

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 Hour room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

✠ TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ✠

Those recovering

For those grieving

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

For a healthy and safe final trimester of pregnancy

For a family hoping to be united in the US

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

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

For God’s protection during a recent car crash

For the gifts of food and supplies we bring to share with the Dubuque Food Pantry and the Domestic Violence Shelter

| THE WEEK IN BRIEF | | |
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| (events at FPC unless noted) | | |
| Sun., October 14 | 9:00am | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 10:15am | Worship: |
| | 11:30am | Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching PNC |
| Tue., October 16 | 6:30pm | Session |
| Wed., October 17 | 2:00pm | Bible Study @ Bethany Home |
| | 6:30pm | Choir |
| Sun., October 21 | 9:00am | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 10:15am | Worship: |
| | 11:30am | Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching PNC |

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 October: Terri Gronau & Suzanne Heber

For pastoral emergencies this week, please contact Rev. Bradley Longfield at bl.longfield@gmail.com

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 October 21st:

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

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10:15am Founded 1847 21st Sunday after Pentecost October 14, 2018

Announcements Linda Longfield

Prelude “Meditation” Turner

For Prayer and Reflection: I Peter 5:5

“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Call to Worship Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing, and give praise to God’s name;

Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

“You Are My All in All” Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jewel. Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.

You are my all in all.

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. (2x)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

Rising again I bless your name, You are my all in all.

When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry You fill my cup.

You are my all in all. Chorus (2x)

“Speak, O Lord” Getty

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,

Holy reverence, true humility;

Test our thoughts and our attitudes

In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail

Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

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| First Reading | II Kings 5:1-19 | p. 576 |
| Choral Anthem | “Take My Life, and Let It Be” | Beck |
| Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne. | | |

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

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| Second Reading | I Corinthians 1:26-31 | p. 1773 |
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| Sermon | “Great and Small” |
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| *Hymn of Response #436 | “Grace Alone” | Brown / Nelson |
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*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)

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| The Offering | | |
| Offertory | “Grace of God” | Kendall |
| *Doxology | | |
| *Prayer of Dedication | | |
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| *Sending Hymn #422 | “Amazing Grace” | New Britain |
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| *Charge & Benediction | | |
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| *Postlude | “The Lord Reigns” | Glyncannon |
| *Those who are able, please stand. | | |

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director; Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Joe Klinebriel, liturgist; Rev. Bradley Longfield, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Terri Gronau, greeter
The Wards, 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) meets to-day and hopes to put finishing touches on the Ministry Information Form (MIF). The MIF will be sent to the Session for their approval and then it is forwarded to the Committee on Ministry. Please keep the PNC in your prayers: Jamie Dillman & Mark Ward (co-chairs), Lesley Sheridan, Scott McCaw, Carlie Boelk, Harold Daniels and Linda Longfield.

THANKS TO ALL WHO WALKED OR SPONOSRED A WALKER IN THIS YEAR’S CROP WALK!!! FPC had 14 walkers and 2 dogs and raised \$1,090 to surpass our goal!!! Thanks be to God! Pictures will be in the next newsletter.

The Session has called a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following worship on Nov. 4th for the purposes of electing new officers - elders and deacons - and electing the at-large members to the 2019 Nominating Committee. Please plan to stay after for this brief, but very important, meeting.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Coffee Hour Fellowship hosts are needed for Oct. 21 and dates after November 4th. Check the sign up sheets in the Coffee Hour room to claim your spot!

REMINDER: Clocks fall back on Nov. 4, giving you an extra hour of sleep.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES abound! FPC needs representatives to two downtown groups: Downtown Dubuque Mission Outreach (DDCO) and Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU). DACU will meet Oct. 23 at 7:00 at Immanuel Congregational UCC. Please let Annalee know if you are interested in attending.

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Oct. 21 - Timothy Slemmons
Oct. 28 - Lyle Vander Broek
Nov. 4 - Bradley Longfield

WANT TO INVITE A FRIEND TO FPC? Try handing them one of the little FPC invite cards that you can find in the narthex and Coffee Hour room. 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.

THESE DAYS devotional booklets for October, November and December are available in the Narthex. 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 October 7th totaled \$4,149.65.