

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 those grieving

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

For a safe delivery

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 a couple as they move to Colorado

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

For the news that a family will be united in the US

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THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., October 28	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>November Newsletter deadline</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Lyle Vander Broek, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel
Wed., October 31	2:00pm	Bible Study @ Bethany Home
Fri., November 2	1:30pm	Manor Care: Tom Jack
Sat., November 3	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
Sun., November 4	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Food for the 1st</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion Pledge Sunday
<i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	11:15am	Congregational Meeting

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)*

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
	Founded 1847	
10:15am	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	October 28, 2018
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<i>Announcements</i>		Linda Longfield
<i>Moment for Stewardship</i>		John Dillman
<i>Prelude</i>	"For the Beauty of the Earth"	arr. Taylor
<i>For Prayer and Reflection:</i>		
Our God has created the world, and he continues to sustain it. As the one who is the author of all things, we see in the creation his desire for order, beauty, and a movement toward salvation for all things. Our beautiful world is a reflection of our glorious God.		
<i>Call to Worship</i>		Psalm 27
The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?		
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;		
of whom shall I be afraid?		
One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;		
To behold the beauty of the Lord,		
and to inquire in his temple.		
<i>Opening Prayer</i>		
<i>*Songs of Praise</i>		
Hymn # 31	"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"	Ellacombe
"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"		
Bless the Lord		
Oh my soul, oh my soul		
Worship His holy name.		
Sing like never before		
Oh my soul,		
I'll worship Your holy name.		
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.		
It's time to sing Your song again.		
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me		
Let me be singing when the evening comes.		
Bless the Lord, oh my soul...		
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.		
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.		
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing		
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.		
Bless the Lord, oh my soul...		

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession From Psalm 51
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 29 p. 866

Choral Anthem “Medley of Grace” arr. Page/Shafferman
Jerusalem, my happy home, when will I come to thee? When will my sorrows have an end? Thy joys, when will I see? Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; ‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

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

Second Reading Romans 1:18-23 p. 1747

Sermon “The Beauty of God”

*Hymn of Response Hymn #111 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Laudes Domini

*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 “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” arr. Franklin
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn Hymn #82 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” Lauda Anima

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude “Triumph and Thanksgiving” Ritter
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Rev. Bradley Longfield, liturgist
Rev. Lyle Vander Broek, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Terri Gronau, greeter
The Deacons, 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) has sent the Ministry Information Form to the Committee on Ministry of the John Knox Presbytery. If approved, then the form will be uploaded onto the national Presbyterian Church’s database and the PNC will begin to get information from pastors who are seeking a call. Please continue to hold our church family and, particularly the PNC, in your prayers during this time of transition.

THIS WEEK WE SAY GOODBYE to Lyle and Rachel Vander Broek who leave for their new home in Colorado. They have been an integral part of our church family for over 20 years and will be sorely missed. The Coffee Hour is in their honor. Join us to wish them well.

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

REMINDER: CLOCKS FALL BACK one hour next Sunday, giving you extra sleep. Come to worship refreshed and eager to praise God!

REHEARSALS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAY will start soon. If you are interested in being in the Christmas play, please talk to Linda Longfield.

STEWARDSHIP LETTERS and pledge cards were distributed over the past week. If you did not receive this information, please let Linda or the church office know. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the mission of the church in the coming year. We will receive pledge cards on Nov. 4 during worship.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Coffee Hour Fellowship hosts are needed for dates after December 9, including Christmas Eve. Check the sign-up sheets in the Coffee Hour room to claim your spot!

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Nov. 4 - Bradley Longfield
Nov. 11 - Timothy Slemmons
Nov. 18 - Dan Emmert

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.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through October 21st totaled \$9,280.85.