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 †

The *HHS* student recovering from injuries after being struck by a car, and the woman who was driving the car.

The community of Benton, KY (following the most recent school shooting)

All those suffering with the flu or caring for those who are sick.

Those dealing with medical challenges during pregnancy

Those born prematurely and their families

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 reunited permanently 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:

Billy Stant, Ethan Blair, Christine McClain, and Dane Smith (birthdays)
Paige Dillman & Grant White (on their engagement)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., February 4 Souper Bowl	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
Mon., February 5	6:30pm	DDCO @ St. Patrick's
Tue., February 6	11:30am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Wed., February 7	6:30pm	Choir
Thu., February 8	3:45pm	Mission/Stewardship Committee
Sat., February 10	10:00am	Congregational Life Committee Worship Committee Adult Game Night
Sun., February 11	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Sacrament of Baptism

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)

Communion Servers: John Dillman, Alex Jack, Michelle Daniels, Linda Longfield, Rachel Vander Broek , and Jamie Dillman

Deacons for the month of 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 11th:

2 Kings 2:1-12; *Psalm 50:1-6* 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded 1847

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 2018

Announcements

10:15am

Prelude "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place"

Brahms/Smith

For Prayer and Reflection

(Book of Common Prayer)

"Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

Call to Worship

(Isaiah 40:28-31)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Hymn #87 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

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"Sanctuary"

author unknown

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

Pure and holy, tried and true,

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Confession

(adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only strength in life and death?

That my life is not my own, but that I belong, body and soul, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

In full confidence of God's amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God, our creator and redeemer, you never grow weary or faint, but we have doubted your will or ability to care for us. We have said, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God." We have let anxiety consume us and we have let fear paralyze our love for the poor and lonely. Forgive us for holding on to our doubt. Free us to walk in faith and in the strength of your mercy, 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

p. 1120

Choral Anthem "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Ijames
Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He
the Source, the ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years
shall see, evermore and evermore! O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of
grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the Babe, the
world's Redeemer first revealed His sacred face, evermore, evermore, evermore and evermore! O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing, pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore, evermore, evermore and evermore!

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 9:15-23

p. 1781

Sermon "By All Possible Means"

*Hymn of Response

Hymn #346 "O Come to Me, the Master Said"

Kingsfold

arr. Daub

Dove of Peace

*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.

The Offering

Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn

Hymn #706 "I Come with Joy" (vv. 1, 3, 5)

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.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People (Please hold the elements until all have been served.

Gluten-free bread in in the center of the plate; Grape Juice is served in place of wine)

Prayer after Communion

*Sending Hymn #555

"When the Church of Jesus"

King's Weston

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Joyful Hymn of Praise"

arr. Lopez

*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:

Kristen Eby, *Music Director*Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*Cherielynn Daniels, *liturgist*Rev. Katherine Achtemeier, *preacher*

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Bob Monthey, greeter Steve & Beth Foxen, Coffee Fellowship hosts Elissa Smith and Florence Siefker, Nursery

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

- IT'S **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** SUNDAY! We are trying to beat our totals of last year when \$600 and 182 food items were collected to go to the Dubuque Food Pantry. Following worship watch for our middle-school youth and their cooking pots where you can place your donation!
- CATCH UP WITH our missionaries in Thailand. Their most recent newslet ter is available in the narthex and coffee room.
- YOUNG AT HEART will gather Tuesday @ 11:30am @ the Village Inn.
- 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
- NEXT SUNDAY IS THE 2ND Sunday of the month, which means we will be collecting needed items for the Domestic Violence Shelter. Their needs this month: disinfecting wipes and sprays, and cleaners of all kinds.
- 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.
- COMING SOON! Marsha Wilfong's Bible study on the Book of James, set to run Tuesdays @ WPC, Feb. 20-April 10, 6:30-8pm; OR Wednesdays @ Bethany Home, Feb 21-Ap. 11, 2pm. More details in the Feb. newsletter.
- SAVE THE DATE for a Retirement & Farewell Celebration in honor of Rev. Achtemeier on Saturday, April 28. (*Invitation to follow*)
- 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 \$12,892 per month.

Offerings received through January 28th totaled \$12,348.31