

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 facing health issues

Those battling cancer

For healthy pregnancies

Missionaries

Folks facing evacuation due to flood waters and contamination of drinking water

The people in New Zealand following the shooting at two mosques

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

Those struggling with colds and flu

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Those left homeless due to natural disasters

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

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Janet Spoerl, Kate Tietjen, Kip Ward, Jocelyn Tietjen, and Thomas Blair
(birthdays)

The Deacons who faithfully care for the church family

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., March 24	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel
Wed., March 27	2:00pm	Luke Study @ Bethany Home
Sun., March 31	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching

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

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 March 31st:

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:15am Founded 1847
Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019

Announcements

Linda Longfield

Minute for Mission

OGHS

Sandy Spencer

Prelude

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

arr. Bock

For Prayer and Reflection:

(A.W. Tozer)

The moment the Spirit has quickened us to life...our whole being senses its kinship with God and leaps up in joyous recognition. That is the heavenly birth without which we cannot see the Kingdom of God. It is, however, not an end, but an inception, for now begins the glorious pursuit, the heart's happy exploration of the infinite riches of (God).

Call to Worship

With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

God has shown us what is good.

**What does the Holy One require of us,
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?**

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

“Step by Step”

David “Beaker” Strasser

O God you are my God and I will ever praise you.

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I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you lead me and I will follow you all of my days.

I will follow you all of my days. I will follow you all of my days.

And step by step you lead me and I will follow you all of my days.

“Sanctuary”

author unknown

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

Pure and holy, tried and true,

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Cleanse our hearts and make them holy, that we might live in the fullness of life you offer, and reflect your light to the world. Give us grace to obediently and faithfully follow Christ, through whom we pray.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 2:1-13 p. 1170

Choral Anthem "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr. Moore
I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, my trials, Lord, walk with me. My head is bowed, is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I am dying, Lord, walk with me; when I am dying, Lord, walk with me. When I am on my bed of sorrow, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me, with me.

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

Second Reading Romans 6:1-11 p. 1754

Sermon "Don't Sin."

*Hymn of Response Hymn #461 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Trentham

*Affirmation of Faith

What is the law of God? God spoke all of these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Left: You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Right: You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

Left: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Right: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Left: Honor your father and mother.

Right: You shall not murder.

Left: You shall not commit adultery.

Right: You shall not steal.

Left: You shall not bear false witness.

Right: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife; or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Back cover of hymnal)

The Offering

Offertory "O When Will I See Jesus" arr. Smith

*Doxology #34

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn

Hymn #457 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" *I Want To Be A Christian*

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude "Go Forth!" J. Krug
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:

Kristen Eby, Music Director
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Roger Ebertz, liturgist
Rev. Beth McCaw, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Elias Brehm, greeter
The Blairs, 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

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 \$217. Please give generously, using the envelopes in the pews.

"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY," the disciples said to Jesus. The adult Sunday school class is learning about prayer using Gary Hansen's book *Kneeling With Giants*. Beth McCaw and John Eby are leading the class. Copies of the book are provided. Please join us as we refresh and renew our prayer life.

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 9:00-11:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars. Kids ages 4 - entering 6th grade are invited to attend as we take a "Journey with Jesus." Registration forms will be available soon.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Janet Spoerl sends her heartfelt thanks to her church family. She appreciated the cards and visits while recovering from recent foot surgery.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Mar. 31 - Rev. Beth McCaw
Apr. 7 - Rev. Dan Emmert
Apr. 14 - Rev. Beth McCaw

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed! Please sign up today in the Coffee Hour room to provide light refreshments for a Sunday in March or 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 17th totaled \$9,683.35.