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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MACOMB
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Sunday, August 9, 2026

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**indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.*

Bold type indicates the community's spoken response.

Ringling of the Church Bell

Prelude Variations on *Lobe den Herren* Deborah Mayhew Zufall
You are encouraged to use these moments before the service begins for meditation and quiet reflection.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
Pastor: We come, carrying just what we need for the journey:
People: five loaves, two fish.
Pastor: We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:
People: our time, our talents, our gifts.
Pastor: We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:
People: in God's hands, what we have is enough.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* *Lobe den Herren*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

(Time of silent personal confession)

*Assurance of God’s Grace

Pastor: Hear the good news! Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus..

People: Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri #581 *Glory Be to the Father* *Gloria Patri*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 51:1-12
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Amen.

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson **Mark 6:30-44**

Sermon ***The Bounty of a Small Gift***

*Hymn #187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* *Bradbury*

*Recognition of Offering
Offerings can be placed in the plate at the entrance of the sanctuary.

*Doxology #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Old Hundredth*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* *More Love to Thee*

*Benediction

Postlude *Rejoice and Be Glad* William Barnett
You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude before leaving the sanctuary.

Thank you to this morning’s worship leaders:

Minister: Rev. Timothy Snart
Director of Music/Organist: Barb Gossett
Lector: Sue Rericha
Tech Director: Booker DeWitt
Ushers: Keith Engel, Linda Engel, Rose Elam

A Big Thank you to Rev. Timothy Snart for guest preaching

Worship leaders for August 16, 2026:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey
Director of Music/Organist: Barb Gossett
Lector: Jeanne Stierman
Tech Director: Booker DeWitt
Ushers: Charolette Megginson, Becky Fitzgerald, Donna Quesal

Our Congregation’s Vision & Mission:

Vision:

A vibrant church growing in our faith and our relationship with the community.

Mission:

We are a church growing together in God's abundant grace.

We are a giving church, gathering to encourage all to shine out our gifts.

This Week’s Schedule

Today, August 9	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, August 10	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Prairieland Barbershop Practice
Tuesday, August 11	11:00 a.m.	Rotary meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wednesday, August 12	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin announcements due
Thursday, August 13	12:00 p.m.	Giving Gardens Lunch
Friday, August 14	9:30 a.m.	Visitation for Janice Wayland
	10:30	Service for Janice Wayland
Saturday, August 15	1:00 p.m	Visitation for Ron Lowderman
	2:00 p.m.	Service for Ron Lowderman
Sunday, August 16	10:00 a.m.	Worship

Happy Birthday to Bill Lewis, Linda Miller-turning 90!
Marsha Davey, Paul Fisher, & Dorothea Jewell this week.

Happy Anniversary to Felix & Nancy Chu today!
Jim & Nancy Caldwell, Jack & Barb Baily & Ray & Nancy Krey this week!

Announcements

Cheyanna will be back tomorrow. Rev. Mark Merrill is on-call for pastoral emergencies. Missy is scheduling her August and September visits. Let her know and she can get you on the calendar.

Joint Worship Service with Trinity Lutheran Church

August 30, 2026 at 10 a.m.

at

Trinity Lutheran Church
123 South Campbell Street



Lunch to follow

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
MUSIC: Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN
14.14.4.7.8

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer’s name.

606 Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise *him, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or “God”

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ



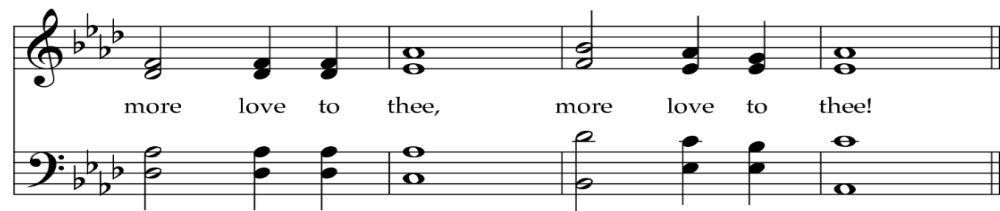
1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2 Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
 3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.
 Now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best.
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise.



This is my ear - nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;



more love to thee, more love to thee!

Perhaps because this prayer-poem by the wife of a leading 19th-century Presbyterian minister grew out of her own physical and emotional suffering, it has continued to speak to many people in similar distress. It is set here to the tune created for its first printing in a hymnal.

Music used:

Variations on *Lobe den Herren*

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Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

TEXT: Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836, alt.

MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859, alt.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

More Love to Thee, O Christ

TEXT: Elizabeth Payson Prentiss, 1856

MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1870

Rejoice and Be Glad

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