

***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*

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.

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† TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS †

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*Those recovering from illness or injury*

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### Those grieving

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*Those facing health issues*

**Those battling cancer**

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*For healthy pregnancies*

Journal Pre-proof

Missionaries

*Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow*

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**THE WEEK IN BRIEF**  
(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., February 24	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Elder Mark Ward, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel
Wed., February 27	2:00pm	Luke Study @ Bethany Home
Fri., March 1	1:30pm	Manor Care: Tom Jack
Sat., March 2	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
Sun., March 3	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Food for the 1st</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion

***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*)

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*Deacons for the month of February:* Mark & Deb Stant  
*March:* Jamie Dillman and Hannah Eby

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

**Prayer Chain** requests may be emailed to Linda at [fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com) or texted to her at 563-581-4161

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

*Lectionary Readings for February 24th:*  
Exodus 34:29-35; *Psalm* 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

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Founded 1847

10:15am      7th Sunday after Epiphany      February 24, 2019

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*Announcements* Linda Longfield

<i>Minute for Mission</i>	“Relentless”	Carlie Boelk
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**Prelude** "My Faith, it is an Oaken Staff" *arr. Smith*

**For Prayer and Reflection:** Richard J. Foster

*"If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power to give them, and this will lead us to prayer: Intercession is a way of loving others."*

*Call to Worship*

We have gathered together in the presence of God  
to offer our praise and our prayers.

**We come before God knowing that  
even when we can't find the words,  
God's own Spirit is right here with us.**

The Spirit is praying in us and for us, giving shape to our wordless hopes and longings, and pleading for us before the throne of grace.

Let us come with joy  
to worship God who knows and loves us all.

### Opening Prayer

**\*Songs of Praise**  
 “Lord, Reign in Me”  
 Over all the earth, You reign on high  
 Every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
 But my one request, Lord my only aim  
 Is that You'd reign in me again

*Brenton Brown*

Chorus: Lord reign in me, reign in Your power  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought, over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again. Chorus

Hymn #492	“Spirit of the Living God” (v. 1)	Iverson
	Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.	

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession*  
**You call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice, God Most High. We watch our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you. We are hesitant to witness to your power from on high, as we are uncertain of your presence in our lives. Forgive us, God. Fill us with the healing presence of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your good news, as we participate in the life and suffering of our world, following in the way of your son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*\*Gloria Patri* #734

Prayer for Illumination

<i>First Reading</i>	Romans 8:18-30	p. 1757
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<i>Choral Anthem</i>	“O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic!”	arr. Larson
<i>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!</i>		

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

<i>Second Reading</i>	Nehemiah 1	p. 750
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*Sermon* “What to Do When You Don’t Know What to Do”

<i>*Hymn of Response</i>		
Hymn #475	“Eternal Spirit of the Living God”	Sursum Corda

*\*Affirmation 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 ev-erlasting. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

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

<i>The Offering</i>		
<i>Offertory</i>	“Hymn”	<i>Simper / Ryan</i>
<i>*Doxology #34</i>		
<i>*Prayer of Dedication</i>		

<i>*Sending Hymn</i>		
Hymn #425	“Christ Beside Me”	<i>Bunessan</i>

\*Charge & Benediction

<i>*Postlude</i>	“Allegro”	<i>Vivaldi / Norris</i>
<i>*Those who are able, please stand.</i>		

**Leaders in Worship:**  
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*  
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*  
Sara Blair, *liturgist*  
Elder Mark Ward, *preacher*

**Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:**  
Lupe Morales, *greeter*  
The Longfields, *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

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6TH. Westminster Church, First Presbyterian Church, and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary will hold a joint Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. at Westminster Church. You are invited to come early for a simple supper of soup and salad from 6:00-6:45 p.m. A freewill offering will be collected.

YOUTH MISSION NEWS: Those planning on going on the Mission trip this summer will be giving a brief Minute for Mission this morning. Please give generously to this effort by using the envelopes found in the pews this week or next.

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)

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.)

NEXT SUNDAY is FOOD FOR THE FIRST. Please bring your non-perishable food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry .

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Mar. 3 - Rev. Bradley Longfield  
Mar. 10 - Rev. John Armstrong  
Mar. 17 - Rev. Tim Slemmons

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 17th totaled \$10,046.50.