

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

Those expecting

Missionaries

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

Those dealing with flooding, unsafe drinking water, and/or homelessness in the Midwest and around the world

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Those suffering from religious persecution and refugees needing a safe place to live, especially the people of Sri Lanka following the Easter bombings at churches and hotels

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Deb Herbst, Michelle Daniels, Jesse Biekert, and Lyfe Fountain (birthdays)

For our caring church family

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., April 28	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home: Tom Jack & TBD
Tue, April 30	4:15pm	CE @ Beth Foxen's
Wed., May 1	6:30pm	Choir
Fri., May 3	1:30pm	Manor Care: Tom Jack
Sat., May 4	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
Sun., May 5	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Food for the 1st</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion Mission Trip Bake Sale
	11:30am	Deacons meeting

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Easter—John 11:25 (*in memory of George Nacos*)

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 April: Steve & Beth Foxen

May: Mark & Deb Stant

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 May 5th:

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

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10:15am

Founded 1847

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019

Announcements

Linda Longfield

Prelude

"Come Thou Almighty King"

arr. Larson

For Prayer and Reflection:

Fill our worship today with Your grace, Lord Jesus, so that every thought, word, and action may be acceptable to you. By Your power may we comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge; and may we be filled with Your fullness. Amen.

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 95)

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Come, bow down and worship; kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

**This is our God, our shepherd,
and we are the flock led with care.**

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #312

"Christ Is Alive!" (vv. 1 & 5)

Truro

"Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed"

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How can it be, the One who died, Has borne our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light, when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

Chorus: Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed;

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been,

They saw Him and their hearts believed.

But blessed are those who have not seen, yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith,

They preached the truth and power of grace.

And pouring out their lives they gained, life, life everlasting. (Chorus)

The power that raised Him from the grave

Now works in us to powerfully save.

He frees our hearts to live His grace; go tell of His goodness. (Chorus)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, so that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Acts 5:27-32 p. 1699

Choral Anthem “A Gaelic Easter Celebration” arr. Drennan
That Easter day with sun was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the glad apostles saw their Lord. His risen flesh with radiance glowed; His wounded hands and feet He showed. The scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave. Jesus, strong in gentleness, come now Yourself, our hearts possess, that we may give You all our days the tribute of our grateful praise. From ev'ry weapon death can wield Your own redeemed forever shield. O Lord of all, with us abide in this, our joyful Eastertide. Alleluia. Allelu. Alleluia!

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

Second Reading John 20:19-31 p. 1686

Sermon “Believing Without Seeing”

***Hymn of Response**
Hymn #491 “Open Our Eyes” Cull

***Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for

the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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 “God is in My Heart” Warriner

***Doxology #34**

***Prayer of Dedication**

*Sending Hymn

Hymn #414 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” Duke Street

*Charge & Benediction

***Postlude** “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” arr. Wagner

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:

Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Linda Longfield, *liturgist*
Rev. John Armstrong, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Bob Monthey, *greeter*
Alex Jack, *Coffee Fellowship host*
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

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE TO THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING. We raised \$1500 for this important ministry. Thanks be to God!!

YOUR FAVORITE BAKE SALE IS NEXT WEEK!!! On May 5, the Senior High mission team will hold a fabulous bake sale. You get to name the price. The proceeds help the mission team get to Worthington, MN, in July where they will assist people with home repairs. Please plan to stay after worship and buy some treats.

DO YOU NEED SOME YARDWORK DONE? The Senior High mission team is ready to help you. You can hire them to landscape, mulch, paint, trim, till, weed - whatever you need! Speak to Bryan or Sara Blair if you are interested in hiring a crew.

NEXT WEEK IS FOOD FOR THE FIRST. Please bring nonperishable food items to help stock the shelves at the Dubuque Food Pantry.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE GRADUATING THIS YEAR? Please notify the church office with the name of your graduate. We don't want to miss anyone on May 19 when we honor our graduates.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

May 5 - Rev. Bradley Longfield
May 12 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
May 19 - Rev. John Armstrong

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed! Only 2 Sundays are filled after today. Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room to provide light refreshments for a Sunday in May. This important ministry of hospitality is appreciated by all.

FUN TIMES CAN BE YOURS AT CAMP WYOMING this summer. Check out the website at <https://campwyoming.net>. Scholarships are available through the Mission Committee.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is on the horizon. Please mark your calendar to participate in this exciting event. The theme is “Journey with Jesus” and will be held June 24-28 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Registration forms available in the Coffee Hour room.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through April 21st totaled \$10,326.80.