

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 Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

✠ TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ✠

Those recovering

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

Missionaries

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

Those in California dealing with the aftermath of wildfires that have left death and destruction and caused the evacuation of many

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

Refugees around the world needing a safe place to live

The Pastor Nominating Committee

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

The safe arrival of a new baby

Our youth who serve as liturgists, Advent candle lighters, actors in the Christmas play, and missionaries in service to Jesus Christ

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., December 2	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
Food for the 1st	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
Tue., December 4	11:30am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Wed., December 5	6:30pm	Choir
Fri., December 7	1:30pm	Manor Care: Tom Jack
Sat., December 8	8:30am	Congregational Life
	9:00am	Deacons
Sun., December 9	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
Supplies for the 2nd	10:15am	Worship: Annalee Ward, preaching
	11:30am	PNC
	12:30pm	Christmas Program rehearsal

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Advent/ Christmas - Isaiah 9:6 (in memory of Doris Walske)

West Wall - Epiphany - Isaiah 60:1

North Wall - Romans 12:9 (in memory of Leroy Vogt)

Communion Servers: Bob Monthey, Terri Gronau, Suzanne Heber, Judy Sheridan, Annalee Ward, Cheri Daniels

Deacons for the month of December: Terri Gronau & Suzanne Heber

For pastoral emergencies this week, please contact Rev. Tim Slemmons at [tslemmons@dbq.edu](mailto:tslemmons@dbq.edu)

Prayer Chain requests may be emailed or called to the church (582-4494), or emailed to Linda at [fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com)

Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Mon., Wed., Thu. 9:00am-1:00pm.

Lectionary Readings for December 9th:

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:15am

Founded 1847

1st Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018



Announcements

Linda Longfield

Minute for Mission

Joy Offering

Victoria Slemmons

Prelude

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

arr. Blade

For Prayer and Reflection:

Greater Attention, T. Slemmons

Lord God of hosts, your name is great among the nations. From the rising of the sun to its setting, let your name be exalted, and let pure and worthy offerings be made to you. For you are the beloved of Jacob, great beyond the borders of Israel, and honor and respect are due you. Therefore, let our worship of your name be pure and pleasing to you. Look with favor upon us, take away our disgrace, let us hear and believe your holy Word, and do not let us fall silent concerning your Son, but give us courage to tell the good news at home and abroad, that your people everywhere will return to you.

Lighting the Advent Candle

The High School Sunday School Class

Call to Worship

Behold the days are coming, says the Lord,  
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Judah.  
**In those days I will cause a righteous Branch  
to spring forth from David;  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.**  
In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely.  
**And this is the name by which it will be called;  
“The Lord is our righteousness.”**



Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Praise

Hymn #176	“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”	Truro
“Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”		Card
Jesus, let us come to know you. Let us see you face to face. Touch us, hold us, use us, mold us, Only let us live in you.		
Jesus, draw us ever nearer. Hold us in your loving arms. Wrap us in your gentle presence. And when the end comes, bring us home.		

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading	Romans 15:7-13	p. 1767
Choral Anthem	“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming ”	Parker / Shaw
Second Reading	Psalms 18	p. 855
Sermon	“Logically in Love with God”	
*Hymn of Response		
Hymn #85	“I Love You, Lord”	Klein

\*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” (Back cover of hymnal)

The Offering		
Offertory	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”	arr. Curry
*Doxology		

\*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table		
Communion Hymn		
Hymn #691	“With the Body That Was Broken” (vv. 1-2)	Picardy
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving		
The Lord be with you.		
And also with you.		
Lift up your hearts.		
We lift them up to the Lord.		
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		
It is right to give our thanks & praise.		
...we lift our hearts in joyful praise:		
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...		
Lord’s Prayer (Back cover of hymnal)		
Breaking of Bread		
Communion of the People (Please hold the elements until all have been served. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate; grape juice is served in place of wine.)		
Prayer after Communion		

*Sending Hymn		
Hymn #153	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	Hyfrydol

\*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude	“Fling Wide the Door”	arr. Prentiss
*Those who are able, please stand.		

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director; Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director Jonah Brehm, liturgist; Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preacher
Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Terri Gronau, greeter Dedee Cosgrove, Coffee Fellowship host Courtney Schnoor 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) is beginning to read resumés, called Personal Information Forms (PIFs), sent from the national database that matches pastors and churches. Please pray for the PNC as they discern whom God is calling to lead our church.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH CAFÉ MINISTRY! Your gifts of food and/or time were greatly appreciated by all who came for dinner at First Congregational Church. Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED prepare the sanctuary for Advent. A special thanks to Joyce McClain who directed the work crew. A fun time was had by all!

DID YOU NOTICE? The worship banners were changed this week. Please take time to enjoy these beautiful banners and read the box in the bulletin that reports in whose name each banner was dedicated.

NEXT SUNDAY is SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND. Please bring items to help those staying in the Domestic Violence Shelter. They are in particular need of toothbrushes and disinfecting wipes and sprays.

YOU’RE INVITED TO A DELICIOUS LUNCH on December 16, following worship. All of the food is provided by our Senior Highs and the Congregational Life Committee. The Senior Highs will take a free-will offering to help defray the cost of going to Worthington, MN next summer as part of a Group Mission Trip Workcamp. We give thanks for their willingness to help those in need. Please come enjoy food and fellowship and support our mission-minded youth.

‘TIS THE SEASON for many wonderful musical concerts at our local colleges and universities. PLEASE check out the bulletin board in the Coffee Hour room for dates and details.

PREACHING SCHEDULE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:  
Dec. 9 - Annalee Ward  
Dec. 16 - Christmas Program  
Dec. 23 - Beth McCaw  
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols @ 7:00pm

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 25th totaled \$11,201.56.
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