

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

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

Those dealing with the effects of gun violence, especially those in Texas

Those suffering from the negative effects of natural disasters

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Naomi Brehm, Ariana Herbst, and Alex Jack (birthdays) and John & Tammy Wehrspann (anniversary)

The birth of babies: a grandson, McCoy, to Terri Gronau; Ryan, a son to Caitlin Daniels and great grandson to Harold & Cherie Daniels; Hamilton, a son to Joe & Holly Daniels and grandson to Harold & Cherie Daniels; and a granddaughter, Nora, to Jill & Chuck Lee

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., September 15

9:00am

Sunday School for all ages

10:15am

Worship:

Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching

12:00pm

Church Picnic @ Asbury Park

Wed., September 18

6:30pm

Choir

Thu., September 19

7:00pm

Children of Abraham @ Loras Ballroom

Sat., September 21

9:00am

Session Minutes review

Sun., September 22

9:00am

Sunday School for all ages

10:15am

Worship:

Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching

1:30pm

Bethany Home:

Tom Jack and 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 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 22nd:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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Founded 1847

10:15am

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2019

Announcements

Rev. Marsha Wilfong

Prelude

“The Gift to Be Simple”

arr. Wood

For Prayer and Reflection:

(from the hymn “God of Compassion, In Mercy Befriend Us”)

Wandering and lost, you have sought us and found us, gracious and loving God, stilled our rude hearts with your words of consoling; wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us, guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling. Amen.

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise God in the heights!

The Lord’s name be praised!

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Rodgers / Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men

Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore

You give the healing and grace, Our hearts always hunger for

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace

You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way

Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (refrain)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own

Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne

Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (refrain)

“I’m Forever Grateful”

Altrogge

You did not wait for me to draw near to you,

But you clothed yourself with frail humanity.

You did not wait for me to cry out to you,

But you let me hear your voice calling me.

And I’m forever grateful to you.

I’m forever grateful for the cross.

I’m forever grateful to you

That you came to seek and save the lost.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Remember us in your mercy, O God, and keep us by your grace. Forgive the scanty use we have made of the talents you have entrusted to our keeping. Cover up the poverty of our service by the fullness of your own divine resource. Yet grant also that, as day follows day, we may grow more worthy and our sins less grievous. May Christ more and more reign in our hearts and purify our deeds. In Jesus’ name we pray.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Psalm 103 p. 939

Choral Anthem “Jesus, Shepherd of My Heart” arr. Hannibal / Lopez
Jesus, Shepherd of my heart, guide my life today. Hold me in Your loving arms, never let me stray. Fill my heart with peace and joy, keep me in Your care. Like a lamb, I follow You, “Love me,” is my prayer. Jesus, Shepherd of my heart, guide my life today. Keep me in Your loving arms, never let me stray. When my heart is broken and sad, comfort me with peace. When I doubt and feel afraid, help my unbelief. Lead me on the path of faith; teach me what is right. Help me listen to Your word, walk with You in light. Jesus, Shepherd of my heart, guide my life today. Hold me in Your loving arms, never let me stray. Never let me stray.

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

Second Reading Luke 15:1-10 p. 1623

Sermon “Lost and Found”

*Hymn of Response
Hymn #68 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

*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 “How Can I Keep from Singing” arr. Lowry
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn
Hymn #372 “I Then Shall Live” Finlandia

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude “Postlude” L. Smith
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Beth Foxen, liturgist
Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Steve Foxen, greeter
Join us at Asbury Park at noon for our annual church picnic!
Florence Siefker and Courtney Schnoor, 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

JOIN US FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC TODAY from noon to 3:00pm at Asbury Park. Come and enjoy food and fellowship!

CHOIR HAS STARTED A NEW YEAR. Now is the time to join! Jill makes every rehearsal fun, and, with God’s help, she makes us sound good, too! Rehearsal this Wednesday at 6:30p.m. at the church.

TRANSITION NEWS: Patience is the key in God’s timing. The PNC continues diligently seeking God’s direction in finding our next pastor.

“THESE DAYS” FALL DEVOTIONS: The October/November/December daily devotional booklets are available in the Narthex. Please take one home for your personal devotional reading.

URGENT COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED for September 22 and 29—later dates are also open. 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!

THIS YEAR'S CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, October 6. Walkers enjoy a free lunch at noon, register at 12:30pm, and leave from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 1:00pm. FPC’s team goal is \$1,000. Please consider joining the team as a walker and/or donating to the team. Talk to Jean Holdener to join the team or to make a donation.

WANT TO INVITE A FRIEND TO FPC? Try handing them one of the little FPC invite cards found in the narthex. Take some cards and invite a friend, acquaintance, co-worker, or stranger.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM resumes this Thursday, Sept. 19th at 7:00pm in the Loras College Alumni Center Ballroom. This week’s topic, Heavenly Minded and Earthly Good, asks the question, “How does your faith inform your life?”

Please take a moment to look at the big bulletin board in the Coffee Hour Room. It is filled with helpful information and 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. 22 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons
Sept. 29 - Rev. Beth McCaw
Oct. 6 - Rev. Bradley Longfield

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through September 8th totaled \$5,691.70.