#### 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 chronic health issues

Those battling cancer

Those expecting

Missionaries

Those adjusting to a new living situation

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

Those dealing with flooding in the Midwest and around the world

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Those suffering from religious persecution and refugees needing a safe place to live

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Veterans

Alex Jack and Steve Foxen who have stepped in to help with custodial duties during Harold's illness

### THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., May 26	10:15am 1:30pm	Worship: Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & TBD
Thu., May 30	5:00-7:00pm	Café Ministry @ 1st Congl.
Fri., June 1	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
Sun., June 2 Food for the 1st	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Easter—John 11:25 (in memory of George Nacos)
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 May: Mark & Deb Stant

June: Jamie Dillman & 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 June 2nd:

Acts 16:16-34

\*\*Psalm 97:1-12\*\*

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

10:15am 6th Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

**Announcements** 

Linda Longfield

Prelude

### For Prayer and Reflection:

Acts 1:8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

#### Call to Worship

- Adapted from Psalm 47:1, 5-7

Let us clap our hands; let us shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For God has gone up with a shout and with the sound of a trumpet.

Let us sing praises to God; let us sing praises to our Sovereign.

For God is Sovereign over all creation. We sound God's praise in song.

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise

Hymn #320 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!"

Hyfrydol

Call to Confession

# **Prayer of Confession**

God of power and mystery, we stand with mouths – and minds – gaping as Christ ascends. Astonishment hardly begins to scratch the surface. For now, it is clear whom you call in this interim to be the body of Christ on earth. We know that his resurrection has broken the power of death; we know that he has proclaimed forgiveness of sins for those who repent; we know we have been called to be your hands and feet unto the ends of the earth. But we balk. We resist change to our own hearts and minds. Sometimes we even make our sin some sort of excuse of "you wouldn't want the likes of us to do your work." Yet, you do. So raise us from the stagnancy of false security and its partner of paralyzing humility. Raise us to join faithful disciples in all ages, living the gospel's resurrection power and sharing justice, peace, and forgiveness in our broken world. In Jesus Christ.

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

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\*Gloria Patri #734

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

First Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 p. 1818

Children's Message

Second Reading Acts 1:1-11 p. 1690

Sermon "Christ Ascended/Holy Spirit Alive"

\*Hymn of Response

Hymn #322 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" Lasst Uns Erfreuen

### \*Affirmation of Faith

Litany for Ascension

Arise, O Lord, in your strength.

### We will praise you for your glory!

Let us pray with joy to Christ at the right hand of God, saying: You are the king of glory! You have raised the weakness of our flesh. Heal us from our sins, and restore to us the full dignity of life.

### You are the king of glory!

May our faith lead us to the Father as we follow the road you trod.

### You are the king of glory!

You have promised to draw all people to yourself; let no one of us be separate from your body.

### You are the king of glory!

Grant that by our longing we may join you in your kingdom where your humanity and ours is glorified.

### You are the king of glory!

You are true God, and you will be our judge, so lead us to contemplate your tender mercy.

## You are the king of glory!

(After a brief silence the leader concludes the litany)

O King of glory and Lord of hosts, who ascended triumphantly above the heavens, do not abandon us, but send us the promised one, the Spirit of truth. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. 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

\*Doxology #34

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Sending Hymn

Hymn #713 "Send Me, Jesus"

Thuma Mina

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

#### Leaders in Worship:

Meegan Harkey, organist Linda Longfield, liturgist Rev. Daniel Emmert, preacher

#### Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Deb Stant, greeter
Jill Lee, Coffee Fellowship host
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

- MAY is MISSIONARY MONTH! During May, we are focusing on our international missionaries and our Senior High mission team going to Worthington, MN this summer. There are envelopes in the pews to help support our Thailand missionaries. You can support the Senior High mission team by hiring them to help you with your yardwork. Speak to Bryan or Sara Blair if you are interested.
- IT'S A 5-THURSDAY MONTH, SO IT'S OUR PRIVILEGE TO HELP AT CAFÉ MINISTRY! On May 30, at First Congregational Church, we will provide food and serve dinner to our neighbors in Dubuque. We still need a few desserts and a few people to serve. Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room today. Any questions? See Annalee Ward. Thanks.
- THIS WEEK WE WELCOME OUR SUMMER SPM STUDENT, KATE MEYRICK. Kate is a student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Kate will be assisting in worship leadership, helping with VBS and mission activities, and assisting John Armstrong with pastoral care. Please introduce yourself and welcome her to our church family.
- NURSERY NEWS One of our nursery caregivers, Courtney Schnoor, will be gone for the summer. Florence Siefker will be the lead caregiver and we will fill in with volunteers. Please speak to Linda Longfield or John Dillman if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery this summer.
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is on the horizon. Mark your calendar to participate in this exciting event, June 24-28 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The theme is "Journey with Jesus". Registration forms and a volunteer sign-up sheet are available in the Coffee Hour room.
- NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD FOR THE FIRST. Please bring non-perishable food to help stock the shelves at the Dubuque Food Pantry.

#### PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

- June 2 Rev. Marsha Wilfong Holy Communion will be celebrated
- June 9 Rev. Marsha Wilfong
- June 16 SPM student Kate Meyrick
- FUN TIMES CAN BE YOURS AT CAMP WYOMING this summer. Check out the website at <a href="https://campwyoming.net">https://campwyoming.net</a>. Scholarships are available through the Mission Committee.
- PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO LOOK AT THE BIG BULLETIN BOARD in the Coffee Hour Room. It is filled with helpful information of events happening locally and abroad.

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

Offerings received through May 19th totaled \$9,937.04.