

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

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

For a safe delivery

Those who have served or are serving in the military

Missionaries

For those in California dealing with wildfires raging out of control that have left death and destruction and caused the evacuation of many

For those suffering from religious persecution, particularly Christians in China and the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA

For traveling mercies for all those traveling in these next few weeks

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

Paige Dillman’s graduation from Capri College

For newly elected elders and deacons

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., November 18

9:00am

Sunday School for all ages

10:15am

Worship:

Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching

11:30am

PNC

12:30 pm

Christmas Play rehearsal

Mon., November 19

3:45pm

Mission

Thu., November 22

Thanksgiving Day

Sun., November 25

9:00am

Sunday School for all ages

10:15am

Worship:

Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching

1:30 pm

Bethany Home:

Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel

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 November:

Jamie Dillman & Mark Stant

For pastoral emergencies this week, please contact Rev. Bradley Longfield at blongfie@dbq.edu

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 November 25th:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-12 (13-18)

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

10:15am

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018

Announcements

Linda Longfield

Prelude

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Bock

For Prayer and Reflection:

1 Samuel 2:1-10

“There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no rock like our God.”

Call to Worship

Let Us Gather at Thanksgiving

Let us gather in thanksgiving. Let us rise to praise the Lord, all our sins our God forgiving! Wisdom’s found within his Word. All creation is a treasure granted to our world to share! Blessings falling without measure, manna for our daily care.

Let us gather at Thanksgiving. Let our actions praise the Lord! Long held grudges need forgiving. Bibles, opened, teach the Word. Woodlands, fields, deer in season, snow in winter, fall’s crisp air, babies’ laughter, human reason, are like manna, ours to share.

As we set the festal table. As we plan that special feast, look ahead and see the stable that once housed a special guest. Have you set a space for Jesus? Is there room for Christ the Lord? He is in the least of these, was present in the meek and poor.

Not in hoarding, not in fearful walling out the world’s distress, but in caring for the tearful, blessing as we each confess: Can we finally be God’s children, all one family, born above? Let us trust in God our shield, then find a shelter in God’s love.

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Praise

Hymn #40

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dix

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

His mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning.

Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, Great is thy faithfulness.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess, God of patience who knows the desire of our hearts, that we lose patience – with ourselves, with others, and with you.

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.  
**There is no Holy One like the Creator, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.**  
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 UDS 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 to-day 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.