

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 recently diagnoses with cancer

Those born prematurely and their families

Those facing challenging medical situations

Those aged suffering from multiple maladies and slowly slipping away needing prayers for comfort and a peaceful homecoming

Those in the process of physical recovery

For healthy pregnancies

All those continuing to cope with the aftermath of disaster (particularly those dealing with the devastation following the mudslides in California)

Those hoping to be permanently reunited in the US

All who face the challenges of age, and those who care for them.

For unity for this nation and peace in this world

Missionaries

All who face the darkness and pain of addiction and struggle with despair

Those facing health issues and medical concerns

For those battling cancer and cancer recurrences

All those being persecuted and killed for their Christian beliefs, including Abune Antonios, Patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox Church in Eritrea

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving for:

Beth Foxen (birthday)

Paige Dillman & Grant White (on their engagement)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

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| Sun., January 28 | 9:00am | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 10:15am | Worship: preacher, Dr. Lyle Vander Broek |
| | | Annual Congregational Mtg. |
| | 1:30pm | Bethany Home |
| Wed., January 31 | 6:30pm | Choir |
| Fri., February 2 | 1:30pm | Manor Care |
| Sat., February 3 | 8:00am | Men’s Breakfast @ Sunshine |
| | 9:00am | Buildings/Grounds |
| Sun., February 4 | 9:00am | Sunday School for all ages |
| Souper Bowl | 10:15am | Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion |

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South wall - Advent/Christmas (in memory of Doris Walske)

West Wall - Isaiah 60:1 (Epiphany)

North Wall - Isaiah 43:1 (in memory of Barb Stant)

Deacons for the month of January: Steve & Beth Foxen

February: Michelle Daniels and Jamie Dillman

Prayer Chain requests may be called (582-4494) or emailed to the church office

Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor, are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00-1:00pm .

Lectionary Readings for February 4th:

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

10:15am 4th Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 2018

Announcements

Prelude

“In Christ There is No East or West”

arr. Pethel

For Prayer and Reflection

(Book of Common Prayer)

“Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof;

And the world and those who dwell therein.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart;

That person will receive a blessing from the Lord.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #96

“O For a Thousand Tongues” (vv. 1-3)

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“In Christ Alone”

Getty/Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song

This Cornerstone, this solid ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe

This gift of love and righteousness

Scorned by the ones He came to save

‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me

From a life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man

Could ever pluck me from His hand

"Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I stand

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right heart within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri* (Hymn #734)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-22 p. 302

Choral Anthem “Come to Me and Rest” *arr. Larson*
I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.” I came just as I was. Weary, worn, and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live.” I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s Light; look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun; and in that Light of life I’ll walk till travelling days are done. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come to me, I will give you rest.”

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

Gospel Reading Mark 1:20-28 p. 1552

Sermon “The Authority of Jesus Christ”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #93 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” *Nettleton*

**Affirmation of Faith* “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 (Back cover of hymnal)

Minute for Mission
“Hungry to Know! Souper Bowl of Caring Game Show”
Middle School Sunday School

The Offering
Offertory “In a Quiet Sanctuary” *arr. Bartlett*
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication*

**Sending Hymn*
Hymn #341 “Jesus Shall Reign” *Duke Street*

*Charge and Benediction

**Postlude* “A Morning Trumpeting” *arr. Ritter*

Congregational Meeting

**Closing Hymn*
Hymn #409 “God of Our Life” (vs. 1 &3) *Sandon*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*; Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*
Rev. Katherine Achtemeier, *liturgist*; Dr. Lyle Vander Broek, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Deb Stant, *greeter*
Rachel Vander Broek, *Coffee Hour hosts*
Elissa Smith and Florence Siefker, *Nursery*

We welcome Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Broek, our guest preacher today. Lyle has taught courses in the Greek language and in biblical exegesis at UDTs from where he retired in 2016. Lyle and his wife, Rachel, are active members in the life of FPC.

Who We Are
First Presbyterian Church is a diverse 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 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place following worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 2017 Annual Report, and to vote on the pastor’s request to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective April 30, 2018.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR *NEXT* SUNDAY, FEB. 4 (Food for the 1st Sunday) when we team up to tackle hunger by playing in the SOUPER BOWL of CARING! Since 1990, around the time of the Super Bowl foot ball game, young people have collected more than \$130 million in cash & nonperishable food for local food banks. Last year, FPC raised \$600 and collected 182 food items for the Dubuque Food Pantry. Huddle up and let’s outscore 2017!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND — Adult Game Night! Saturday, February 10, 4-6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite games and a snack to share! Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee

A JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (hosted by the University of Dubuque community along with Westminster and First Presbyterian Churches), will be held on Feb. 14th at 7:00 PM at Blades Chapel. This will be a traditional service offering the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

YOU ARE INVITED to a Lunar New Year celebration at Westminster Pres. Church on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 2-5PM. Come play games, enter a lantern decorating contest, and taste delicious food. Hosted by the Mandarin Worshiping Community. All ages are welcome!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will host Sunday evening Lenten worship (Feb. 18-March 18). We will gather for worship at 6:30PM to listen to God’s word in music, the reading of scripture, prayer, proclamation, silence, and the celebration of Holy Communion. Come join us, and receive Christ. Childcare is provided.

CONSIDER serving as a Greeter! Speak to a Deacon or Ruling Elder and they will explain the responsibilities to you and get you scheduled.

HELP, PLEASE! We need Coffee Hour hosts!

COMING SOON! Marsha Wilfong’s Bible study on the Book of James, set to begin Feb. 20 @ 6:30pm. Look for more details in the Feb. newsletter.

CAMP WYOMING’S 2018 Summer Program brochures are in the Coffee Hour Room. Get yours today. Scholarships are available. Speak to Kat or a member of the Mission & Stewardship Committee (Sandy Spencer, Judy Sheridan, and Annalee Ward).

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,976 per month. Offerings received through January 21st totaled \$11,097.94.