

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

Those heading back to school: students, teachers, and administrators

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:

Sam Klinebriel and Elise Henry (birthdays)

The birth of babies: a son, Hamilton, to Joe & Holly Daniels and a granddaughter, Nora, to Jill & Chuck Lee

Cheryl Heer and her grandson

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., September 1	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching
	11:30am	Deacons
Tue., September 3	11:30am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Wed., September 4	6:30pm	Choir rehearsal
Fri., September 6	1:30pm	Manor Care: Tom Jack
Sat., September 7	8:00am	Men’s Breakfast @ Sunshine
	8:30am	Congregational Life
Sun., September 8	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
Rally Day!	10:15am	Worship:
Supplies for the 2nd		Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching
		Teacher Commissioning
	11:15am	BODACIOUS Coffee Hour

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)

Communion Servers: Annalee Ward, John Dillman, Terri Gronau, Tom Boelk, Alex Jack, Jamie Dillman

Deacons for the month of September: Steve & Beth Foxen

For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Rev. John Armstrong at 605-354-3891 or Armstrongfpcdbq@gmail.com. Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am - 12:00pm or by appointment.

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

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

Lectionary Readings for September 8th:

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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10:15am

Founded 1847

12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

Announcements

Rev. Timothy Slemmons

Prelude

“The Way of Peace”

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For Prayer and Reflection:

Hebrews 13:1-2

“Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 71:1-6)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,

For you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

From the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope,

My trust, O Lord, from my youth.

My praise is continually of you.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #63 “Give to Our God Immortal Praise” (vv. 1-3) Duke Street

Hymn #64 “O God Beyond All Praising” Thaxted

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, may we spend our lives in grace. The psalmist has sung, “So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart” (Ps 90:12), yet we confess times and ways in which we have not cherished time nor have we achieved fullness of wisdom. Forgive us, O God, for our lack of discernment and reasonable choic-es. Rekindle in us the vision that harmonizes our lives with your ever-living word. Remind us that we have life because of you. Give us the wisdom to choose life and in all things to praise your holy name.

Silent Confession

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 p. 1878

Second Reading Luke 14:7-14 p. 1622

Sermon “Who Do We Invite to the Party?”

*Hymn of Response Hymn #428 “When Peace Like A River” Ville Du Havre

*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.

The Offering
Offertory “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” arr. Jackson
*Doxology #34
*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation
Communion Hymn Hymn #693 “Bread of the World” Rendez À Dieu
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks & praise.
...we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

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.
Words of Institution
Communion of the People (Please hold the elements until all have been served. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is served in place of wine.)
Prayer after Communion

*Sending Hymn Hymn #581 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” Beecher

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude “Great God of Might and Glory” Smith
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, liturgist & presider
Rev. Daniel Emmert, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Steve Foxen, greeter
Tracy Wildermuth, Coffee Fellowship host
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

THIS MORNING we celebrate Holy Communion.

RALLY DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY! Sunday School resumes next Sunday, September 8 at 9:00am. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our Sunday School teachers will be commissioned during worship and we will enjoy a BODACIOUS Coffee Hour following worship.

THANK YOU for your donations to the Dubuque Food Pantry through Food for the 1st. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

JOIN US FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC next Sunday, Sept. 15 from noon to 3:00 pm at Asbury Park. It will be an opportunity for food and fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room; please let us know if you are planning to attend.

NEXT WEEK we are accepting donations for Supplies for the Second to support the Domestic Violence Shelter. Please drop your donations in the tub in the narthex. Needs this month are toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues. Thank you!

TRANSITION NEWS: The PNC continues its work to discover the pastor God has intended for our congregation.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED for all dates after September 15. 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!

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. While you are enjoying fellowship, look also at the table in the Coffee Hour Room for opportunities to serve.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Sept. 8 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Sept. 15 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Sept. 22 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through August 25th totaled \$10,824.40.