

STAYING CONNECTED, OCTOBER, 2025

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CATHY

Dear Friends,

John Calvin believed older children should affirm their baptisms by learning about and professing their faith. This is what we call confirmation, not a rite of passage, nor a bestowing of the Holy Spirit (that happens at baptism), but an affirmation of what God has done and will do in our lives moving forward. And so, we say "Stir up the gift of Your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen." We ask God to stir things up so that the Holy Spirit living in us may find new life. Then may we through God's help move forward into our teenage and young adult years knowing God is for us, God is with us, and God will help and guide us.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 2 Timothy 3:6

I am so grateful to have had the honor to walk beside First Presbyterian's confirmation students these past years. They are good listeners, not just to the pastor but to each other and the younger students who gather on Wednesday nights; they are curious about what is doing in the world and in their lives; and they are kind, that's a big one in today's world with so much division and hate. This gives me great hope for our future, knowing they will be part of the leaders of tomorrow.

Please pray for them and greet them when you are able. You will find we have been truly blessed by these students and the families who have supported them on their faith journeys.

With a Grateful Heart,

Pastor Cathy

***Congratulations Confirmands!
Cooper, Peyton and Bobbie Jo!***



*World Communion
Sunday*

World Communion Sunday was celebrated on October 5, 2025. It is a time when all Christian churches, no matter what denomination or where they are located, celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Reminding us, we are united in Christ Jesus. This year, we invited people to bring bread as a reminder of God's abundant blessings. After worship, we broke bread together and shared fellowship together.



Please Pray for . . .

Healing: Rose Barberg's daughter Cheryl Paicius, Alma Robinson's grandson Chris Robinson, Mike Koeppe, Maureen Hoover, Rose Barberg, Gini Gutknecht's nephew Tim Anderson, Adell Mumford & Bruce Mumford

At Cokato Manor: Reta Blanchette

Please pray for thankfulness and joy for the life of . . . First Presbyterian Church of Howard Lake! Over the past century and a half, First Presbyterian Church of Howard Lake has shown remarkable resilience, remaining a pillar of faith, dedication, and service. This church's journey is an inspiration to us all. May God's grace continue to shine upon First Presbyterian, and may the ministry here continue to touch lives and glorify His name. Congratulations on 150 years of faithful service! We look forward to seeing all that God will continue to do through the ministry in the years to come!

**Happy 150th Anniversary
First Presbyterian Church Howard Lake!**

Join us for worship on October 26th at 10:00 am for our *150th Anniversary Celebration*! Following worship, we will be sharing a meal, conversations and a slide show at the Howard Lake Event Center! We are very thankful to God for His faithfulness and we express gratitude for this church community.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Psalm 126:3



CONGRATULATIONS
to
Nealy Berg!
Nealy was inducted
into the National
Honor Society!
Way to go, Nealy!



November 2, 2025

First Presbyterian Howard Lake
9:30am Worship Service

Join us as we remember those who have gone before us.
Bring a picture, a candle, a memory to share

All Saints Day

November Birthdays

Terry Robinson	2
Maureen Hornstein	4
Jack Jones	12
Deb Dahlberg	13
Johnny Berg	21
Mclane Robinson	26



Trick or Treat Street

The City of Howard Lake is once again hosting a *Trick or Treat Street* event on Friday, October 31st from 4:30-5:30 pm along 8th Avenue in Howard Lake.

****Back up plan:** South Shore Event

NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints' Day
2 21st Sunday after Pentecost; Daylight Savings Time ends; Change Sunday 8:30-9:15 am Bible Study & Prayer Time 9:30 am Worship & Communion Music: Elijah Wheatley 10:30 am Fellowship	3	4 Election Day 4-6 pm Low Cost Food Sale @ Zion Church in Buffalo	5 Wednesday Night Education 5:15 pm Gathering Activity 5:30 Small Group 6:15 Dinner 6:45 Closing Prayer	6	7 World Communion Day	8
9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30-9:15 am Bible Study & Prayer Time 9:30 am Worship Music: Barb Wawrzyniak	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost; Hunger & Homelessness Sunday 8:30-9:15 am Bible Study & Prayer Time 9:30 am Worship Music: Elijah Wheatley 10:30 am Fellowship	17	18	19 Wednesday Night Education 5:15 pm Gathering Activity 5:30 Small Group 6:15 Dinner 6:45 Closing Prayer	20 Transgender Day of Remembrance	21	22
23 Christ the King Sunday; Eradicate Systemic Poverty Sunday 8:30-9:15 am Bible Study & Prayer Time 9:30 am Worship Music: Barb Wawrzyniak 10:30 am Fellowship	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Office closed	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 8:30-9:15 am Bible Study & Prayer Time 9:30 am Worship Music: Laura Pieper						

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Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

November Events

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| 11/1 | All Saints' Day |
| 11/2 | Bible Study, Worship, Communion, Change Sunday & Fellowship |
| 11/4 | Low Cost Food Sale at Zion Church in Buffalo |
| 11/5 | Wednesday Night Education |
| 11/7 | World Communion Day |
| 11/9 | Bible Study, Worship & Fellowship |
| 11/16 | Bible Study, Worship & Fellowship |
| 11/19 | Wednesday Night Education |
| 11/23 | Bible Study, Worship & Fellowship |
| 11/27 | Thanksgiving Day |
| 11/30 | Bible Study, Worship & Fellowship |