

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

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† TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Those recovering
Those who grieve:
For healthy pregnancies
Those facing health issues
Those battling cancer
Missionaries
For family and friends of FPC as they hike the Pacific Crest Trail
For those affected by the immigrant and asylum issues on our southern border
Those dealing with earthquakes, flooding, wildfires, and other natural disasters in the United States and around the world
All who face the darkness and pain of addiction and those who journey with them
For those surrounded by gun violence

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries
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(events at FPC unless noted)

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*)

Office Hours for Linda Longfield and Ginger Vander Broek this summer are Mon., Wed., Thu. 9:00am-12:00pm; for Rev. Lyle Vander Broek: Mon. 10-11am, Thu. 10:00am-12:00pm and by appointment.

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Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6: 45

Let us come to worship God.

(repeat first verse)

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem. It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri #734*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 p. 500

Special Music Amanda Eby, violin

Children’s Message

Second Reading Ephesians 4:25-5:2 p. 1822

Sermon “Listening to and Learning Christ”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #480 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” *Open My Eyes*

**Affirmation of Faith* “The 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*

The Offering
Offertory “Give Me Jesus” *arr. Hayes*
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #425 “Christ Beside Me” *Bunessan*

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude* “The Glory of the Lord” *L. Smith*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Rev. Lyle Vander Broek, *liturgist*
Tom Jack, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Victoria Slemmons, *greeter*
Mark & Deb Stant, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*

TODAY WE WELCOME Tom Jack as our preacher. Tom and his wife Joanne have lived in Dubuque and attended First Presbyterian Church since they moved here in 1979, a year after their marriage in North Dakota. He is a 1982 UDS graduate with a Masters of Divinity degree. Two years after Tom was ordained a Ruling Elder, the couple adopted their son Alex, then a 13-year-old boy from Moscow, Russia, in 1993. Then in 2005, after completing the John Knox Presbytery training as a lay pastor and serving as a commissioner to the General Assembly, Tom was commissioned to serve as pastor in the Andrew Presbyterian Church for six years. Tom has been retired for six years now after serving individuals with handicaps for 30 years.

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

TRANSITION NEWS: The Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry has unanimously approved our request to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, August 26, immediately following worship to:

1. Vote on Session’s recommendation for people to serve on the PNC
2. Consider minor changes to the FPC Mission statement
3. Approve Presbytery’s Policy for Equal Opportunity Employment

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

MINI GOLF OUTING is TODAY!!! The Congregational Life committee invites you to a fun afternoon of mini golf at Derby Grange today at 2 pm. There is no cost to you unless you choose to buy snacks. Sign up in the Coffee Hour room today or tell Suzanne Heber or Terri Gronau.

CALLING ALL YOUTH! All middle & high school students are invited to the Blairs’ home on Sunday, August 19th at 6:30pm for a Back-to-School Bash. Questions? Contact Katrina Richardson or Sara Blair.

AUGUST IS A 5-THURSDAY MONTH! That means FPC will be providing the meal at the Café Ministry at First Congregational Church on Aug. 30. Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room to provide food or offer to serve/clean up.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN please complete the form in the Coffee Hour room or contact the church office. You will be notified when someone is in need of prayer. All that is asked of you is to say a prayer on behalf of those mentioned in the request.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR AUGUST 19. 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:
Aug. 19 - Katrina Richardson
Aug. 26 - Marsha Wilfong (Congregational meeting to follow)
Sept. 2 - Beth McCaw

“THESE DAYS” devotionals for the months of July, August, and September are available in the narthex. Please take one to use at home.

CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD in the Coffee Hour room to see what’s happening at FPC, in the neighborhood, and in the mission field.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through August 5th totaled \$3,623.10.