

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

Those who serve in the military, their families, and the families of those killed in the line of duty

Those facing violence and its aftermath: in school shootings in Santa Fe, TX and Parkland, FL, in gang violence in Chicago, IL, in bombings of churches in Surabaya, Indonesia, in conflicts in the Middle East, South Africa and the Congo

Those who grieve

For healthy pregnancies

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

The people of Hawaii as they battle the devastation from an active volcano

A father as he prepares to go abroad meet with his wife and son

Missionaries

All who face the darkness and pain of addiction, and those who journey with them

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating new births and healthy deliveries

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

The freedom to worship and for those who protect our freedoms

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Rev. Vander Broek out of town through May 31

Sun., May 27	10:15am	Worship: Dr. Marsha Wilfong, preaching Commissioning of Beth McCaw to the Dominican Republic
Trinity Sunday	1:30pm	Bethany Home: Beth McCaw & Jill Klinebriel
Mon., May 28		Church Office closed for Memorial Day
Tue., May 29	11:30am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Thu., May 31	5:00-7:00pm	Café Ministry @ 1st Congl.
		Linda Longfield out of town through June 6
Fri., June 1	1:30pm	Manor Care: Katrina Richardson
Sat., June 2	8:00am	Men’s Breakfast @ Sunshine (downtown)
Sun., June 3	10:15am	Worship: preacher, Summer Intern, Katrina Richardson Sacrament of Holy Communion

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Pentecost (in memory of Rev. Duncan Brockway)

West Wall - 1 John 4:19 (in honor of Rev. Katherine Achtemeier)

North Wall - Isaiah 43:1 (in memory of Barb Stant)

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

June: Steve & Beth Foxen

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

Office Hours for Linda Longfield, and Ginger Vander Broek are Mon., Wed., and Thu. 9:00am-1:00pm. Rev. Lyle Vander Broek will be holding office hours on Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00pm and also by appointment.

Lectionary Readings for June 3rd:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) ; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

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10:15am

Founded 1847

Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018

Announcements

Linda Longfield

Prelude

For Prayer and Reflection

O God, sometimes we feel strange bringing our prayers to you. Yet we come, and pray for your care, knowing nothing in us is worthy of it. We pray for your peace, knowing we will always be at war with our arrogance or our hopelessness. We pray for life, knowing we will die. And we pray that you will continue to love us, for only in being loved can we learn how to love you and our neighbors. We come, and we pray, and we trust you to answer. For you are our God – so uniquely patient, so strangely gracious and forgiving, and so unbelievably our Savior, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Call to Worship

They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Hymn #14 “Now Thank We All Our God” Nun Danket Alle Gott

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. We put too much store in our unworthiness to serve, and so fail to trust your strength and acceptance. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive our excuses and our reluctance; and free us from the sin to which we so tightly cling. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri (Hymn #734)

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 p. 1068

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

Second Reading Luke 5:1-11 p. 1597

Sermon “Sinners Called To Serve”

**Hymn of Response*

Hymn #354	"Just As I Am"	Woodworth
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**Affirmation of Faith* (from *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 in 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, 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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
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 “Answering God’s Call” Beth McCaw

Commissioning of Beth McCaw to the Dominican Republic

The Offering
Offertory
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #455 “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” *Hallelujah*

**Charge and Benediction*

**Postlude*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
 Ally Williams, *pianist*
 Linda Longfield, *liturgist*
 Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong, *preacher*

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

TODAY WE WELCOME the Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong as our preacher. Dr. Wilfong is a retired Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC (USA) having served churches in Texas, Louisiana, and Bellevue, IA. She is a member of John Knox Presbytery. In addition, Marsha taught homiletics and worship at UDOTS and is now occasionally preaching/teaching in the church and serving as an adjunct at UDOTS. Our church family has been blessed by Marsha's very insightful Bible studies the past few years.

In the case of a pastoral care emergency, please contact Rev. Vander Broek, one of our Deacons of the Month (Terri Gronau or Suzanne Heber) or the church office (582-4494).

Rev. Vander Broek will be out of town May 24-31. Linda Longfield will be on call in his absence.

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

THE SESSION VALUES YOUR OPINION as we take the next steps in our pastoral search. You will soon be asked to complete a short survey and/or join in a church chat after worship on June 10 or 24. The Session will use your insights as they meet for a mini-retreat on Saturday, June 30 to begin writing the mission study required before we can form a pastor search committee. Thank you in advance for your prayerful participation.

MAY IS MISSIONARY MONTH! Please support our missionaries serving overseas. Their most recent newsletter is available in the Coffee Hour room and narthex. Envelopes are in the pews.

MAY IS A 5-THURSDAY MONTH which means First Pres. 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. Together we care for the body of Christ.

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 invited to attend. Registration forms are in the Coffee Hour room. Spread the word! Please see the list in the Coffee Hour room and sign up to donate snacks.

OUR MISSION TEAM TO GREEN BAY is asking for donations of non-perishable food to give as a community gift when they arrive in Green Bay on June 24 to begin their mission work. Place your donations in the boxes in the narthex or Coffee Hour room.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED FOR JUNE 3 and 17. 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.

THESE DAYS devotional booklets are available in the Narthex for your use.

FOOD FOR THE FIRST will be collected next week, June 3.

NEXT SUNDAY we will partake of HOLY COMMUNION.

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS: June 3 - Ms. Katrina Richardson; June 10 - the Rev. Dr. Bradley Longfield; June 17 - the VBS Participants; June 24 - the Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Broek

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month.
Offerings received through May 20th totaled \$11,7205.98.