

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.