

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

The resolution of tensions between the US and Iran

Peace and reconciliation between Native Americans and others

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Debbie Stant and Bobby McCaw (birthdays) and *Roger & Susan Ebertz* (anniversary)

The faithfulness of God in the working out of His plans

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., January 12 9:00am Sunday School
Supplies for the 2nd 10:15am Worship:
Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching

Tue., January 14 4:00pm PNC

Sun., January 19 9:00am Sunday School
Annual Reports distributed 10:15am Worship:
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, 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

Deacons for the month of January: TBD—see contact info Pastor John below.

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 January 19th:

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

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10:15am Founded 1847
Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020

Announcements

Rev. John Armstrong

Prelude

For Prayer and Reflection:

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

The Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise**

Hymn #247

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

Salzburg

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all flesh, in Jesus Christ you have immersed divine splendor and wisdom into human life. He is not repelled by the shabbiness and shamefulness of our lives, but seeks to redeem us. We confess our repulsion from those whose actions bewilder us, whose sorrow burdens us, or whose good fortune somehow detracts from our lives. Our compassion is limited to those like ourselves. Our kindness is reserved for those kind to us. Our passionate concern remains silent until we are the ones threatened. O God, forgive us. Cleanse us of self-centeredness, and open us to the whole breadth and length, height and depth of your love, manifest in all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri #734**

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 p. 1124

Choral Anthem “The Well of Salvation” *Pethel*
With joy we draw hope from the well of salvation, a spring that will never run dry; we kneel and drink freely of God’s living water, a spring that will never run dry. Come and drink, come and taste, the goodness that comes from the Lord; come and join, come and praise, drink and thirst no more. The water is pure and the fountain refreshing, a spring that will never run dry. Supplying our needs from a source everlasting, a spring that will never run dry. Come and drink, come and taste, the goodness that comes from the Lord; come and join, come and praise, drink and thirst no more. Other waters you may try, that you think would satisfy; but to be revived and restored come to the well of the Lord. Come and drink, come and taste, the goodness that comes from the Lord; come and join, come and praise, drink and thirst no more. Come and thirst no more.

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

Second Reading Matthew 3:13-17 p. 1499

Sermon “Fulfilling All Righteousness”

***Hymn of Response**
Hymn #499 “He Leadeth Me” *He Leadeth Me*

***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 and 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
***Doxology #34**
***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn**
Hymn #239 “When John Baptized by Jordan’s River” *Rendez À Dieu*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Monica Laytham, *pianist*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Beth Foxen, *liturgist*
Rev. Marsha Wilfong, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Steve Foxen, *greeter*
The Armstrongs, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Florence Siefker & Courtney Schnoor, *nursery attendants*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OUR FIRST CAFÉ MINISTRY of 2020 is January 30th. The original sign up sheet has been misplaced but a new sheet is now in the Coffee Hour room. Please revisit the sheet if you’d already signed up. Thank you!

THANK YOU to all who donated items for FOOD FOR THE 1ST. All items support the ministry of the Dubuque Food Pantry.

SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND is collected TODAY. This month’s needs are: packs of toothbrushes, paper towels, toilet paper, and/or disinfecting wipes or sprays to help those living at the Domestic Violence Shelter.

WE ARE IN NEED OF COFFEE HOUR HOSTS! Thank you to those who have already chosen a date to serve as Coffee Hour hosts. There are still open dates starting in February. Please check out the sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room. Thank you!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to review and receive the Annual Report will be held after worship on Sunday, January 26. *Annual Reports for your review prior to the meeting will be available at the back of the sanctuary January 19th.*

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM’s next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 30th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (685 Fremont). The topic of discussion is “The Community You Think You Know.”

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 items 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 the big winner on game day!*

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Jan. 19 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons
Jan. 26 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Feb. 2 - Rev. John Armstrong

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.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through January 5th totaled \$4,186.10.