

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 expecting

Those battling cancer

Those struggling with depression, grief, sorrow, or bullying

Those who struggle with everyday needs, like a warm place to stay, warm clothes to wear, and food to eat

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Missionaries

Those in China and around the world sick with the coronavirus

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Bob Monthey, Aggie Herbst, and Lesley Sheridan (birthdays)

Warm homes, clothing, and food

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., February 23	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Daniel Emmert, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home: Tom Jack & Jill Klinebriel
Wed., February 26	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday service @ Westminster
Fri., February 28	1:30pm	Manor Care worship: Tom Jack
Sun., March 1	9:00am	Sunday School
Food for the 1st	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Deacons

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 February: Jamie Dillman & Hannah Eby

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 March 1st:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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10:15am

Founded 1847

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

Announcements

Rev. John Armstrong

Prelude

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. Pethel

For Prayer and Reflection

“Who Is Jesus Christ for you today?”

Call to Worship

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

Praise be to God whose glory is high above the heavens, whose glory shines o’er all the earth!

Great and awesome is the name of the Lord, and worthy of all praise. Let voices lift in adoration, and hearts bow before the holiness of God.

Praise be to God whose glory is high above the heavens, whose glory shines o’er all the earth!

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh my soul, I’ll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning.

It’s time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul...

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul...

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,

Ten thousand years and then forever more.

Worship Your holy name,

Lord, I’ll worship Your holy name.

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”Lemmel
O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain: Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O’er us sin no more hath dominion—
For more than conqu’rors we are!

His Word shall not fail you—He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Enduring God, we confess that as Jesus’ disciples, we do not listen to him as you commanded. We look for a way through life other than that of the cross of suffering, a way other than that of the laying aside of self-will in obedience to your will and your purpose for our lives. When suffering, fear, loss, and sorrow come to us, we fail to remember how Jesus came down from the mountain to move toward Jerusalem and toward what lay ahead for him, that he might walk with us through our darkness, toward resurrection and new life to come.
Forgive us, we pray, for keeping so occupied in busyness that we neglect times of waiting upon you, of communing with you, times in which you would revive our dimmed spirits, strengthen our hearts, bring peace to our minds, and inspire our service. Forgive our sin and transform us by your grace, we pray. Amen.

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

Words of Assurance

**Gloria Patri #734*

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18 p. 125

Choral Anthem “The Prayers I Make”arr. Edwards
The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed, if Thou the spirit give by which I pray: My unassisted heart is barren clay, which of its native self can nothing feed: Of good and pious works Thou art the seed, which quickens where Thou say’st it may; unless Thou

show to us Thine own true way, no one can find it: Father! Thou must lead. Do Thou breathe in my mind such, such virtue may be bred that in Thy holy footsteps I may, I may tread; fetters of my tongue do Thou unbind, that I may have the pow’r to sing of Thee, and sound, and sound Thy praises everlastingly.

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

Second Reading Matthew 17:1-9 p. 1524

Sermon “Rise and Have No Fear”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #319 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”Kendrick

**Affirmation of Faith*
We thank you, God, that the glorious mystery hidden throughout the ages and generations has been revealed to us: Christ in us, the hope of glory! You touch our lives in times of pain and suffering, fear and uncertainty, gifting us with a new and living hope. We praise you that at the last, we too shall be changed, transformed into radiant beings of light, our mortal bodies putting on your immortality. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

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

The Offering
Offertory “Healing Balm”arr. Richmond
**Doxology #34*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #656 “Open the Eyes of My Heart”Baloche

**Charge & Benediction*

**Postlude* “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”arr. Page
**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Bryan Blair, *liturgist*
Rev. Daniel Emmert, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Hannah Eby, *greeter*
Tim & Victoria Slemmons, *Coffee Fellowship hosts*
Florence Siefker & Courtney Schnoor, *nursery attendants*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS FOOD FOR THE FIRST. Please bring your non-perishable food items to support the Dubuque Food Pantry by filling the basket in the narthex with food!

GOD AT WORK: THE BOOK OF ACTS: You are cordially invited to join the warm fellowship of the Adult Sunday School as we learn about God’s powerful work in the early church as told in the book of Acts. Come grow in grace at 9:00am every Sunday morning.

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.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:
March 1 - Rev. Timothy Slemmons
March 8 - Kate Meyrick
March 15 - Rev. Bradley Longfield

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 February 16th totaled \$10,194.15.