

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 grieving following the death of someone special

Those recovering from illness, injury, or surgery

Those facing chronic health issues

Those facing difficult medical decisions

Those battling cancer

Those in transition

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Missionaries

Those suffering from the negative effects of natural disasters, especially those facing fires in California

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Stu Bear (birthday) and *Harold & Cherie Daniels* (anniversary)

Children in worship!

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., November 17	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching
	11:30am	Christmas play practice
Tue., November 19		John Knox Presbytery @ Waukon, IA
Wed., November 20	6:30pm	Choir
Sun., November 24	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching
	11:30am	Christmas play practice
	11:30am	Decorating church for Advent season
	1:30pm	Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Thankfulness - Psalm 92:1 (*in memory of Ruth Muir*)

West Wall - Praise - Psalm 96:1 (*in memory of Betty Gronau*)

North Wall - Discipleship - Matthew 28:19 (*in memory of Lydia Sturman*)

Deacons for the month of November: Steve & Beth Foxen

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. John Armstrong at 605-354-3891 or Armstrongfpcdbq@gmail.com. Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am-12:00pm or by appointment.

Prayer Chain Change: You may now email, text, or call prayer requests to Rev. John Armstrong (see contact information above).

Admin Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00-1:00pm.

Lectionary Readings for November 24th:

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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10:15am Founded 1847
23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2019

Announcements

Rev. John Armstrong

Prelude

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Taylor

For Prayer and Reflection:

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

“Siyahamba”

South African hymn

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching,
O, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching,
O, we are marching in the light of God.

Si-ya hamb'e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos (4x)

Si-ya hamb'e, Si-ya hamb'e, O si-ya hamb'e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos,
Si-ya hamb'e, Si-ya hamb'e, O si-ya hamb'e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos.

We are living in the love of God...

“He Who Began”

Jon Mohr

He who began a good work in you, He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it, He'll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

He who began a good work in me, He who began a good work in me
Will be faithful to complete it, He'll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in me.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Our Lord, how often we pray “thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” with small hopes for the world in which we live. Your church has not always reflected your light in the midst of the darkness of poverty, oppression, despair, and conflict. In ways large and small, we become resigned to the way things are. Forgive our apathy, our complicity, our fear, and our lack of faith. Grant us fresh measures of hope and courage to reflect the reality of Christ’s reign in your world. Make us glad heralds of the new thing you are doing for the healing of the nations and to your glory. We pray these things through Christ who has died, is risen, and will come again.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri #734*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Matthew 4:12-24 p. 1500

Choral Anthem “My Lord, What a Morning” *arr. Benson*
My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall. My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall. You’ll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking into my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall. My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall. My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall. You’ll hear the sinner cry to wake the nations underground, looking into my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall. My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall. You’ll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground, looking into my God’s right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

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

Second Reading Isaiah 65:17-25 p. 1164

Sermon “On Earth as it is in Heaven”

***Hymn of Response**
Hymn #621 “For the Healing of the Nations” *Regent Square*

***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 and the Lord’s Prayer (Back cover of the hymnal)

The Offering
Offertory “Mediation” *Simper/Ryan*
***Doxology #34**
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn**
Hymn #432 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*) “Song of Hope” *Argentine Folk Medley*
May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

*Charge & Benediction

***Postlude** “Postlude” *Boellman*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Linda Longfield, *liturgist*
Rev. Beth McCaw, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Sandy Spencer, *greeter*
Beth & Steve Foxen, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Florence Siefker & Courtney Schnoor, *nursery attendants*

Who We Are

“We love because God first loved us.” *1 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

CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSAL TODAY will start shortly after worship in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Next week, we will also practice right after worship.

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATORS! Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, Nov. 24 to decorate the church for the Advent season. We will start shortly after coffee hour (11:30). Many hands make light, and enjoyable, work!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27th at 7:00pm at Resurrection Catholic Church. The theme for this year’s Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) service will be “Make Us Whole.” See the posters displayed around the church for more information.

THANK YOU to those who donated items for SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND to support the Domestic Violence Shelter!

TRANSITION NEWS: The PNC continues to pray for God’s guidance as they discern who is to lead this congregation into the future. Please continue to hold our church family and the PNC in your prayers.

WE CAN ALWAYS USE YOUR HELP! There are many openings on the sign up sheets for Coffee Fellowship Hosts and greeters. This means that there are many opportunities for you to serve in these important ministries. Check the sign up sheets in the Coffee Hour room or call the office to claim your spot!

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Nov. 24 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons
Dec. 1 - Rev. Bradley Longfield
Dec. 8 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong

WEATHER BAD? IS CHURCH CANCELED? SEE BELOW HOW TO FIND OUT...

- ◆ Call the church office (582-4494) after 7:30AM on Sunday mornings.
- ◆ Watch your email for an all-church announcement.
- ◆ Check this FPC link: firstpcdbq.webs.com
(This link is also available on the church website <http://www.firstpresdbq.org>)
- ◆ Notice hopefully provided on KCRG, KWWL, KDTH (and others)

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through November 10th totaled \$5,243.08.