

## 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*

*Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow*

*The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)*

*Those dealing with flooding in the Midwest and 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*

*Those needing discernment and wisdom*

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

*Audrey Holdener* and *Tammy Wehrspann* (birthdays) and *Tim & Annette Boelk* (anniversary)

*The Sunday School teachers who faithfully serve the church family*

## THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., April 7	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Food for the 1st</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Mission Team meeting
Wed., April 10	2:00pm	Luke Study @ Bethany Home
Sun., April 14	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	10:15am	Worship: PALM SUNDAY Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching Dedication of Fish Banks

### *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*)

**Communion Servers:** John Dillman, Beth Foxen, Alex Jack, Steve Foxen, Linda Longfield, and Sara Blair

**Deacons for the month of 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 14th:*

*Palms:* Luke 19:28-40; *Psalms* 118:1-2, 19-29

*Passion:* Isaiah 50:4-9a; *Psalms* 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

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10:15am      Founded 1847  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*      April 7, 2019

### *Announcements*

Linda Longfield

### *Prelude*

“Quiet Devotion”

*Broughton*

### *For Prayer and Reflection:*

Philippians 4:8a

*“I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”*

### *Call to Worship*

○ God, we stand on the brink of today; our future is unknown.

**Anoint our heads with your Spirit,  
that we might know the way.**

○ God, we stand in this moment of uncertain needs and concerns.

**Anoint our hands with your Spirit,  
that what we touch, we touch with love.**

○ God, we stand at this place of comfort and stability.

**Anoint our feet with your Spirit,  
that wherever we walk, we walk your walk.**

○ God, we stand in love and affirmation of you and your world.

**Anoint our bodies, minds, and hearts with your Spirit,  
that our worship will be filled with signs of your presence.**

### *Opening Prayer*

### *\*Hymns of Praise*

Hymn #647 “We Have Come to Join in Worship”

*Holy Manna*

Hymn #646

“As We Gather”

*Fay/Coomes*

### *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession*

How is it that we walk through each day and so many times do not see you in the faces and lives of the world around us? Can it be that too often our heads are bent on winning, achieving, and having, so that we miss chances to look into the lives of our family, our friends, the stranger? Help us, God of life. Give us the courage of Mary to befriend one in need, to do the right thing even in the face of criticism, to spend everything on the priceless ointment of loving you and your world. In the face of death, and in the promise of love beyond death, we pray in Christ's name.

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

## Declaration of Forgiveness

\* *Gloria Patri* #734

## Prayer for Illumination

*First Reading*                      Philippians 3:4b-14                      p. 1828

*Choral Anthem*                      “Lamb of God”                      *arr. Larson*

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. I was so lost I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood, till I am just a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in His precious blood, till I am just a lamb of God.

*Second Reading*                      John 12:1-8                      p. 1670

*Sermon*                      “Miracles of Generosity”

\**Hymn of Response*  
Hymn #87                      “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”                      *Madrid*

\**Affirmation of Faith*                      A Brief Statement of Faith  
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*The Offering*  
*Offertory*                      “The Gifts We Bring”                      *Paxton*  
\**Doxology #34*  
\**Prayer of Dedication*

## Joys and Concerns

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Invitation

### Communion Hymn

Hymn #699                      “Let Us Break Bread Together”                      *Let Us Break Bread*

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks & praise.**

... lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest...**

*The Lord's Prayer* (*Back cover of hymnal*)

### Words of Institution

*Communion of the People* (*Please hold the elements until all have been served. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is served in place of wine.*)

### Prayer after Communion

### \**Sending Hymn*

Hymn #257                      “What Wondrous Love Is This”                      *Wondrous Love*

### \**Charge & Benediction*

\**Postlude*                      “Go Forth in Faith”                      *L. Smith*  
*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

### *Leaders in Worship:*

Kristen Eby, *Music Director*

Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*

Rev. Bradley Longfield, *liturgist*

Rev. Daniel Emmert, *preacher*

### *Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:*

Bob Monthey, *greeter*

The Boelk, Prine & Wildermuth families, *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

PALM SUNDAY is NEXT SUNDAY! There will be a processional with folks waving palms during the praise songs. Plan to join in as we claim Jesus as King of Kings! We will also collect the OGHs fish banks.

USHER TRAINING will take place NEXT SUNDAY, 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.

NEXT SUNDAY is SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND. Please bring paper towels, disinfectant wipes, or toilet paper for the Domestic Violence Shelter.

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 through Easter Sunday. 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 \$721.85. Please give generously, using the envelopes in the pews.

JULIEN CHAMBER CHOIR (directed by Kristen Eby) will present their spring concert, “A World of Song: Choral music from around the globe” TODAY, April 7 at 4 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (1755 Delhi Street, Dubuque) and Monday, April 8 at 7 pm at Galena Center for the Arts (219 Summit Street, Galena). The University of Dubuque Women's Choir will join in this performance of diverse and lively folk music. Suggested donation: \$10 at the door; students free.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

April 14 - 10:15 a.m. - Palm Sunday

April 18 - 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service

April 19 - 12:00-3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Good Friday Service  
at St. Luke's Methodist Church

April 21 - 6:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service at the Grand River Center  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages  
10:15 a.m. - Worship

### PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Apr. 14 - Rev. Beth McCaw - Palm Sunday

Apr. 18 - Rev. Tim Slemmons (Maundy Thursday)

Apr. 21 - Rev. Bradley Longfield - Easter Sunday

Apr. 28 - Rev. John Armstrong

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through March 31st totaled \$11,541.25.