

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 grieving the loss of loved ones

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

The families and communities impacted by recent shootings.

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

Those with medical challenges during pregnancy

Those battling leukemia and preparing for a bone marrow transplant

Those born very prematurely—in intensive care

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:

Sandy Spencer, Tatum Hallstoos, Nik’Kivy Fountain, Jonathan Dillman, Anne Marx Scheuerell, and Gilo Agwa (birthdays)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., February 11	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Sacrament of Baptism
Tue., February 13	11:30am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Wed., February 14	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday worship @ Blades Chapel, Dr. Marsha Wilfong, preacher
Sat., February 17	9:00am 9:30am-2:00pm	Building/Grounds Committee John Knox Presbytery video conf. @ Westminster Pres. Church
Sun., February 18	9:00am 10:15am 11:30am-2:00pm 6:30pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Confirmation Lenten worship

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 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 18th:

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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10:15am

Founded 1847

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018

Announcements

Prelude

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

arr. Thyerson

For Prayer and Reflection

(Book of Common Prayer)

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin; Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God’s presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Hymn #48

“Immortal, Invisible” (vv. 1,4)

St. Denio

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see:
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Hymn #444

“Rain Down”

Cortez

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, through the rising of your Son from the grave you broke the power of death and condemned death itself to die. As we celebrate this great triumph, may we also make it the model for our living. Help us to identify in our lives all that should rightly die—relationships that hurt or hinder, tired habits, fruitless long-ings. As surely as you raised Jesus Christ, resurrect in our lives faith, hope, and love that, healed and forgiven, we may share in the new life you bring.

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 43:1-3a p. 1126

Choral Anthem “Lord, Lead Me Lord” Martin
Shepherd and guide me, stay close beside me, Lord, lead me, Lord; tend and protect me, bend and direct me, Lord, lead me, Lord. Last in my sleeping, first in my day, ever my Master, always my Way; touch me completely, hear when I pray:
“Dear Lord, lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord!”
Anchor and hold me, shape and remold me, Lord, lead me, Lord; pilot and steer me, comfort and cheer me, Lord, lead me, Lord, last in my sleeping, first in my day, ever my Master, always my Way; touch me completely, hear when I pray:
“Dear Lord, lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord!”
Lord, lead me, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Epistle Reading Colossians 2:6-10 p. 1833

Sermon “The View from the Font”

*Hymn of Response
Hymn #455 “Take Thou our Minds, Dear Lord” Hall

Children’s Message (Children are invited up for the baptism)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Harvey Dean Ward & August Frederick Ward
Presentation

Question to the Congregation
Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Harvey and August by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and be faithful members of Christ’s church?
We do.

*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.

Welcome and Blessing
These new members are received by us as a charge from our Lord.
What words of welcome and blessing do you share with these children?

Children of God, disciples of Christ, members of the church. Remember your baptism and give thanks. Be one with us in the church.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you; and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Baptismal Hymn
Hymn #677 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” Stuttgart

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the 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

The Offering
Offertory “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Peterson
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*Sending Hymn
Hymn #719 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” Ar Hyd Y Nos

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude “Voluntary In Bb” Battishill

*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director
Student Pastor, Jennifer Pattee, liturgist
Rev. Katherine Achtemeier, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Bob Monthey, greeter
The Longfields, 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

THE ROSES are placed in the sanctuary as a gift to the Ward family from the Deacons, in honor of August and Harvey’s baptisms.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING the 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring the most exciting and successful ever!!!! We scored more touchdowns than the Patriots and Eagles combined! We raised \$728 and collected 183 nonperishable items making the Dubuque Food Pantry the grand winner of FPC’s Souper Bowl of Caring! Thanks be to God!

CATCH UP WITH OUR MISSIONARIES IN THAILAND. Their most recent newsletter is available in the narthex and coffee room.

HELP! We are running out of Coffee Hour hosts! Can you lend a hand?

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

FROM LENT THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY First Pres supports the One Great Hour of Sharing offering of our denomination. OGHs reminds us that the body of Christ is worldwide. Watch for OGHs envelopes in the pews, and be sure to pick up a Lenten Devotional giving-calendar and “a fish bank” in the narthex today.

FIRST PRES will hold Sunday evening Lenten worship (Feb. 18-March 18). We will gather 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.

YOU ARE INVITED to a Lunar New Year celebration at Westminster Pres. Church on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 2-5PM. All ages are welcome!

THE GOOD LIFE REDEFINED: “Less stuff. Live more. Find joy!” Feb. 18, 2-4pm. See the flyers in the narthex, & flyers & posters in Coffee Room.

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-Apr. 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 @ WPC. (Invitation to follow)

CAMP WYOMING’S 2018 Summer Program brochures are in the Coffee Hour Room. Get yours today. Scholarships are available.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through February 4th totaled \$4,036.50