

***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.

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*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*  
*One who will be having surgery on May 14*  
*For the people of Hawaii as they battle the devastation from an active volcano*  
*Family and friends of FPC hiking the PCT*  
*For the people of Syria assaulted on each side by violent forces*  
*For healthy pregnancies*  
*For a young family uniting in Ghana*  
*All who face the challenges of age, and those who care for them.*  
*Missionaries in Thailand*  
*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*

**We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:**

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries*  
*Seminary graduates beginning their ministries*

## THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., May 13 <i>Ascension Sunday</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Dr. Lyle Vander Broek, preaching Honoring Sunday School teachers Celebrating with Graduates
Tue., May 15		<i>John Knox Presbytery at Oelwein, IA</i>
Thurs. May 17-21		<i>Rev. Lyle Vander Broek out of town.</i>
Sun., May 20 <i>Pentecost</i>	9:00am	<i>Last Sunday School class until Sept 9</i>
	10:15am	Worship: Dr. Timothy Slemmons, preaching
	11:30am	Short Mission Team meeting

***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*)

***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 Linda Longfield, Church Administrator, and Ginger Vander Broek, Administrative Assistant, are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00-1:00pm.

***Lectionary Readings for May 20th:***

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14;  
*Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;*  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21;  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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10:15am      7th Sunday of Easter      May 13, 2018

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*Announcements*

*Prelude*                      “Every Day I Will Bless You”                      *Blake*

**For Prayer and Reflection** (Book of Common Prayer)  
*Almighty God, deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Call to Worship* *(From Psalm 1)*

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
**Or take the path that sinners tread**  
But their delight is in the law of the Lord  
**And on his law they meditate day and night**  
They are like trees planted by streams of water  
**In all that they do, they prosper.**

### Opening Prayer

**\*Songs of Praise**  
Hymn #317      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”      *Diademata*

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”      *Doerksen*

Come, now is the time to worship,  
Come, now is the time to give your heart,  
Come, just as you are to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God,  
Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now.

### *Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*  
*Gracious God, we confess that often we see so little of you in the world. We think that we control events around us, or we think that everything happens according to chance. Give us a sense of your plan for history. Help us to see you working in our lives. Help us to understand how our work as Christians is used by you to shape the future. Reveal to us the power of history shaped by your love. In Jesus name we pray.*

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn #734)

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 93 p. 932

Choral Anthem “By God’s Hand” Parker / Raney  
Morning light upon the earth, dawning day, creation’s birth—all around us life is growing; The wonder of nature the hand of God is showing. By God’s hand all things are made; by God’s hand his glory is displayed: every mountain, every tree, all that is and is to be, designed and created for his plan, by God’s own hand. With those hands he guides our way, with his hands, leads us homeward when we stray. And we know his loving kindness directs all our footsteps and saves us from our blindness. By God’s hand all things are made; by God’s hand his glory is displayed: every mountain, every tree, all that is and is to be, designed and created for his plan, by God’s own hand. Who can build a mighty mountain? Overflow the sea with life? Fill every river, every fountain? Who floods the universe with his eternal light? By God’s own hand all things are made: by God's hand his glory is displayed: every mountain, every tree, all that is and is to be, designed and created for his plan, by God’s own hand.

Second Reading Acts 1:1-11 p. 1690

Sermon “The Time of the Church”

\*Hymn of Response Hymn #502 “Be Thou My Vision” Slane

\*Affirmation of Faith “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  
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

Minute for Mission “Missionary Month” Annalee Ward

The Offering Offertory “Living for Christ” L. Smith  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sending Hymn Hymn #505 “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” All the Way

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude “Postlude in D” Rinck  
\*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:  
Kristen Eby, Music Director  
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director  
Roger Ebertz, liturgist  
Rev. Lyle Vander Broek, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:  
Sandy Spencer, greeter  
Congregational Life Committee honors our teachers and graduates  
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 10:00am-12:00pm and also by appointment. He will be not be available May 17-21. The Rev. Bradley Longfield will be on call.  
  
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 (or the pastor on call).

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

TODAY’S SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR honors our Sunday School teachers for their faithful service and congratulates our graduates. Please join us.

MAY IS MISSIONARY MONTH! Today’s Minute for Mission will inform us about the work of our missionaries and why our support is so important. Their most recent newsletter is available in the Coffee Hour room and narthex. Envelopes to support them are in the pews.

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

NOW AVAILABLE! Our Mission Team is eager to earn funds for this summer’s mission trip. If you are interested in hiring a crew, please contact Steve Foxen (580-1607) or the church office (582-4494).

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—Growing in the Gospel will be held June 11-15 from 9:00-11:30am. 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.

DID YOU KNOW that Florence Siefker and Steve Foxen have planted a little garden in the church’s back yard? Take a peek!

SUMMER SERVICE DAYS in Dubuque are being organized by Jennifer Pattee. Please contact her at jenn.surrusco@gmail.com if you can serve as a point person for one of the projects.

THE SESSION is working with the Committee on Ministry of John Knox Presbytery to move forward on the pastoral search process. As a first step, the Session will be conducting a mission study. For more information please contact Session Moderator Bradley Longfield or any member of the Session.

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 20, Rev. Dr. Tim Slemmons; May 27, Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong; June 3, Ms. Katrina Richardson.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through May 6th totaled \$4,759.53.