

Living Faith Together... We're Glad You're Here! Sunday, July 21, 2024 10:00 am

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**Prelude** Christa Schmeelk, piano

**Life at FPC** Christa Schmeelk, Director of Engagement

**Welcome** Natalie Handley

**Opening Songs:** 

All Creatures of Our God and King, Hymn #455, v. 1,5,6

Counting Every Blessing Christa Schmeelk

\*Call to Worship Natalie Handley

\*Prayer of Confession Pastor Ben Ehrets

\*Hearing the Good News of God

\*Passing the Peace

**Children's Moment** Peter Bergmann, Elder of Children's Ministry

**The Gift of Giving** Pastor Ben

**Joys and Concerns** 

Song: Reckless Love Christa Schmeelk

**Today's Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 2:11-22

**Message:** Breaking Down Walls Natalie Handley

\*Closing Song: Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

\*Benediction

**Postlude** Christa Schmeelk, piano

<sup>\*</sup>Congregation is invited to stand at this time.

# Call to Worship

Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord; bless God's name.

Each day proclaim the good news that our God saves.

Publish God's glorious deeds among the nations.

Tell everyone about the amazing things God does.

For great is the Lord!

God is worthy of our praise!

# **Prayer of the Confession**

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you on this new day with new desires and old fears. new decisions and old controversies. new dreams and old weaknesses. new community and old, dividing walls. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith. we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise, we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise, asking you to break down our dividing walls so we may love and serve and bless you. Amen.

#### We want to pray for you.

Please send your prayer request via email to prayerlist@myfpc.org. It will be passed along to the Pastors and, if you would like, included in the FPC weekly prayer list.

We are a Stephen Ministry Church. If you would like to talk with a trained listener, please contact the church office at 608-949-9445 or info@myfpc.org.

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#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Thanks for joining us this morning. Here are some helpful hints as we "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

#### Parents:

Look for the **red Busy Bags** in the Lobby for our younger worshipers.

**The Wiggle Room** is available for any youngster needing it. It is located on the other side of the oneway glass and equipped with toys and books where you can also hear the sermon.

**The Nursery** (0-2 years) may be available during service from 10-11am, **if volunteers are on duty.** 

#### AFTER SERVICE

Fellowship and Coffee — Join us!

We exist as a congregation to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known:

**TO PROCLAIM** the good news of Jesus Christ so all may come to know and love Him

**TO NURTURE** His people in joyful faith, fellowship, and commitment

TO DEMONSTRATE His way of love in service

Pastor Ben K. Ehrets

# July 21, 2024 What's Happening at FPC

• Session met on Monday, July 15 and they voted to continue negotiaions for the sale of the farmland on FPC's property. If negotiations go well a congregational vote will be needed to approve the sale. Stay tuned! Session has also decided to move forward with the "No Guns in God's House" signs that will be posted within the next few weeks.



- FPC is seeking a PT Sunday Nursery Coordinator for Sunday mornings from 9:30AM-11:30AM. Competitive pay, bring your own children or grandchildren with you to play on
  - Sunday mornings! For more details or to apply scan the QR code or email the church office at info@myfpc.org!
- Theology on Tap is TODAY, July 21 at 3pm. Join Christa and Ezrah's in their backyard at 500 Hillcrest Drive here in Waunakee for a casual gathering that is centered around food/drinks, and conversation on a deep faith topic. All (21+) are welcome!
- Light Team is meeting for coffee at MNM's Coffeehouse TOMORROW, July 22 from 9:30AM-11AM.
- FPC Dining Divas will be meeting at Rodeside Grill in Windsor for dinner Wednesday, July 24 at 5pm. Please RSVP to Alka: alkadaisy@gmail.com



• Help save lives! The blood drive will be held down in Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 26 from Noon-5PM.

# **Jovs and Concerns**

- Rachael Decker, daughter of Diane Schewe, asks for prayers of miraculous healing with new diagnosis of mild pulmonary emphysema from collapse in right lung.
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Pam Fisher, friend of the Schewe's. Pam was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers of Peace and Healing for our Nation.

### **Shine Your Light**

- FPC of Waunakee is seeking rotating volunteers for:
  - House Manager
  - Sound Desk Assistant
  - Folks with minor household repair/maintenance/yardwork skills

For more details contact Christa at cschmeelk@myfpc.org

# A Note from the PNC: Welcome Will to Waunakee!

Imagine for a moment. You've taken a new job. You're leaving your home and the people you've known, and you're traveling nearly a thousand miles to get there. Oh, wait a minute! You and your spouse also have a brand-new baby, which is a blessing indeed, but doesn't make moving any easier.

Now, imagine that your new employer has funded all your moving expenses...you not only realize how eager they are to have you on board, but you breathe a sigh of grateful relief at the welcome you're already receiving!

This is what we can all do, together, with a generous Love Offering, to give a great big welcome to Pastor Will, his wife Abby...and little "Guess Who?"



Love offerings will be collected from now through July 30. Please use the QR code to donate today. Thank you!



# WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies! Join us October 18-20 (7pm, Friday evening-11am, Sunday Morning) at the Green Lake Conference Center. Natalie Handley, our speaker and today's guest preacher, will be leading us on Creative Embodied Faith: Discovering Christ in our midst by exploring a variety of spiritual practices that involve movement, creativity, and other every day activities that will help connect us to Christ. We are excited to offer this opportunity to the women of FPC (and their friends and family!) on this special Women's Retreat weekend. Join us as together we create this safe and sacred time together to explore creative connections with ourselves, each other, and with God.

Double Occupancy Room: \$115 • Single Occupancy Room: \$165

Price includes two nights, meals, and snacks. ADA rooms and Carpooling will be available.

Space is limited, please RSVP as soon as possible. Sign up deadline: August 14

Please reach out to Christa Schmeelk • cschmeelk@myfpc.org