

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 †

For two premature babies born

Those recovering

Those who grieve

For a healthy pregnancies

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

Missionaries

For those starting a new school year

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

For family and friends of FPC as they hike the Pacific Crest Trail

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

For the Deacons and Elders of this church

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)		
Sun., August 26 <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Deadline</i>	10:15am 1:30pm	Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching Congregational Meeting Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack
Thu., August 30 Sat., September 1	5:00-7:00pm 8:00am	Café Ministry @ 1st Congregational Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
Sun., September 2 <i>Food for the First</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
<div> <i>Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary</i> South Wall - Pentecost <i>(in memory of Rev. Duncan Brockway)</i> West Wall - 1 John 4:19 <i>(in honor of Rev. Katherine Achtemeier)</i> North Wall - Isaiah 43:1 <i>(in memory of Barb Stant)</i> </div>		
<hr/> <p> <i>Deacons for the month of August:</i> Steve & Beth Foxen <i>September:</i> Jamie Dillman & Mark Stant </p> <p> <i>Prayer Chain</i> requests may be emailed or called to the church (582-4494), or emailed to Linda at fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com. </p> <p> <i>Office Hours</i> for Ginger Vander Broek this summer are Mon., Wed., Thu. 9:00am-12:00pm. </p> <hr/> <div> <i>Lectionary Readings for September 2nd:</i> Song of Solomon 2:8-13 <i>Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9</i> James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 </div>		
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Founded 1847

10:15am 14th Sunday after Pentecost August 26, 2018

Announcements Linda Longfield

Prelude “Built on a Rock” arr. Giamanco

For Prayer and Reflection:
Grant us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing; in and with you, we can do all things. Amen.

Call to Worship
I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from God, the maker of heaven and earth.
Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

**Songs of Praise*
 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” *Hart / Owen*
 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
 Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love, and pow’r.
 Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
 True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh.
 Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream,
 All the fitness He requireth, Is to feel your need of Him.
 Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall;
 If you tarry till you’re better, You will never come at all.

“Lord, I Need You” *Nockels*

Lord, I need You, oh I need You, Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You, When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus You're my hope and stay
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-9 p. 1076

Special Music Billy & Katrina Richardson, instrumental duet

Children’s Message

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 p. 1824

Sermon “Withstanding Evil”

*Hymn of Response
Hymn #458 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” Angel’s Story

*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 “Meditation on Vernon” arr. S. Scott
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn
Hymn #465 “Lord, Be Glorified” Kilpatrick

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude “Processional in B-flat” Lorenz
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Katrina Richardson, liturgist
Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Deb Stant, greeter
Jill Lee, Coffee Fellowship host
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 UDTS and is now occasionally preaching/teaching in the church and serving as an adjunct at UDTS. Our church family has been blessed by Marsha’s very insightful Bible studies the past few years.

Who We Are
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 out-reach.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY!!! Please plan to stay after worship for an important meeting as we continue on the Presbyterian process of finding a new pastor for FPC. At today’s meeting we will:
1. Consider minor changes to the FPC Mission statement
2. Vote on Session’s recommendation for people to serve on the PNC
3. Approve Presbytery’s Policy for Equal Opportunity Employment
The insert provides more information.

CAFÉ MINISTRY IS THIS THURSDAY and we need your help! FPC will be serving the Café Ministry meal at First Congregational Church on Aug. 30. *We still need food items and servers.* Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room to provide food or offer to serve/clean up.

NEXT SUNDAY is FOOD FOR THE FIRST. Please bring your non-perishable food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry. Please help us fill the basket with food!

RALLY DAY is fast approaching! On September 9, Sunday School will resume for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Watch the bulletin and Sept. newsletter for more details.

THANK YOU TO LYLE, KATRINA, GINGER, and LINDA who have served as a summer transitional team at FPC, providing pastoral care and church administration following Kat’s retirement. Beginning Sept. 1, Ginger and Linda will work together to carry out the administrative tasks while pastoral care will be provided by the deacons, elders, and the ordained pastors in our congregation—Tim, Beth, Brad, Lyle, with some assistance from Marsha Wilfong. Please continue to pray for our church family.

THANKS TO THE BLAIRS for hosting the youth at a Back-to-School Bash last Sunday. Great conversation, energetic activities, and lots of s’mores were enjoyed by all who attended!

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Sept. 2 - Beth McCaw Holy Communion
Sept. 9 - Timothy Slemmons Rally Day and luncheon
Sept. 16 - Bradley Longfield

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 19th totaled \$10,031.65.