

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, injury, or surgery

Those facing chronic health issues

Those battling cancer

Those in transition

Those expecting

Missionaries

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones and for the injured following the mass shootings in El Paso, Dayton, and Gilroy

Those dealing with natural disasters, especially the victims of the earthquake in Japan

Immigrants

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:

Brian Hallstoos and Nancy Zurcher (birthdays) and Nikki & Ivy Fountain and Bradley & Linda Longfield (anniversaries)

Visiting grandchildren

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., August 11	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Bradley Longfield, preaching
Supplies for the 2nd		
Tue., August 13	3:45pm	Mission Committee
	4:15pm	Christian Education Committee @ Beth Foxen’s
Sat., August 17	9:00am-12:00pm	John Knox Presbytery video conference @ Westminster PC
Sun., August 18	10:15am	Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Pentecost - (in memory of Rev. Duncan Brockway)

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 August: Jamie Dillman & Hannah Eby

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. John Armstrong at 605-354-3891 or Armstrongfpcdbq@gmail.com. You may text, call, or email John. Office hours for John will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Prayer Chain Change: You may now email, text, or call prayer requests to Rev. John Armstrong (see contact information above).

Summer Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Monday & Thursday 9:00-11:00am and Wednesday 9:00am-1:00pm.

Lectionary Readings for August 18th:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrew 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

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10:15am

Founded 1847

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

Announcements

Rev. Bradley Longfield

Prelude

“Wonderful Words of Life”

arr. Giamanco

For Prayer and Reflection:

“The home we long for and belong to is finally where Christ is.”

--Frederick Buechner

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Praise

Hymn #342

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Darwall’s 148th

“Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You”

Card

Jesus, let us come to know you

Let us see you face to face

Touch us, hold us, use us, mold us

Only let us live in you.

Jesus, draw us ever nearer

Hold us in your loving arms

Wrap us in your gentle presence

When the end comes, bring us home.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn 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 sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

*\*Gloria Patri #734*

*Prayer for Illumination*

*First Reading* Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 p. 1874

*Special Music* “Prayer of St. Francis” *McLachlan*  
Jill Klinebriel, soloist

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

*Second Reading* Luke 12:32-40 p. 1618

*Sermon* “Seeking a Homeland”

*\*Hymn of Response*  
Hymn #447 “Because He Lives” *Resurrection*

*\*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* “Following Thee” *arr. Wagner*  
*\*Doxology #34*  
*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*\*Sending Hymn*  
Hymn #422 “Amazing Grace!” *New Britain*

*\*Charge & Benediction*

*\*Postlude* “Toccata” *Birchwood*  
*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Leaders in Worship:*  
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*  
Susan Ebertz, *liturgist*  
Rev. Bradley Longfield, *preacher*

*Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:*  
John Dillman, *greeter*  
The Jacks, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*  
Florence Siefker, *nursery attendant*

**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

THANK YOU to Linda Longfield who is stepping down after serving as our church administrator for the past 15 months. We appreciate her hard work and dedication to the church family.

TRANSITION NEWS: As the PNC continues to interview potential pastors, the Session has hired the Rev. John Armstrong to serve as a part-time temporary pastor for administration and pastoral care. He will have office hours two days a week. He will also be the one to contact with prayer chain requests. (*See the back page for hours and email address.*) Please welcome Rev. Armstrong as he adds administration to his part-time pastoral care responsibilities.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for Sunday, August 25, to elect a replacement for Carlie Boelk (off to college) on the Pastor Nominating Committee. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 10:10 a.m., prior to the beginning of the service. Please plan to attend this brief, but important, meeting.

IT’S A 5-THURSDAY MONTH, so it’s our privilege to help at CAFÉ MINISTRY! On August 29, at First Congregational Church, we will provide food and serve dinner to our neighbors in Dubuque. Please sign up in the Coffee Hour room to serve, clean up, and/or donate food. Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (*Matthew 25:40*) Please join in this important ministry.

THANK YOU for your gifts to the Domestic Violence Shelter. Your donations are deeply appreciated.

JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERY will hold its August meeting via video-conferencing at Westminster, Dubuque, on Saturday, August 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend as an observer. Please keep those attending in your prayers.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING TO SERVE AS COFFEE HOUR HOSTS. We have August covered, but September dates are available.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:  
Aug 18 - Rev. John Armstrong  
Aug 25 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons  
Sept 1- Rev. Dan Emmert

LOOKING AHEAD - Sunday School for all ages resumes on Rally Day, Sept. 8 at 9:00 a.m. We will commission teachers during worship. Hope to see you there!

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through August 4th totaled \$4,382.50.