#### 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 †

For two premature babies born

Those recovering

Those who grieve

For a healthy pregnancy

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

**Missionaries** 

For those surrounded by violence

For those affected by the immigrant/asylum issues on our southern border

Those dealing with hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding, wildfires, & 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 new Pastor Nominating Committee

For the new Sunday School year and all of the dedicated teachers

## THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., September 9 Sunday School for all ages 9:00am Rally Day! 10:15am Worship: Supplies for the 2nd Rev. Tim Slemmons, preaching Commissioning of Teachers Bibles to the Third graders 11:30am Rally Day Luncheon Sun., September 16 9:00am Sunday School for all ages Worship: 10:15am Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) 11:30am

## Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Giving Thanks (in memory of Ruth Muir)
West Wall - Making Disciples (in memory of Lydia Sturman)
North Wall - Sing to the Lord (in memory of Betty Gronau)

Deacons for the month of September: Jamie Dillman & Mark Stant

**Prayer Chain** requests may be emailed or called to the church (582-4494), or emailed to Linda at fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com.

Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Mon., Wed., Thu. 9:00am-1:00pm.

## Lectionary Readings for September 16th:

Proverbs 1:20-33

\*\*Psalm 19\*\*

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

10:15am 16th Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2018

**Announcements** 

Linda Longfield

Prelude

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

arr. Bertje

For Prayer and Reflection: (Adapted from Lightning from the East, p. 137) Lord Jesus, you have said that the world cannot receive your Holy Spirit, for the world neither sees nor knows the Spirit of truth. Yet this same Spirit abides with us and lives in us. What a wonderful assurance this is, for as we gather to worship you, as we seek your presence and that of our heavenly Father, we remember that we are not orphaned, for by the gift of your Spirit moving through the Holy Scriptures, you are already with us.

Call to Worship

(Josh 1:9b; Isa 41:10; Col 3:14-16)

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,

for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you,

I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

Above all, let us be clothed with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

## Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Praise

Hymn #87

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

South African hymn

Madrid

Carter

"Siyahamba"

We are marching in the light of God(4x)

We are marching, We are marching,

O, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)

Si-ya hamb'e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos, (4x)

Si-ya hamb'e, Si-ya hamb'e,

O, si-ya hamb'e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos, (2x)

"Thy Word" (also Hymn # 664)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Call to Confession

#### **Prayer of Confession**

O God our Creator, Lord of heaven and earth, you have commanded 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 appeal 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 outreach.

## 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 Lutheran 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 <a href="https://www.crophungerwalk.org/dubuqueia">https://www.crophungerwalk.org/dubuqueia</a> 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 person 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 people committed to attending. Let Marsha know if you're interested: <a href="Mailtongooglehn@hotmail.com">Mwifong62hr@hotmail.com</a> or 563-583-6571.

#### PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Sept. 16 - Bradley Longfield

Sept. 30 - Lyle Vander Broek

Sept. 23 - Roger Ebertz

Church Picnic at Murphy Park

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.