

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 grieving

Those facing health issues

Those starting new jobs and relocating, especially Lesley Sheridan

Those battling cancer

For premature births

For healthy pregnancies

Missionaries

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

*Those dealing with the effects of natural disasters, especially the people of
Indonesia following a recent tsunami*

*Those suffering from religious persecution and refugees around the world
needing a safe place to live*

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Deb Stant, Bobby McCaw, VeNita Fawcett, and John Wehrspann
(birthdays) and Roger & Susan Ebertz (anniversary)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., January 13	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Supplies for the</i>	10:15am	Worship:
<i>2nd</i>		Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching
	11:30 am	PNC meets
Sun., January 20	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Pick up your</i>	10:15am	Worship:
<i>Annual Report</i>		Rev. Tim Slemmons, preaching

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*)

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. John Armstrong at 605-354-3891
or john1rev@gmail.com

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

Lectionary Readings for January 20th:

Isaiah 62:1-5; *Psalm* 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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Founded 1847

10:15am

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

Linda Longfield

arr. Eithun

Eternal God, in every age you give transforming power — converting chaos into creation, water into wine, and death into life. You call us to become new creatures. You show us the possibility of great change, and the hope of your mercy touching human lives. As we gather to worship you, continue to transform us, until we too brim full with the joy of your presence. Amen.

Your love, O God, extends to the heavens;
your righteousness is like the ever-rolling mountains.

Opening Prayer

Ebenezer

von Mohr

He who began a good work in me
He who began a good work in me
Will be faithful to complete it
He'll be faithful to complete it
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in me.

Prayer of Confession

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we want guarantees. We have sought miracles of our own making, and have failed to discern the glory of your Son in the everyday “miracles” of our lives. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri #734**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 31:10-14 p. 1226

Choral Anthem “Your Light Has Come” Paige
Arise and shine, your light has come, the Savior of nations. Arise and shine, your light has come, behold Emmanuel. The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice, come and see what God has done. Arise and shine, your light has come, the hope of all creation. Arise and shine, your light has come, let joy awake the dawn. The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice, lift your voice, arise, your light has come! Hear the tidings that we bring: heaven’s declaration. Mountains ring and canyons sing. Hear the proclamation. Call His name Emmanuel: God with us abiding. Now the heavens shine and tell. See His star is rising. Arise, arise. Rise. Arise and shine, your light has come, the Savior of the nations. Arise and shine, your light has come, behold Emmanuel. The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice, lift your voices to the sky. Arise and shine, your light has come, the hope of all creation.

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

Second Reading John 2:1-12 p. 1648

Sermon “Water into Wine”

***Hymn of Response**
Hymn #405 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” Solid Rock

***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

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 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” arr. Martin
***Doxology #34**
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn**
Hymn #68 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** “The Opening Year” L. Smith
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Mark Ward, *liturgist*
Rev. Marsha Wilfong, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Alex Jack, *greeter*
The Ebys, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Courtney Schnoor and Florence Siefker, *Nursery*

TODAY WE WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong as our preacher. Marsha is a retired teaching elder of John Knox Presbytery having formerly served churches in Texas, Louisiana, and Bellevue, IA. Marsha also taught homiletics and worship at UDTs and is now occasionally preaching/teaching in the church and serving as an adjunct at UDTs.

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 meets today. The committee covets your prayers as they prayerfully consider the Personal Information Forms of pastors seeking a call.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will take place on January 27, 2019 following worship. The purpose of the meeting is 3-fold: to review the Annual Reports of the church committees, to elect a deacon, and to hear an update from the Pastor Nominating Committee. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is studying the Apostles’ Creed, a concise summary of the biblical faith. Come join us at 9:00 a.m.

LUKE BIBLE STUDY, LED BY REV. WILFONG, WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 24, at Bethany Home, at 2:00 pm. We will pick up at Luke 9:51, as Jesus begins his final journey to Jerusalem. All are welcome. Even if you missed the fall part of the study, there's still plenty of the Gospel of Luke left!

THANKS TO THOSE WHO BROUGHT SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND. The residents and staff at the Domestic Violence Shelter deeply appreciate your generosity.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TAKES PLACE FEBRUARY 3. We will team up to tackle hunger. Since 1990, around the time of the Super Bowl football game, young people have collected nearly 140 million in cash and nonperishable food for local food banks. Last year, FPC raised \$728 and collected 183 food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry. Can we outscore 2018??? Let’s huddle up and give it our best shot!!!

JANET SPOERL THANKS YOU, her church family, for your cards, visits, prayers, and caroling while she was recovering from foot surgery.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
Jan. 20 - Tim Slemmons
Jan. 27 - John Armstrong
Feb. 3 - Bradley Longfield

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed. Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room to assist with this important ministry of hospitality.

THESE DAYS devotionals are available in the narthex for your use.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through January 6th totaled \$3,918.10.