

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 from illness or injury

Those grieving

Those facing health issues

Those battling cancer

For healthy pregnancies

Missionaries

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

Those dealing with natural disasters

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

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Lyle Vander Broek (birthday)

*For little Ryker, Tim and Victoria's great-nephew, who's growing stronger each
day*

THE WEEK IN BRIEF
(events at EPC unless noted)

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*)

Lectionary Readings for February 24th:

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; *Psalm* 37:1-11, 39-40
 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

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10:15am 6th Sunday after Epiphany February 17, 2019

Linda Longfield

O God, you freely pour out the Spirit of grace and love. As we prepare ourselves to worship you this morning, deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, so that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

(Psalm 24:1-4)

for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,

who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

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Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and return to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sins.

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

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10 p. 1201

Choral Anthem “O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic!” arr. Larson
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You set Your glory above the skies by Your mighty word. In the sound of children’s praise, You have established strength. Our eyes we lift, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! O Lord, our Lord, when we contemplate the beauty of Your works, O what is man that You think of him, or stoop to give him worth? Lower than the angel hosts, with glory we are crowned. What joy, what bliss, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! O Lord, our Lord, You have placed the world beneath our rule and care; o’er every creature on the land within the sea and air. Ev’ry breath a gift to praise the King all nature serves. Our song is this: how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

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

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 p. 1784

Sermon “Seeing with Eyes of Faith”

*Hymn of Response
Hymn #480 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” Open My Eyes

Installation of Deacon
Litany of Scripture
There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each one in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Statement of Installation
Presentation of Candidate for Officer - Deacon Steve Foxen
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

*Profession of Faith “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.

Constitutional Questions of Congregation
Do we, the members of the church, accept Steve as deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
We do.

Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
We do.
Prayer of Installation
Declaration of Installation

Joys and Concerns

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

The Offering
Offertory
*Doxology #34
*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn
Hymn #502 “Be Thou My Vision” Slane

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Callie Mescher, organist
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Susan Ebertz, liturgist
Rev. John Armstrong, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Steve Foxen, greeter
Mark & Deb Stant, Coffee Fellowship hosts
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

HEY! WE DID IT! WE BEAT LAST YEAR’S TOTAL! Thanks to a late contribution, we surpassed last year’s gift, raising \$755 for the Dubuque Food Pantry as part of Souper Bowl of Caring. Thanks be to God for such a generous congregation!

TRANSITION NEWS: The Pastor Nominating Committee meets today after church. They covet your prayers as they work to discern whom God is calling as our next pastor.

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN A COMMITTEE! As the new year begins, all of the FPC committees could use your help. Here’s a list of the committees with the names of the chairperson. Please speak to one and express your interest in helping them in their ministry.
Building & Grounds: Tom Boelk (chair) & Alex Jack
Christian Education: Linda Longfield
Congregational Life: Terri Gronau
Finance and Personnel: John Dillman
Mission & Stewardship: Annalee Ward (chair) & Sandy Spencer
Worship & Spiritual Life: Kristen Eby & Bradley Longfield (co-chairs)

SING PRAISES TO GOD! The choir could use a few more voices to sing praises to God. Choir meets twice a month at 6:30 p.m. to practice the anthems to sing during worship. Director Jill Klinebriel makes every rehearsal an enjoyable time of music and fellowship. Come join the fun!

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND “The Joy of Music”, an organ recital by Dr. Charles Barland and featuring the University of Dubuque Concert Choir directed by Kristen Eby. The concert is on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Queen of the Rosary Chapel in Sinsinawa, WI. (See further details on the bulletin board in the Coffee Hour room.)

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
Feb. 24 - Elder Mark Ward
Mar. 3 - Rev. Bradley Longfield
Mar. 10 - Rev. John Armstrong

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed for the month of March. Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room.

WEATHER BAD? IS CHURCH CANCELED? See below how to find out:
• Call the church office (582-4494) after 7:30am on Sunday mornings.
• Watch your email for an all-church announcement.
• Check this FPC link for: firstpcdbq.webs.com (This link is also available on the home page of the church website www.firstpresdbq.org.)
• Or you can watch for a notice on KCRG, KWWL, KDTH (and others)

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through February 3rd totaled \$4,587.00.