

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:

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

Warm homes, clothing, and food

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

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

Tue., March 3

11:30am

Young at Heart @ Village Inn

Wed., March 4

6:30pm

Choir

Thu., March 5

3:45pm

Mission

Sat., March 7

8:00am

Men’s Breakfast @ Sunshine

9:00am

Congregational Life

Sun., March 8

9:00am

Sunday School

\*Daylight Savings begins\*

10:15am

Worship:  
Kate Meyrick, preaching

Supplies for the 2nd

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South Wall - Lent

West Wall - Romans 12:9 (in memory of Leroy Vogt)

North Wall - I John 4:19 (in honor of Rev. Katherine Achtemeier)

Communion Servers: John Dillman, Mark Stant, Deb Stant, Tom Boelk, Annalee Ward, Bob Monthey

Deacons for the month of March: Mark & Deb Stant

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 8th:

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

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10:15am

Founded 1847  
1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

Announcements

Linda Longfield

Minute for Mission

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

Joe & Sam Klinebriel

Prelude

“Pie Jesu”

Fauré

For Prayer and Reflection:

—from Lightning from the East

We have had enough, O God, of the false promises of this world.

We hunger for the truth of your everlasting Word.

Even if we must endure deprivation,

inspire us and lead us to eternal salvation.

Call to Worship

—from Matthew 11:28-29; Revelation 15:3-4

The Lord Jesus says, “Come to me,

all you who are weary and burdened,

and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.”

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord,

and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you!

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Praise

Hymn #244

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad” (vv. 1-3 only)

Puer Nobis

“Great Are You Lord”

Leonard/Ingram/Jordan

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken.

Great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs.

So we pour out our praise; we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs.

So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing;

Great are You, Lord.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Living God, we cry to you for mercy and forgiveness, for only you can take away our sin. We confess we have known too much evil and failed to faithfully choose the good. We have turned from your Word, put you to the test, and allowed other gods to exploit us, stealing our time, our resources, our affection, and our attention. Forgive us, O God, for we long to be restored in our fellowship with you, to have faith enough to rely on you for everything, and to stand in the grace by which you make us righteous through the free gift of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri #734

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Deuteronomy 17:14-20 p. 301

Choral Anthem “When We Gather at the Table” Martin/Raney  
When we gather at the table, we are one. When we take the bread and cup, we are one. As we gather in this place, we are joined in His embrace. When we gather at the table, we are one. When we gather at the table, we are one. When we think upon His life, we are one. Brought together by this sign, we are touched by love divine. When we gather at the table, we are one. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds in like to that above. When we gather at the table, we are one. When we celebrate our faith, we are one. By His love our hearts are sealed, every promise is fulfilled. When we think upon His life, when we celebrate our faith, when we gather at the table, we are one.

Second Reading Matthew 4:1-11 p. 1499

Sermon “Royal Fare”

\*Hymn of Response Hymn #252 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” Land of Rest

\*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” (Back cover of hymnal)

The Offering Offertory “God Leads Us” arr. Johnson  
\*Doxology #34  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Communion Hymn

Hymn #696 “Come, Share the Lord” Divernon

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks & praise.

...we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

The Lord’s Prayer (Back cover of hymnal)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People (Please hold the elements until all have been served.  
Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is served in place of wine.)

Prayer after Communion

\*Sending Hymn Hymn #671 “Lord, We Hear Your Word” Blaenwern

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude “Come Away to the Skies” arr. Larkin  
\*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:  
Kristen Eby, Music Director  
Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director  
Betty Thompson, liturgist  
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:  
Beth Foxen, greeter  
The Blairs, 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

THE SEASON OF LENT IS HERE! Fish banks and giving calendars are available for pick up. We will collect money for our One Great Hour of Sharing offering through Lent.

THIS SUNDAY IS FOOD FOR THE FIRST. Please place your non-perishable food items that support the Dubuque Food Pantry in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next Sunday. Spring forward by setting your clocks ahead one hour.

SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND is next Sunday, March 8. Drop items that support the Victim Services Shelter in the tub in the narthex. Items needed this month are disinfecting wipes and shampoo. Thank you!

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

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.

IT’S TIME TO JOIN A COMMITTEE! Here is a list of the committees to join to help the mission and ministry of FPC: Building & Grounds, Christian Education, Congregational Life, Finance and Personnel, Mission & Stewardship, and Worship & Spiritual Life. Pick one to serve in today!

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.

YOU ARE INVITED! Habitat for Humanity Dubuque and Jackson Counties invites FPC to join them on March 10 at 11:00am at First Congregational Church in Dubuque for food, advocacy, and community! Go learn about Habitat’s mission, upcoming projects, and ways that we can get involved in working for decent, affordable housing in our community. This event is FREE – please RSVP by March 5.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

March 8 - Kate Meyrick  
March 15 - Rev. Bradley Longfield  
March 22 - Mark Ward

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,564 per month. Offerings received through February 23rd totaled \$11,335.80.