

We admit that our concern is more for ourselves than for your reign, more with our wants than with our needs, more for the moment than for eternity. May we see with your eyes, love with your heart, and serve as your hands, that we find at last our heart's desire and know it to be your wish and will for the world.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri #734*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Hebrews 10:11-25 p. 1873

Choral Anthem "The Time for Turning" Courtney
To everything a season, to everything a time; a moment to move forward and leave the past behind. As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring, there comes a time for turning to every living thing. The breezes change directions, the geese turn homeward bound. The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground. The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow, the snow. And so to all a season, a time for letting go. Now is the time for turning and this the place to start; for yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart; a moment to surrender the things we should release, should release, forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace, and in forgiveness, peace.

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

Second Reading I Samuel 1:4-20 p. 418

Sermon "The Lord Remembered Her"

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #422 "Amazing Grace!" *New Britain*

**Affirmation of Faith* Responsive (based on 1 Samuel 2:1-10)
My heart exults in you, O God; my strength is exalted in my Creator. My mouth derides my obstacles, because of you I rejoice in my victory.

There is no Holy One like the Creator, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

The One who Reigns lays low and brings to life; brings down to Sheol and raises up. Our God makes poor and makes rich, brings low, and also exalts. God raises up the poor from the dust, lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with the powerful and inherit a seat of honor. For the earth belongs to the Creator, who has set the world on a firm foundation.

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God will guard the feet of the faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The great I AM, whose adversaries

shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Divine Judge will judge the ends of the earth; will give strength to the weak, and exalt the power of all the anointed.

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Joys and Concerns

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

The Offering
Offertory "Andante in Bm" *Rudolph*
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #424 "How Can I Keep from Singing?" *Endless Song*

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude* "Postlude" *Ritter*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:

Kristen Eby, *Music Director*; Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Rev. Bradley Longfield, *liturgist*; Rev. Daniel Emmert, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Mark Stant, *greeter*
Mark & Annalee Ward, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Elissa Smith and Florence Siefker, *nursery*

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER is the Rev. Daniel Emmert. Dan and wife Marilyn are retiring in Dubuque after serving churches in the North Central Iowa Presbytery for 11 years. Dan is a graduate of UDTS and was ordained in 2004 while under care of Dubuque Westminster and John Knox Presbytery. Prior to that, Dan worked for Area Residential Care for 30 years.

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 today to plan how they will read, evaluate, and discuss the information that should soon be coming from people interested in serving as pastor at First Presbyterian Church. Please pray for the PNC as they meet to discern whom God is calling to lead our church.

CHRISTMAS PLAY REHEARSAL is today at 12:30 p.m. A revised schedule will be available.

This is STEWARDSHIP season. Pledge cards are available in the back of the sanctuary. Your pledge helps the Session plan the 2019 budget.

IT'S A 5-THURSDAY MONTH, SO IT'S OUR TURN TO HELP AT CAFÉ MINISTRY ON Nov. 29. Please check the sign-up board in the Coffee Hour room. The needs have changed, and we are responsible for more of some foods because of the growing crowds needing to be served. We also need helpers to serve and clean up. Please sign up today for this ministry!

THE DUBUQUE AREA CONGREGATIONS UNITED'S INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at Resurrection Catholic Church. All are invited to attend. John Eby will be delivering the message "Journeying Toward One Another."

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES! Join us on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00am-11:00am to decorate the church for the Advent season. Many hands make light, and enjoyable, work!

DID YOU KNOW OUR SENIOR HIGHS ARE EAGER TO SERVE? They are planning to participate in another Group Mission Trip Workcamp, this time in Worthington, MN, July 7-13, 2019. We give thanks for their willingness to help those in need. To help defray the cost of the Workcamp, they will be hosting a soup and chili luncheon in December. Watch the bulletin for more details.

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Nov. 25 - Beth McCaw
Dec. 2 - Tim Slemmons
Dec. 9 - Annalee Ward
Dec. 16 - Christmas Program

THANK YOU to all those who have signed up to serve as Coffee Hour hosts. We are in good shape until the end of the calendar year.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through November 11th totaled \$5,937.86.