

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

For upcoming surgery

For two premature babies born

For a healthy pregnancy

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

Missionaries

For those surrounded by violence and religious persecution

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 our talented music duo of Kristen Eby and Jill Klinebriel

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., September 16	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching
	11:30am	PNC meeting
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South Wall - Giving Thanks (*in memory of Ruth Muir*)
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Lectionary Readings for September 23rd:

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalms 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

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<i>Announcements</i>	Linda Longfield
<i>Prologue</i>	"O How Long I Long"

Prelude *O How I Love Jesus* *arr. Hayes*

For Prayer and Reflection: Martin Luther
“It is not sufficient for anyone, and it does him no good, to recognize God in his glory and majesty, unless he recognizes him in the humility and shame of the cross.”

Call to Worship (from Psalm 71)

In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
In thy righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me!
Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,

For you are my rock and my fortress.

Opening Prayer

**Songs of Praise*
 “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” *Rodgers/Wyse*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb, Could rescue the souls of men
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way

Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (refrain)

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne

Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (refrain)

“I Will Climb Your Name”

I will change your name, you shall no longer be called
 Whoredah, Gomer, Lamech, Ashdodah

I will change your name, your new name shall be

Confidence, Joyfulness, Overcoming One,
Faithfulness, Friend of God, One who seeks My face.

Call to Confession

Can't Confession

Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through 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 Genesis 3:8-21 p. 5

Choral Anthem “Draw Me Near the Cross” Crosby/Doane
Jesus, keep me near the cross: there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary’s mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river. Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river. I will find rest.

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

Second Reading Mark 8:27-38 p. 1566

Sermon “Ashamed of Jesus”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #359 “Give Thanks” Smith

**Affirmation of Faith* “The Nicene Creed”

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

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

The Offering
Offertory “Gavotte” Bach/Gale
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #366 “And Can It Be” Sagina

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude* “In Glory Shining” Broughton
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Susan Ebertz, *liturgist*
Rev. Bradley Longfield, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Suzanne Heber, *greeter*
Steve & Beth Foxen, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
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 today 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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC at Murphy Park, beginning at noon. The main dish - chicken from Jack’s Chicken Palace - and bottled water will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

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

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! Rehearsal this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

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/or 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 person to any walker on the First Presbyterian team. Please talk to Lesley Sheridan to join the team or to make a donation.

WANT TO INVITE A FRIEND TO FPC? Try handing them one of the little FPC invite cards that you can find in the narthex. These colorful cards have lots of important information useful for anyone who might like to visit us. Take some cards and invite a friend or acquaintance or stranger.

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Sept. 23 - Roger Ebertz Church Picnic at Murphy Park
Sept. 30 - Lyle Vander Broek
Oct. 7 - Beth McCaw World Communion Sunday

DID YOU NOTICE THE BANNERS? The worship banners in the sanctuary were changed. Please look at these beautiful additions to our worship space. The box in the bulletin tells the person to whom each is dedicated.

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 9th totaled \$5,296.93.