

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 grieving

Those facing chronic health issues

Those battling cancer

Those in transition

Those expecting

Those struggling with depression, grief, or sorrow

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Missionaries

Immigrants

Those dealing with unrest around the world, especially those living in Hong Kong

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

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Chris Holdener, Steve Foxen, and Susan Ebertz (birthdays)

Students, teachers, administrators returning to school

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., August 25	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel
Thu., August 29	5:00-7:00pm	Café Ministry @ 1st Congregational
Sun., September 1	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching
Food for the 1st	11:30am	Deacons
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel

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).

Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00-1:00pm.

Lectionary Readings for September 1st:

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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10:15am

Founded 1847
11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

AnnouncementsLinda Longfield

Prelude“Praise the Lord who Reigns Above”arr. Forrest

For Prayer and Reflection:

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

Call to Worship(Psalm 66:1-2, 4)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #59“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”Hymn to Joy

“He Came Down” (also Hymn #402)Cameroon

He came down that we may have love; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have life; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world’s rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 20 p. 859

Special Music “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” Thiman
Mark Ward, solo

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

Second Reading James 1:1-21 p. 1880

Sermon “Nothing but Joy”

*Hymn of Response Hymn #533 “Joy in the Morning” Joy in the Morning

*Affirmation of Faith The Scots' Confession, Chapter IV:
"The Revelation of the Promise" (with adaptations)

We constantly believe that God, after the fearful and horrible departure of {humankind] from ... obedience, did seek Adam again, call upon him, rebuke and convict him of his sin, and in the end made unto him a most joyful promise, that “the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the serpent,” that is, that he should destroy the works of the devil. This promise was repeated and made clearer from time to time; it was embraced with joy, and most constantly received by all the faithful from Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to David, and so onwards to the incarnation of Christ Jesus; all those who believed under the law saw the joyful day of Christ Jesus, and did rejoice.

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 “The Healing Hand of God” Ritter
*Doxology #34
*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn Hymn #113 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Adeste Fideles

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude “Let Praise Ring Forth” Broughton
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Annalee Ward, liturgist
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
John Dillman, greeter
Mark & Deb Stant, Coffee Fellowship hosts
Florence Siefker & Courtney Schnoor, nursery attendants

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

NEXT SUNDAY we will celebrate Holy Communion.

NEXT SUNDAY is FOOD FOR THE FIRST. Please bring your non-perishable food items for the Dubuque Pantry and help us fill the basket with food. Thank you!

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.

IT’S A 5-THURSDAY MONTH, so it’s our privilege to help at CAFE MINISTRY! On August 29, at First Congregational Church, we will provide food and serve dinner to our neighbors in Dubuque. We have all food donations and servers we need. Thank you! 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)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED. We are urgently in need of a host for September 1st. September 22 and 29 are also available. Please check the sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room for a date that will work for you. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Sept 1- Rev. Dan Emmert
Sept. 8 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Sept. 15 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong

LOOKING AHEAD - Sunday School for all ages resumes on Rally Day, Sept. 8 at 9:00 a.m. We will commission teachers during worship and continue celebrating with a BODACIOUS Coffee Hour following 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 11th totaled \$5,125.70.