

***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.

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*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, particularly  
the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA*

*For those affected by the immigrant / asylum issues on our southern border*

**We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:**

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries*

*For the children and youth of this church family*

## THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., November 11	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching
	1:30 pm	Christmas Play rehearsal
Tue., November 13	9:30am	John Knox Presbytery @ Cambria, WI
	4:15pm	CE @ Beth Foxen's
	6:30pm	Session
Wed., November 14	2:00pm	Bible Study @ Bethany Home
	6:30pm	Choir
Sun., November 18	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching
	1:30 pm	Christmas Play rehearsal

***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*)

*Lectionary Readings for November 18th:*

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
*1 Samuel 2:1-10*  
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

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Founded 1847

10:15am      *25th Sunday after Pentecost*      November 11, 2018

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Linda Longfield

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*Faithful God, you are our God forever! Your love is constant; your ways are fruitful. Wherever you lead us, we will seek to follow. Whatever you ask us to do, we will seek to do with love. May nothing ever separate us from you, O God. May we sing your praises with each day that we are given.*

## Psalm 146

### Opening Prayer

Hymn #67                      “Come, We That Love the Lord”                      *St. Thomas*

“Jesus, Draw Me Close”                      *Foundations*

    Jesus, draw me close,  
    Closer Lord to you.  
    Let the world around me fade away.

    Jesus ,draw me close,  
    Closer Lord to you.  
    For I desire to worship and obey.

## Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession*  
O Christ Jesus our Lord, to you, the high priest of the good things to come, we confess that we have let ourselves be bound by sins of the past. Free us for love, we pray. To you, the source of eternal redemption, we confess that we have served lesser laws than that of love. Redeem us for love, we pray. To you, who entered the most holy place that is not of this creation, we confess that we see with earthly eyes. Open our eyes to love, we pray. We cannot trust ourselves, or any mortal, for our salvation. Only you can help us. In you alone we hope and trust!

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

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

*\*Gloria Patri #734*

*Prayer for Illumination*

*First Reading* Leviticus 19:15-18 p. 185

*Choral Anthem* “Fount of Every Blessing” *Larson*  
*God of ev’ry gift and blessing, we gather this day to give you glory, to give you honor, our worship and praise! Come, thou Fount of eve’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above, praise His name, I’m fixed upon it, name of God’s redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’ve come; and hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above. God of ev’ry gift and blessing, we gather this day to give You glory, to give You honor, our worship and praise!*

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

*Second Reading* Mark 12:28–34 p. 1575

*Sermon* “Nearer Than ‘Not Far’”

*\*Hymn of Response*  
Hymn #464 “May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” *St. Leonards*

*\*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* “Song of Peace” *Shea*  
*\*Doxology*  
*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*\*Sending Hymn*  
Hymn #352 “Spirit Song” *Wimber*

*\*Charge & Benediction*

*\*Postlude* “Erin’ Feste Burg” *arr. Logan*  
*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Leaders in Worship:*  
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*  
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*  
Cherielynn Daniels, *liturgist*  
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, *preacher*

*Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:*  
Mark Stant, *greeter*  
Mark & Deb Stant, *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 Ministry Information Form has been approved and will be uploaded onto the national Presbyterian Church’s database that matches churches with pastors seeking a call. We should soon be getting resumés - called Personal Information Forms (PIFs) - from interested pastors. Please keep praying for this family of faith and the PNC.

THE FIRST REHEARSAL FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAY is today at 1:30 p.m. The cast will read through the script and get a schedule of rehearsals. Thanks to all who have volunteered to participate.

THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER is available online. Please check it out to see all that is happening at FPC! Go to firstpresdbq.org, navigate to the “About Us” tab, scroll down and click on “Newsletter”, and then click on the November 2018 Newsletter pdf. It’s worth your time to read it!!

STEWARDSHIP cards are available in the back of the sanctuary if you haven’t had the chance to pledge for 2019.

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 important 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.

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:  
Nov. 18 - Dan Emmert  
Nov. 25 - Beth McCaw  
Dec. 2 - Tim Slemmons

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

*Dear Church family,*  
*Thank you so much for the warm hearted send off and bodacious coffee hour!*  
*Our new address is 3227 Fiore Court, Fort Collins, CO 80521.*  
*God’s blessing,*  
*Rachel and Lyle Vander Broek*

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through November 4th totaled \$5,053.05.