

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 the loss of loved ones
One who suffered a fall and is in severe back pain
For safety for friends of FPC hiking the Pacific Crest Trail
For the people of Syria (assaulted on each side by violent forces)
For healthy pregnancies
A family hoping to be united one day
All who face the challenges of age, and those who care for them.
Thailand Missionaries
All who face the darkness and pain of addiction, and the family and friends who journey with them.
Those facing health issues and medical concerns or challenges
For those battling cancer and cancer recurrences
All those being persecuted and killed for their Christian beliefs, including
Abune Antonios, Patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox Church in Eritrea

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., May 6	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Chaz Ruark, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
Tue., May 8	4:15pm	CE/VBS @ Foxen's
Sat., May 12	8:30am	Congregational Life
	9:00am	Deacons
Sun., May 13	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Mother's Day</i>	10:15am	Worship: Dr. Lyle Vander Broek, preaching Honoring Sunday School teachers Celebrating with Graduates

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

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

West Wall - 1 John 4:19

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

Communion Servers: Alex Jack, Terri Gronau, Suzanne Heber, Judy Sheridan,
Rachel Vander Broek, and John Dillman

Deacons for the month of May: Terri Gronau and Suzanne Heber

Prayer Chain requests may be called (582-4494) or emailed to the church office

Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, are
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00-1:00pm .

Lectionary Readings for May 13th:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; *Psalm 1*;
1 John 5:9-13;
John 17:6-19

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

10:15am

6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

Announcements

Prelude “The Unclouded Day” arr. Walz

For Prayer and Reflection (Psalm 51:10-12)

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Call to Worship *(based upon Philippians 3:12b)*

Christ Jesus has made us his own!

The news is good! We join in grateful worship.

Christ Jesus has made us his own!

The meal is ready! He invites us to come and share.

Christ Jesus has made us his own!

His gift is peace—with God and with each other.

Together, let us worship God with joy!

Opening Prayer

**Songs of Praise*

Hymn #60	“I Will Sing of the Mercies”	<i>Fillmore</i>
Hymn #62	“In the Lord Alone”	<i>Harrah</i>

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. We turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. We substitute our wants for your will and our aimless enthusiasms for faith in you. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri (Hymn #734)**

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First Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-8 p. 329

Choral Anthem “Bread of the World” *Burrows*
Bread of the world in mercy broken, cup of the world in mercy shed, by Him the words of life were spoken, and in His death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears of sinners shed; and be Your feast for us a token that by Your grace our souls are fed. Circle of hope, remain unbroken. Circle of love, reach out and spread. Then all the world will share the glory, share in God’s blessings, share, and be fed. Bread of the world.

Second Reading Luke 12:22-34 p. 1618

Sermon “What’s Next?!”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #542 “They Did Not Build in Vain” *Darwall’s 148th*

**Affirmation of Faith* “Apostles’ Creed” *(Back cover of hymnal)*

Encounter with the Risen Christ Clint Biekert

Congregational Response
Hymn #291 “Alleluia No. 1” *(chorus only)* *Fishel*

The Offering
Offertory “His Eye is on the Sparrow” *arr. Hayes*
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication*

Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Communion Hymn
Hymn #349 “Seek Ye First” *Lafferty*
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.
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:
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...
Lord’s Prayer (Back cover of hymnal)
Breaking of Bread
Communion of the People (Please hold the elements until all have been served. Gluten-free bread in in the center of the plate; Grape Juice is served in place of wine)

Prayer after Communion

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #748 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” *Sicilian Mariners*

**Charge and Benediction*

**Postlude* “I Love Your Kingdom Lord” *arr. Long*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Dr. Lyle Vander Broek, *announcements*
Dr. Bradley Longfield, *liturgist*
Rev. Chaz Ruark, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Sandy Spencer, *greeter*
The Longfields, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Elissa Smith and Florence Siefker, *Nursery*

CHURCH OFFICE: The Rev. Lyle Vander Broek will be holding office hours at the church this summer on Thursdays from 8:00am-12:00pm and also by appointment. In the case of a pastoral care emergency, contact the church office (582-4494), either one of our Deacons of the Month (Terri Gronau or Suzanne Heber) or Rev. Vander Broek.

TODAY WE WELCOME THE REV.CHAZ RUARK as our guest preacher. Rev. Ruark has served as John Knox Presbytery’s Executive Presbyter since 2014. Previously he served congregations in Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, as well as Presbyteries in Nebraska and Minnesota. Chaz is a graduate of Austin College in Texas and Louisville Seminary in Kentucky. He is married to the Rev. Janet Ruark who serves a two point parish in Westfield, WI. Together Chaz and Janet have two children, four grandchildren, and a fish named Max.

Who We Are
First Presbyterian Church is a diverse 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

NEXT SUNDAY we will honor our Sunday School teachers for their faithful service and congratulate our graduates: Hunter Brehm, Jennifer Pattee, and Maggie Lewis. Cards on which you may write a note are in the Coffee Hour room.

MAY IS A 5-THURSDAY MONTH! That means First Pres. will be providing the Café Ministry meal at First Cong Church on May 31. Please sign up to provide food or offer to serve/clean up in the Coffee Hour room.

NOW AVAILABLE! Work crews of Mission Team participants who are eager to earn much-needed funds for this summer’s mission trip. They are ready to go to work! Please contact Steve Foxen (580-1607 or the church office (582-4494) if you are interested in hiring a crew.

THE FAMILY OF LOIS ANNIE BERGMAN (Chuck Lee’s daughter/Lynn Sutter’s sister) extend their heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and support the FPC family of faith has shown them during this hard time.

VBS IS COMING SOON—June 11-15 from 9:00-11:30am. Growing in the Gospel is our theme. Children ages 4-entering 6th grade are welcome to register. Forms are in the Coffee Hour room where you can also sign up to help.

NEXT Sunday: *Supplies for the Second* for the Victim Service’s Domestic Violence Shelter. This month’s needs are: paper towels, Windex, and sip-py cups or bottles.

SUMMER SERVICE DAYS! We have made progress on brainstorming ways to serve together this summer! Jennifer is now looking for 2-3 volunteers to be "point people" for each of the service days. Talk to Jennifer about ways you can help or email her at jenn.surrusco@gmail.com.

TO LEARN ABOUT DECISIONS the Session has made in light of Kat’s retirement, please see your newsletter or speak to one of the Ruling Elders: Chris Daniels, Alex Jack, Rachel Vander Broek, Bob Monthey, Annalee Ward, or John Dillman or the Moderator Bradley Longfield. Please also lift them in prayer.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP TIME is a precious chance to express and experience the gift of hospitality. A sign-up sheet and directions for hosting are available in the Coffee Hour Room. Please consider serving.

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS: May 13, Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Broek; May 20, Rev. Dr. Tim Slemmons; May 27, Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through April 30th totaled \$14,814.39.