



*Prayer of Confession*  
O God our Creator, Lord of heaven and earth, you have command-  
ed all people everywhere to repent, and you have fixed a day on  
which our Lord Jesus Christ will judge the world in righteousness.  
Yet we are far from able to pass the test, except by means of your  
gracious mercy and the forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, we ap-  
peal to you, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ: free us from  
all sin; grant each of us a clear conscience; raise your people into  
new life wherein your Holy Spirit empowers our good conduct and  
the exhibition of your reign among us.

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

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

*\*Gloria Patri #734*

*Prayer for Illumination*

*First Reading* Psalm 119:97-104 p. 961

*Choral Anthem* “A Clean Heart” Harlan  
Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in me a clean heart. Renew my spirit, renew  
my spirit. Create in me a clean heart. A heart that’s free to give as you have given to me,  
a heart that’s free to love as you have loved me, a heart that really cares, a heart that  
always shares. Create in me a clean heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Create in  
me a clean heart. Renew my spirit, renew my spirit. Create in me a clean heart.

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

*Second Reading* Acts 17:1-34 p. 1722

*Sermon* “The Word on the Move”

*\*Hymn of Response*  
Hymn #48 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” St. Denio

*\*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.

*Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers*  
Nursery: Elissa Smith  
PreK-1st grade: Tracy Wildermuth  
2nd-5th grade: Sara Blair and Joe Klinebriel  
Middle School: Beth Foxen and Linda Longfield  
High School: Mark Stant  
Adult: Bradley Longfield

*Joys and Concerns*

*Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer* (Back cover of hymnal)

*The Offering*  
*Offertory* “As the Lone, Wild Bird” arr. Lau  
*\*Doxology*  
*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*\*Sending Hymn*  
Hymn #667 “God Has Spoken By the Prophets” Hymn to Joy

*\*Charge & Benediction*

*\*Postlude* “Festive Voluntary” Lorenz  
*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Leaders in Worship:*  
Kristen Eby, Music Director  
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director  
Linda Longfield, liturgist  
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preacher

*Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:*  
Suzanne Heber, greeter  
Join us for the Rally Day Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall  
Elissa Smith and Florence Siefker, nursery

*Who We Are*  
“We love because God first loved us.” I John 4:19  
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

TRANSITION NEWS: The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will have  
their first meeting next Sunday, on Sept. 16, after worship, with Rev.  
Tim Rupert, our Committee on Ministry representative. Please keep the  
PNC in your prayers: Carlie Boelk, Harold Daniels, Jamie Dillman, Linda  
Longfield, Scott McCaw, Lesley Sheridan, and Mark Ward.

TODAY IS RALLY DAY! Sunday School for all ages is off to a wonderful  
start. Please join us after worship for a delicious luncheon. All the food is  
provided!

THERE IS A BIRTHDAY CARD for one of our missionary friends in Thailand  
in the Coffee Hour room for you to sign.

CHOIR HAS STARTED A NEW YEAR. Now is the time to join! Jill makes  
every rehearsal fun, and, with God’s help, she makes us sound good, too!

THIS YEAR'S CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, October 7. A free lunch  
for walkers begins at noon with the walk leaving from Holy Trinity Lu-  
theran Church at 1:00 PM. First Presbyterian's team goal is \$1,000. Please  
consider joining the team as a walker and donating to the team. There are  
two ways to donate! Credit card donations can be made online by going  
to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/dubuqueia> and searching for "First  
Presbyterian." (A great option for collecting donations from friends and  
family from out of town!) Cash and check donations can be given in per-  
son to any walker on the First Presbyterian team. Please talk to Lesley  
Sheridan to join the team or to make a donation.

REV. DR. MARSHA WILFONG HAS INVITED YOU TO A BIBLE STUDY  
on the Gospel of Luke, which will run through the Fall and the Spring  
(with a “holiday” break in the middle!). You’re welcome to participate on  
Wednesdays at Bethany Home from 2:00-3:15 p.m. beginning Sept. 5.  
She will host a Tuesday evening group ONLY if there are at least 5-6 peo-  
ple committed to attending. Let Marsha know if you’re interested:  
[Mwifong62hr@hotmail.com](mailto:Mwifong62hr@hotmail.com) or 563-583-6571.

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:  
Sept. 16 - Bradley Longfield  
Sept. 23 - Roger Ebertz Church Picnic at Murphy Park  
Sept. 30 - Lyle Vander Broek

THESE DAYS devotional booklets are available in the Narthex. Please take  
one to use during your devotional time.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month.  
Offerings received through September 2nd totaled \$3,661.10.