

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

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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
Those in China and around the world sick with the coronavirus
Those traveling in winter weather
First responders who come to our aid

*John & Jamie Dillman following the marriage of their daughter,
Paige*

The installation of new elders and deacons

*We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this
week!*

(events at FPC unless noted)

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

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.

Admin Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00-1:00pm.

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10:15am Founded 1847 6th Sunday after Epiphany February 16, 2020

Prelude “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *arr. Pethel*

*We wait upon you, O LORD,
in meekness, in trust, in delighted anticipation.
We would commit our ways unto you, O LORD,
knowing you will act.
We wait. We patiently wait.
As we wait, O God, inspire us with your goodness
to seek, to desire, and to do what is right.*

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

**Songs of Praise*
Hymn #71 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *Lobe Den Herren*

“Through It All” (also Hymn #452) *Crouch*

Through it all,
Through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.

Through it all,
Through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession — from *The Joyful Feast*
Loving and forgiving God, we confess that we have been selective with our love. We have favored those who favor us and ignored the unloved, the lonely, and the lost. We have been quick to judge, slow to bless, and slower still to give with absolute freedom, with no expectation of a return. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways in which we fall far short of perfection. Give us your Holy Spirit to inspire and sanctify us toward perfection in Christ, in whom alone we have every reason to hope and trust that we are indeed your children.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri #734*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Matthew 5:5 p. 1501

Choral Anthem “Lord, We Adore You” *Rentz*
Lord, most holy, Lord, almighty, Lord of all creation,
Lord, we adore You, Lord of every nation.
Great is Your grace in all Your ways, goodness and mercy have hallowed our days.
Grateful our hearts, our voices raise, glory, honor, God of our praise!
Lord, we adore You, El Shaddai, Adonai. Lord, we adore You, holy Lord Sabbaoth.
Lord, most holy, Lord, almighty, Lord of all creation,
Lord, we praise You, praise and adore You. El Shaddai, Adonai
Lord of all nations, Lord of all! Holy, holy Lord!

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

Second Reading Psalm 37 (to be read responsively) p. 874

Sermon “Wait for it…”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #539 “O Day of Peace” *Jerusalem*

**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

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

The Offering
Offertory “Consecrated, Lord to Thee” *arr. Wagner*
**Doxology #34*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #451 “Be Still, My Soul” *Finlandia*

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude* “Praise to the Lord of Boundless Might” *arr. Scott*
**Those who are able, please stand.*

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

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Hannah Eby, *greeter*
Linda Longfield & Sandy Spencer, *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

THANK YOU for giving to our Supplies for the Second collection that supports the ministry of the Victim Services Shelter.

THIS JUST IN! Thanks to a late call, the DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY is an even bigger winner! Because of your generous donations, another \$50 reached the end zone bringing our donations to 157 food items and \$815. Thank you for showing God’s love.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26TH. Westminster Church, First Presbyterian Church, and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary will hold a joint Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm at Westminster Church. Communion will be celebrated and the imposition of ashes offered.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! There are many open dates to serve in the important hospitality ministries for Coffee Fellowship Hosts and greeters. Check the sign up sheets in the Coffee Hour room or call the office to claim your spot!

IT’S TIME TO JOIN A COMMITTEE! Look over the list of the committees and join in to help the mission and ministry of FPC:
Building & Grounds: Tom Boelk
Christian Education: Linda Longfield
Congregational Life: Terri Gronau
Finance and Personnel: John Dillman
Mission & Stewardship: Annalee Ward (chair) & Sandy Spencer
Worship & Spiritual Life: Kristen Eby & Bradley Longfield (co-chairs)

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.

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

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
Feb. 16 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons
Feb. 23 - Rev. Daniel Emmert
Mar. 1 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through February 2nd totaled \$5,427.00.