

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. during the school year, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

### A Time of Fellowship

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship and treats in the Coffee Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

### † TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS †

*Those recovering from illness or injury*

*Those grieving*

*Those facing health issues*

*Those battling cancer*

*For healthy pregnancies*

*Missionaries*

*All facing evacuation due to flood waters and contamination of drinking water in Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas*

*The people in New Zealand following the shooting at two mosques*

*Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow*

*The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)*

*Those left homeless due to natural disasters, especially in Mozambique*

*Those suffering from religious persecution and refugees around the world needing a safe place to live*

**We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:**

*Tony Herbst, Caitlin Daniels, and Sharon Hallstoos (birthdays)*

*The Elders who faithfully serve the church family*

## THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., March 31

9:00am Sunday School for all ages

10:15am Worship:  
Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching

Tue., April 2

11:30am Young at Heart @ Village Inn

Wed., April 3

2:00pm Luke Study @ Bethany Home  
6:30pm Choir

Fri., April 5

1:30pm Manor Care: Tom Jack

Sat., April 6

8:00am Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine

Sun., April 7

9:00am Sunday School for all ages

*Food for the 1st*

10:15am Worship:

Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

11:30am Mission Team meeting

### Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Lent

West Wall - Isaiah 43:1 (*in memory of Barb Stant*)

North Wall - I John 4:19 (*in honor of Rev. Katherine Achtemeier*)

**Deacons for the month of March:** Jamie Dillman and Hannah Eby

**April:** Steve & Beth Foxen

**For pastoral emergencies,** please contact the Rev. John Armstrong at 605-354-3891 or john1rev@gmail.com

**Prayer Chain** requests may be emailed or called to the church (582-4494), or emailed to Linda at fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com

**Office Hours** for Ginger Vander Broek are Mon., Wed., Thu. 9:00am-1:00pm

### Lectionary Readings for April 7th:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31, 2019

### Announcements

#### Prelude

"What Wondrous Love is This"

arr. Shockley

Luke 15:19-24

#### For Prayer and Reflection:

*While the son was still far off, his father saw him, and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'*

#### Call to Worship

Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful,  
**slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love.**  
We will worship the Lord!

#### Opening Prayer

#### \*Songs of Praise

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Hart/Owen

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream,  
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

#### "Awesome Power"

Awesome power, boundless grace, none can fathom all your ways.  
Truth and love are found in your heart alone;  
Righteousness surrounds your throne.

Holy, holy, holy Lord most high  
Holy, holy, holy Lord most high

Elliott

## Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** (adapted - The Valley of Vision: Puritan Prayer)  
**Holy God, in whose hand is our lives, keep us from fluttering about the Christian life; fix us firm in it, for we are irresolute; our decisions are smoke and vapor, and we do not glorify you or behave according to your will. Save us from ourselves, from the deceits of sin, from the treachery of our nature, from denying our transgressions against you, from lives of rebellion against you, from wrong principles, views, and ends. O Father, wound our hearts so that they may be healed, break them in your own hand that they may be made whole. You are loving and merciful, patient and kind, and we turn to you for forgiveness and new life.**

**Silent Confession** (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

## Declaration of Forgiveness

\***Gloria Patri #734**

## Prayer for Illumination

**First Reading** Psalm 32 p. 869

**Choral Anthem** "A Prayer of Need" Rodriguez  
I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord. No tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee, O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee. My love is weak, my heart imperfect, so I have great need of you. I need your strengthening, and your comfort, your instruction, and your freedom. Let your love dissolve my hard heart, let your love lift me up. Let your love reveal to me joy beyond imagination, let my soul exhaust itself in singing praises of your love. My love is weak, my heart imperfect, so I have great need of you. I need your healing, spirit cleansing, plunge me deeply in your love. Let your love dissolve my hard heart, let your love lift me up, let your love reveal to me joy beyond imagination, let my soul exhaust itself in singing praises of your name. Let my soul exhaust itself in singing praises of your name.

**Children's Message** (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery)

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 p. 1799

**Sermon** "Don't Sin. But if You Do, Repent!"

**\*Hymn of Response** Hymn #348 "Softly and Tenderly" Thompson

**\*Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostles' Creed"  
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the

right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People

### 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, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen

### The Offering

**Offertory** "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

arr. Wagner

\***Doxology #34**

\***Prayer of Dedication**

### \*Sending Hymn

Hymn #422

"Amazing Grace!"

New Britain

### \*Charge & Benediction

**\*Postlude** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*Those who are able, please stand.

arr. Benjamin

### Leaders in Worship:

Kristen Eby, Music Director  
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director  
Stephen Longfield, liturgist  
Rev. Beth McCaw, preacher

### Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Victoria Slemmons, greeter

Annette and Carlie Boelk, Coffee Fellowship hosts  
Courtney Schnoor and Florence Siefker, Nursery

### Who We Are

"We love because God first loved us." I John 4:19

First Presbyterian is a community of people who are experiencing the Father's love in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are called through the Scriptures to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In thankful response for all God has done for us, we serve our church, neighborhood, and world through ministries of worship, nurture, education and outreach.

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**TRANSITION NEWS:** The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is making good progress in their search for our next full-time pastor. The PNC is co-chaired by Mark Ward and Jamie Dillman. Carlie Boelk, Lesley Sheridan, Scott McCaw, Linda Longfield, and Harold Daniels round out the committee. Please keep them in your prayers.

**YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT A NEW ROOF** is being put on the sanctuary. The steeple is the last stage of this project. Thanks to the Building and Grounds committee for overseeing this work.

**PLEASE SIGN** the card in the Coffee Hour room and wish our missionary couple in Thailand a very happy anniversary!

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** will be collected during Lent (March 10-April 21). This offering is divided between the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self Development of People programs of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Last year, we raised \$1,575. Can we match last year's giving? So far, we have raised \$417. Please give generously, using the envelopes in the pews.

**USHER TRAINING** will take place on April 14 following worship. If you would like to learn how to usher, please plan to stay after for a brief training session with Deacon Mark Stant. Mark will also train any deacon or elder wanting to learn how to serve communion at this training event. Please let Mark know if you are interested.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** dates are set: June 24-28 from 9:00-11:30am. Mark your calendars! Kids ages 4 - entering 6th grade are invited to attend our "Journey with Jesus." Registration forms will be available soon.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is FOOD FOR THE FIRST. Please bring your non-perishable food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry .

### PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

- Apr. 7 - Rev. Dan Emmert
- Apr. 14 - Rev. Beth McCaw - Palm Sunday
- Apr. 21 - Rev. Bradley Longfield - Easter Sunday

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS** are needed! Please sign up today in the Coffee Hour room to provide light refreshments for a Sunday in April. This important ministry of hospitality is appreciated by all.

**THESE DAYS** for April, May, and June are available in the narthex. Please take one to use during your daily devotions.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through March 24th totaled \$10,763.15.