

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

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† TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Those who are mourning the death of someone special
Those recovering from illness, injury, or surgery
Those facing chronic health issues
Those battling cancer
Those struggling with depression, grief, sorrow, or bullying
The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)
Missionaries
For peace and reconciliation between Native Americans and others

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Scott McCaw, Sara Blair, Sam Daniels, and Franklin Yartey
(birthdays)
Time spent with family and friends over this holiday season!

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., January 5	9:00am	Sunday School
<i>Food for the 1st</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. John Armstrong, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
<i>*Annual Reports due</i>	11:30am	Church un-decorating
	11:30am	Deacons
Tue., January 7	11:30am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Sun., January 12	9:00am	Sunday School
<i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Christmas - Isaiah 9:6 (*in memory of Doris Walske*)

West Wall - Isaiah 43:1 (*in memory of Barb Stant*)

North Wall - Epiphany - Isaiah 60:1

Lectionary Readings for January 12th:

Isaiah 42:1-9; *Psalm* 29
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

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Founded 1847

10:15am 2nd Sunday of Christmas January 5, 2020

Announcements Rev. John Armstrong

Prelude “Anthem for Christmas” arr. Johnson

For Prayer and Reflection:
The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Call to Worship
Arise and shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
For the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory.
All: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise**
Hymn #402 “He Came Down” Cameroon
“Jesus Loves Me” *Jesus Loves Me*
Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so!
Little ones to him belong:
They are weak, but he is strong.
Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with your Spirit, so that we may tell of your glory, shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14 p. 1225

Choral Anthem “Mary’s Baby” Althouse
Mary’s baby, so tender and fair, lying in a manger, humble and bare. Mary’s baby is born on this day, sent by God from heaven to show us his way. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. Mary’s baby, so tender and fair, lying in a manger, humbled and bare. Mary’s baby is born on this day, sent by God from heaven to show us his way. Mary’s baby, sleep.

Second Reading John 1:10-18 p. 1646

Sermon “God Pitches His Tent in Our Neighborhood”

*Hymn of Response
Hymn #244 “O Love, How Deep, How Broad” Puer Nobis

*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 “Noel” arr. Birchwood
*Doxology #34
*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation
Communion Hymn
Hymn #695 “As We Gather at Your Table” (vv. 1-2) Beach Spring
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
Prayer after Communion

*Sending Hymn
Hymn #210 “Love Came Down at Christmas” Whitney

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude “Christmas Hymn” arr. Johnson
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Cherielynn Daniels, liturgist
Rev. John Armstrong, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
The congregation, greeters
The Ebys, 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

JOY OFFERING - Thank you to those who generously donated to our Joy Offering collection. FPC’s goal was \$1000 and we surpassed that with a total of \$1387. Praise God!

HELP NEEDED AFTER WORSHIP TODAY to take down and pack up holi-day decorations until next Advent season.

FOOD FOR THE 1ST IS TODAY. Please drop your non-perishable food donations to support the ministry of the Dubuque Food Pantry in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!

SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND will be collected next Sunday, January 12th. This months needs are packs of toothbrushes, paper towels, toilet paper, and/or disinfecting wipes or sprays to help those living at the Domestic Violence Shelter.

URGENT NEED OF COFFEE HOUR HOSTS & GREETERS! There are many open dates! Please check out the sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room. Thank you for supporting these special hospitality ministries!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to review and receive the Annual Report will be held after worship on Sunday, January 26.

OUR FIRST CAFÉ MINISTRY of 2020 is January 30th. See the sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room!

TRANSITION NEWS: The PNC continues to pray for God’s guidance as they discern who is to lead this congregation into the future. Please continue to hold our church family and the PNC in your prayers.

LOOKING AHEAD: THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS FEBRUARY 2ND. Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food weeks leading up to football’s Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring. Start collecting canned goods and spare change to make the Dubuque Food Pantry our bowl’s big winner!

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Jan. 12 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Jan. 19 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons
Jan. 26 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through December 29th totaled \$12,538.79.