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 struggling with colds and flu

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Those left homeless due to flooding and other 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:

Mackenzie Daniels, Mark Achtemeier, Shannon Dykstra and Ron Herbst (birthdays) and Tim & Judy Sheridan (anniversary)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., March 17		Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching
Wed., March 20	1	Luke Study @ Bethany Home Choir
Thu., March 21	7:00pm	Children of Abraham @ Tri-State Islamic Center
Sat., March 23	4:00-7:00pm	Family Game Night
Sun., March 24	10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching Bethany Home worship:
	· P	Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Lent West Wall - Isaiah 43:1 (in memory of Barb Stant) North Wall - I John 4:19 (in honor of Rev. Katherine Achtemeier)

Deacons for the month of 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 or called to the church (582-4494), or emailed to Linda at fpcdbqlongfield@gmail.com

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

Lectionary Readings for March 24th:

Isaiah 55:1-9

**Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Luke 13:1-9

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Founded 1847

10:15am Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

Linda Longfield

Announcements

Prelude "Give Me Jesus" arr. Giamanco

For Prayer and Reflection:

The Joyful Feast

God of the Covenant, who gives children to the barren and land to the homeless, we praise you for your eternal faithfulness and your everlasting mercy. Receive our songs of joy and our melodies of thanksgiving as we send them up to your glorious heavens, in Jesus' name.

Call to Worship

Wait for the Lord. Be strong, and let your heart take courage!

We will wait for the Lord.

We shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

Come, O people, and seek God's face!

Your face, O Lord, do we seek.

Do not hide from us or turn away in anger.

One thing I have asked of the Lord. That will I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Behold the beauty of the Lord!

God is my light and my salvation; of whom shall I be afraid?

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #16 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Redman

Leoni

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His holy name Sing like never before, oh my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, oh my soul...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Heaven, we confess that we often fear defeat and fail to trust you, for we both overestimate and underestimate the enemies of the cross of Christ. We have forgotten heavenly things and set our minds on earthly things. We have gloried in shameful acts, dismissed your word as spoken through the prophets, and ignored the holy deeds you have commanded us to do. Save us and forgive us, O God. Transform the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of your glory in 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

Epistle Reading	Philippians 3:17-4:1	p. 1829		
Gospel Reading	Luke 13:31-35	p. 1621		
Choral Anthem	"Infinite Grace"	Parks		
Children's Message (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery)				
Old Testament Readin	g Genesis 15:1-20	p. 20		
Sermon	"All for One and One for All"			
Choral Anthem Children's Message (C	Parks			

*Hymn of Response

Hymn #582 "O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising" Welwyn

*Affirmation of Faith

from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

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

The Offering

Offertory "Lenten Prayer" Glyncannon
*Doxology #34

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn

Hymn #501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM Rhondda

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude "Recessionale" Broughton

*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:

Kristen Eby, Music Director
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Beth Foxen, liturgist
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Jeanne Armstrong, 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

- PLEASE SIGN the card in the Coffee Hour room and wish our missionary couple in Thailand a very happy anniversary!
- ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected during Lent (March 10-April 21). This offering is divided between the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self Development of People programs of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Last year, we raised \$1,575. Can we match last year's giving? Please give generously, using the envelopes in the pews.
- OGHS FISH BANKS and CALENDARS are also available for home use. Pick up yours today in the narthex. Return them on Palm Sunday, April 14.
- NEXT SATURDAY IS FAMILY GAME NIGHT. On March 23, the Congregational Life committee will host another fun family game night from 4:00 -7:00 pm. Food, laughter, and fellowship will be on the agenda. Join us!
- "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY," the disciples said to Jesus. The adult Sunday school class is learning about prayer using Gary Hansen's book *Kneeling With Giants*. Beth McCaw and John Eby are leading the class. Copies of the book are provided. Please join us as we refresh and renew our prayer life.
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL dates are set June 24-28 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.! Please mark your calendars. Kids ages 4 entering 6th grade are invited to attend as we take a "Journey with Jesus." Registration forms will be available soon.
- THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Janet Spoerl sends her heartfelt thanks to her church family. She appreciated the cards and visits while recovering from recent foot surgery.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Mar. 24 - Rev. Beth McCaw Mar. 31 - Rev. Beth McCaw Apr. 7 - Rev. Dan Emmert

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed! Please sign up today in the Coffee Hour room to provide light refreshments for a Sunday in March or April. This important ministry of hospitality is appreciated by all.

THESE DAYS for April, May, and June are available in the narthex. Please take one to use during your daily devotions.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month.

Offerings received through March 3rd totaled \$4,387.85.