the sanctuary by the door. If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the collection plate. If you are a regular giver and

would like giving envelopes or would like to be sure your donations are being credited for tax purposes, please see Pastor Lance. If you would like to sign up for online giving, that can be done through our website at www.kenoshafpc.org. Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

Today	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Monday	5:30 p.m.	AI-Anon (Fireside Rm.)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (FH)
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	AA Mtg. (FH)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (zoom)
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Private Event (Link)
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship

Ministers: All Of Us
Pastor: Lance Loveall
Pastor Emeritus: Robert D. Hill
Commissioned Elder: Sara Miles

