

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" *arr. Benjamin*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

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.