

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 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

Traveling mercies during the holiday season

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:
Joel Samuels, Kate Biekert, Sherry Heer, and Brennan Tesdahl
(birthdays) and *Dick & Delores Muntz* (anniversary)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., December 29		NO Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Beth McCaw, preaching
Fri., January 3	1:30pm	Manor Care: Tom Jack
Sat., January 4	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Sunshine
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

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 5th:
Jeremiah 31:7-14; *Psalms* 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

10:15am

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2019

<i>Announcements</i>		Linda Longfield
<i>Prelude</i>	“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”	<i>arr. Hayes</i>

For Prayer and Reflection: Revelation 1:13, 18

"I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me....and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man...Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

Call to Worship Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

Opening Prayer

**Hymn of Praise*

Hymn #179 “Joy to the World!” *Antioch*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have sent your Son to bring everlasting life to the world. We confess that we often fail to grasp this perpetual good news in the wake of Christmas celebrations. The day passes and we collapse with forgetfulness, instead of abiding with joy and hope and life-giving presence of the Christ. The songs we've sung announcing the Messiah fall silent on our lips, and we go about our business as usual. Forgive us. Lord, let our hearts not be rocky soil in which the gospel withers. May your Spirit ever refresh our adoration for the Christ child, and send us out daily as heralds of your good news.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri* #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14, 9:6-7 p. 1069

Choral Anthem “Sing We All Noel” arr. Schram
Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear. Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel! Angels called to shepherds, “Leave your flocks at rest, journey forth to Bethlehem, find the Child so blest.” Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel! The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel! Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel! Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear. Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

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

Second Reading Matthew 1:20-25 p. 1497

Sermon “Naming the Newborn”

***Hymn of Response**
Hymn #184 “What Child Is This” Greensleeves

***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 “In Dulci Jubilo” arr. Bach/Ryan
***Doxology #34**
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn**
Hymn #198 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” In Dulci Jubilo

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** “The Gallery Carol” arr. Broughton
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, *liturgist*
Rev. Beth McCaw, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Hannah Eby, *greeter*
Steve & Beth Foxen, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Florence Siefker & Courtney Schnoor, *nursery attendants*

WEATHER BAD? IS CHURCH CANCELED?
SEE BELOW HOW TO FIND OUT...

- ◆ Call the church office (582-4494) after 7:30AM on Sunday mornings.
- ◆ Watch your email for an all-church announcement.
- ◆ Check this FPC link: firstpcdbq.webs.com
(This link is also available on the church website <http://www.firstpresdbq.org>)
- ◆ Notice hopefully provided on KCRG, KWWL, KDTH (and others)

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 Of-fering collection. FPC’s goal was \$1000 and we surpassed that with a total of \$1312. Praise God!

POINSETTIA THANK YOU! Thanks to those who ordered the poinsettias that have adorned our sanctuary. Please remember to take yours home to-day after worship.

HELP NEEDED AFTER WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, Jan. 5th, to help take down and pack up holiday decorations until next Advent season.

SESSION RETREAT is this Saturday, February 1st from 9:30-12:00pm. Dea-cons will join at 11:00am for the annual joint meeting with elders. Please be in prayer for your church leadership.

FOOD FOR THE 1ST is next Sunday, Jan. 5th. Please drop your non-per-ishable food donations to support the ministry of the Dubuque Food Pan-try in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!

WE ARE IN NEED OF COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS! There are many open dates through January. Please check out the sign up sheet in the Cof-fee Hour room. Thank you for supporting this special ministry!

OUR FIRST CAFÉ MINISTRY of 2020 is January 30th. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet coming soon!

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Jan. 5 - Rev. John Armstrong
Jan. 12 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Jan. 19 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through December 15th totaled \$10,012.99.