

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 9:00am during the school year, and worship at 10:15am.

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:

VeNita Fawcett, John Wehrspann, Sam Morales, Lupe Morales, David McClain, Audrey Okey, Jonah Brehm, and Elias Brehm

(birthdays) and Brian & Sharon Hallstoos (anniversary)

Leon T. who reports he has healed!

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., January 19

9:00am

Sunday School

Annual Reports distributed

10:15am

Worship:
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching

Thu., January 23

3:45pm

Mission (note it is at FPC)

Sun., January 26

9:00am

Sunday School

10:15am

Worship:
Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching
Annual Congregational Meeting

1:30pm

Bethany Home:
Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel

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 26th:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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10:15am

Founded 1847
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020

Announcements

Rev. John Armstrong

Prelude

“How Firm a Foundation”
arr. Eithun

For Prayer and Reflection:

Lightning from the East (Year A)

Mighty God, even when it seems we have labored in vain and spent all our energy for nothing, you remain our strength. Surely our reward is with you. We gather as those who share in Christ’s mission. As he is our light, so let him shine through us, that all the world might know your truth and salvation.

Call to Worship

Do not conceal or keep to yourselves what you know of the mercies of the Lord.
Tell the glad news of deliverance.
Tell of God’s faithfulness to the great congregation!
Happy are the humble who make the Lord their trust.
Happy are those who wait patiently for the Lord.
Surely our cause is with you, O Lord.
Nothing and no one can compare with you.
If I were to tell of God’s wondrous deeds they could never be counted.
Let us sing a new song to the Lord,
a song of praise to our incomparable God.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #68 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
“You Are My All in All”
You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I’d be a fool.
You are my all in all.
Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. (2x)
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up. When I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my all in all. Chorus (2x)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
O Lord our God, we confess that we live amidst many false gods; moreover, in moments of doubt, pride, rebellion, and disobedience, we have thoughtlessly turned to them and away from you. Our iniquities often overtake us, O God, until we cannot see and our hearts fail us. Do not withhold your mercy, O Lord, but draw us up from the pit of desolation. Let your steadfast love and faithfulness keep us safe forever!

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri #734*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7 p. 1138

Choral Anthem “Your Light Has Come” *Paige*
Arise and shine, your light has come, the Savior of nations. Arise and shine, your light has come, behold Emmanuel. The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice, come and see what God has done. Arise and shine, your light has come, the hope of all creation. Arise and shine, your light has come, let joy awake the dawn. The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice, lift your voice, arise, your light has come! Hear the tidings that we bring: heaven’s declaration. Mountains ring and canyons sing. Hear the proclamation. Call His name Emmanuel: God with us abiding. Now the heavens shine and tell. See His star is rising. Arise, arise. Rise. Arise and shine, your light has come, the Savior of the nations. Arise and shine, your light has come, behold Emmanuel. The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice, lift your voice to the sky. Arise and shine, your light has come, the hope of all creation.

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

Second Reading John 1:29-42 p. 1647

Sermon “The Lamb Takes Away the Sin”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #117 “There Is a Redeemer” *Green*

**Affirmation of Faith* —from the Second Helvetic Confession (5.077)
For we teach and believe that this Jesus Christ our Lord is the unique and eternal Savior of the human race, and thus of the whole world, in whom by faith are saved all who before the law, under the law, and under the Gospel were saved, and however many will be saved at the end of the world. For the Lord himself says in the Gospel: “He who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber... I am the door of the sheep” (John 10:1, 7). And also in another place in

the same Gospel he says: “Abraham saw my day and was glad” (John 8:56). ... And thus we read that John says: “Christ was the Lamb which was slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev 13:8), and John the Baptist testified that Christ is that “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Wherefore, we quite openly profess and preach that Jesus Christ is the sole Redeemer and Savior of the world, the King and High Priest, the true and awaited Messiah, that holy and blessed one whom all the types of the law and predictions of the prophets prefigured and promised; and that God appointed him beforehand and sent him to us, so that we are not now to look for any other. Now there only remains for all of us to give all glory to Christ, believe in him, rest in him alone, despising and rejecting all other aids in life. ...

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (Back cover of hymnal)

The Offering
Offertory “How Great Thou Art” *arr. Richmond*
**Doxology #34*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #248 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *Houston*

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude* “Epilogue for Trumpet” *Wagner*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

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

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Steve Foxen, *greeter*
Mark & Annalee Ward, *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

OUR FIRST CAFÉ MINISTRY of 2020 is January 30th. Please check the sign up sheet to see how you can support this ministry. Thank you!

THANK YOU to all who donated items for SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND that 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.* There will also be a guest speaker coming to talk about the Bee Branch renovations that will greatly impact FPC this May-June.

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!*

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.

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.”

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHANY HOME: Marsha Wilfong will be leading a Bible study on “Two Biblical Short Stories: Ruth and Jonah” on Wednesdays at 2:00pm beginning February 5th running through March. Come for one (Ruth in February and Jonah in March) or both! All are welcome!

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Jan. 26 - Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Feb. 2 - Rev. John Armstrong
Feb. 9 - Rev. Beth McCaw
Feb. 16 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through January 12th totaled \$8,868.60.