

hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

THE OFFERING
*DOXOLOGY

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, thank you for entrusting us to participate in your worldwide circle of caring. May the offering of the time, talent and treasure that you have sewn in us bring you joy and bring our neighbors comfort and hope. Show us how to use these gifts entrusted to us for your glory and your dreams. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN "Go Now In Peace"**

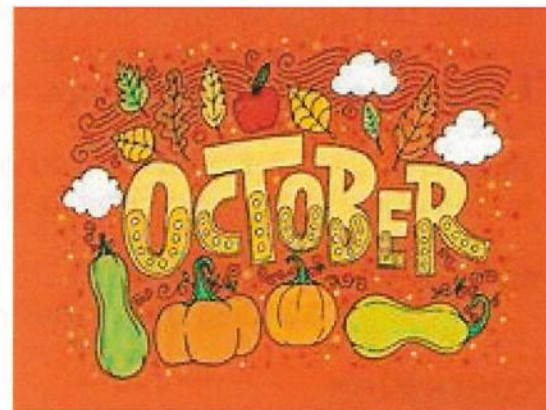
Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude in Folk-Hymn Style" (L. Smith)

**All who are able are please asked to stand.
Bold indicates congregational participation

**The Mission of
The First Presbyterian Church of Mandan
Is to follow God's two great commandments:
To love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind;
And to love your neighbor as yourself --
In this community and beyond.**



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PRELUDE: "Near to the Heart of God" (C. B. McAfee-arr. C. Berry)
Eileen Edland Pianist/Guitarist

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Sorrows of the People

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: I will tell God's story to family and friends;

I will offer praise in the center of the congregation!

**PEOPLE: Let us raise our hallelujahs together, God's children
one and all!**

LEADER: Because God has never turned away from our suffering
or hidden away when we were in need.

**PEOPLE: God has been right here listening, a breath away when
we cry out for help.**

LEADER: To our great comfort, I raise my voice in praise.

In the presence of the congregation we honor you, O God!

**CHORUS BOOK p. 189 "Teach Me, Lord"
"Trust and Obey" (Insert)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Once, daunted by the challenges of faithfulness, Jesus's disciples
asked urgently, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them
and said, "For humans it is impossible, but not for God. All things
are possible for God." Trusting in God who longs to mend our
broken places, let us turn to God in prayer.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, sometimes it hurts too much to look honestly at the world
and ourselves. We grow tired of the constant bad news, so we put on
a brave face and gloss over the ache of violence, sickness, disaster, and
human callousness that plagues our globe. With those we are

closest to, we sometimes pretend that we feel okay, that we are not
worried, that we have a plan. We even lie to ourselves, not fully
admitting the impact of our actions on one another or ourselves.
Forgive us, O God, when we try to hide our hearts from you. Fuel
our trust that we might approach you with our full selves—
authentic in our gifts, and our fears, and our shortcomings. Give us
the courage to walk together through the trials of life, rather than
soldiering on alone. And help us to sense your faithful presence
through the days when there feels like more shadow than sun.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 103:8, 11-12)

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of
faithful love. As high as heaven is above the earth, that's how
large God's faithful love is for God's children. As far as east is
from west— that's how far God has removed our sin from us.
In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Special Music "You Say"

Eileen Edland

MESSAGE:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN INSERT "My Life Is in You, Lord"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Belhar Confession*)

**We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who
wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
that God, in a world full of injustice and hostility, is in a
special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the
wronged, that God calls the church to follow him in this;
for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR GREETERS TODAY: YOUR DEACONS

SPECIAL PEOPLE OF THE WEEK: Family of Bob Reikow who passed away this week, funeral arrangements are pending

Our thanks to Ray Wertz and Steve Schroeder for preparing today's service

INFORMATION NEEDED

The church would like to keep all our college students and those in the service up-to-date with church activities, etc. Please let the church office know what their addresses are so they can be added to the newsletter mailing list. **Care packages also will be sent soon so make sure we get their addresses.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 - Oliver Stewart
- 11 - Lainy Lingen
- 12 - James Upton, AJ Stewart
- 13 - Mark Grove
- 14 - Don Gust
- 15 - Natalie Eckes, Cameron Keigley, Kevin Kaufmann, Cori Kaufmann
- 16 - Stephanie Gray, Camryn Ulmer
- 17 - Gaige Eckes

FINANCIALLY:

Needed weekly:	\$3,000.00 (General Fund)	
October 3, 2021	Contributions	
	General	\$ 3087.00
	Special Projects	\$ 400.00
	Memorial	\$ 200.00
	Total	\$ 3687.00
	September tithe-ly	\$ 140.00

PRAYER LIST: AJ Stewart, Raleigh Pflieger, Kelley Reuer, Nick Dove, Mark Dove, Darla Keigley, Dean Shaw, LuAnn Schmid, Mark Carney, Virginia Illich, Miriam Meyers, Marlys McDowell, Sam DeHaven, Deanna Reikow, and Sarah McDowell.

MILITARY LIST: Ben Broberg, David Beylund, Steph Kuehn, Alex Dove, and Brad Gardner.

NURSING/RETIREMENT HOMES: David Gray, Don Morris, Carole Klebe and Irene Springan.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 11 – Session meeting 7 PM

Trust and Obey

1) When we walk with the Lord In the Light of His word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
When we do His good will, He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey.

CHORUS:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

3) Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He does richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey. (CHORUS)

4) But we never can prove The delights of his love
Until all on the alter we lay;
For the favor He shows, And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey. (CHORUS)

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord, in You it's in You;
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life, with all of my strength
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord, in You it's in You;
My life is in You Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You---in You.