

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 recovering from surgeries
Those recovering at home with serious illnesses
Those grieving the loss of loved ones
Those beginning to adjust to a new cancer diagnosis and start treatment
Those facing medical challenges
All those suffering with the flu or caring for those who are sick.
Those enduring medical challenges through pregnancy
A student battling leukemia & preparing for a bone marrow transplant
For healthy pregnancies
A couple hoping to be united 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:
Chris Daniels, Ryan McClain, and Aaron Wildermuth (birthdays)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., March 4	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching
	11:30am	Lay Committee meeting (manse)
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Mon., March 5	6:30pm	DDCO @ St. Pat's
Tue., March 6	11:30am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
	5:15pm	Mission/Stewardship
Wed., March 7	6:30pm	Choir rehearsal
Sat., March 3	8:30am	Congregational Life Committee
	9:00am	Deacons
	10:00am	Worship Committee
	10:00am-12:00pm	Sr. High's prep for Sunday Lunch
Sun., March 11	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. M. Achtemeier, preaching
		Congregational meeting
	11:30am	Mission Trip Luncheon Fundraiser
	6:30pm	Lenten worship

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South wall - Season of Lent; West Wall - 1 John 4:19
North Wall - Psalm 96:1 (*in memory of Betty Gronau*)

Communion Servers: Bob Monthey, Steve Foxen, Beth Foxen, Linda Longfield, Rachel Vander Broek, and Chris Daniels

Deacons for the month of March: Steve & Beth Foxen

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 March 11th:
 Numbers 21:4-9; *Psalm* 107:1-3, 17-22;
 Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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Founded 1847
10:15am 3rd Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018

Announcements

Prelude “I Will Rise and Go to Jesus” *arr. Sorenson*

For Prayer and Reflection (Book of Common Prayer)
“O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water of grace which springs up from the rock of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant your people the gift of your Spirit that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.”

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 19)*

Come into this sacred space to worship God,
Whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

Come into this holy place to worship God,
**Whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear;
whose judgements are true.**

Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise,
To have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God.
**Let the words of our mouths and
the meditation of our hearts be according to your will,
our Rock and Redeemer.**

Opening Prayer

***Songs of Praise**
Hymn #68 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton
“Ancient Words” Lynn DeShazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

Refrain: Ancient words ever true, changing me, changing you;
 We have come with open hearts,
 O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart;
O, let the ancient words impart. *Refrain*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform but not transform. We give lip service to your law but seek to avoid its implications for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Forgive us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days.

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

Congregational Response “Kyrie”

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri (Hymn #734)

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 19 (read responsively) p. 858

Choral Anthem “O Lamb of God Most Holy” arr. Liebergen
Lamb of God most holy who takes away my sin, You came to earth so lowly, for all your victory win. You bare the cross of anguish and suffer long for me. O Lamb of God most holy, I praise you, I praise you, I praise you at Calvary. I praise you, I praise you, I praise you at Calvary. Lamb of God most holy, Your precious blood is poured, You came to earth so lowly, I praise your name, O Lord, I praise your name, O Lord.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 19:1-6 and Exodus 20:1-20 p. 116

Sermon “Freed from Bondage”

*Hymn of Response Hymn #384 “Rock of Ages” Toplady

*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.

Minute for Mission “The Community of the Be-Loved” Lesley Sheridan

The Offering
Offertory “Cantilena” C. Cooman
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Communion Hymn Hymn #691 “With the Body That Was Broken” (vs. 1-2) Picardy
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, 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 (Back cover of hymnal)
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 Hymn #429 “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” Neumark

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude “Blessed Be the Name” arr. Pethel
*Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in Worship:
Kristen Eby, Music Director; Jill Klinebriel, Choir Director
Deb Leiter, liturgist; Rev. Katherine Achtemeier, preacher

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:
Steve Foxen, greeter
Jamie & John Dillman, 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 InThe Life Of The Church

NEXT SUNDAY don’t forget *to turn your clocks ahead ONE HOUR.*
BUT FEAR NOT! Because next Sunday the FPC Senior High Mission Team will help you ***SPRING FORWARD.*** Join us right after worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for our Chili & Zuppa Toscana Soup ***Mission-Trip-Fundraiser-Luncheon.*** *You get to name your price! 100% of your donations will help our senior highs serve in mission in Green Bay, WI (June 24-30).*

THE SESSION has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, March 11, to hear the Nominating Committee’s report and to elect a new Deacon.

SUMMER SERVICE DAYS! Jennifer Pattee is looking at options for our congregation to participate in service to our community this summer. At this point, she is looking for people to join with her in brainstorming and prayer. Please talk to her or send her an email at jenn.surrusco@gmail.com.

PALM SUNDAY IS MARCH 25.
• Children *of all ages* are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday processional, and dedicate their OGHs fish banks to God
• ALSO, as they seek to collect funds for their mission trip, the Sr Highs will host a “***Not Your Average Bake Sale***” following worship. Want to donate some delicious items to our cause? We welcome them. Tell Kat!

5 THURSDAYS in March means that FPC serves the Café Ministry meal (March 29). *March 29 is Maundy Thursday — but the First Cong folks are prepared to cover for any and all who need to leave early to get to our Maundy Thursday service.* Please see the sign up in the Coffee Room.

OUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING goal for FPC is \$1500. Thus far **\$56** has been given. Envelopes are in the pews. Lenten Giving Calendars and “fish banks” are in the narthex.

ROSE IS THE COLOR of this week’s Lenten Devotional (*Narthex & Coffee Rm*)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR APRIL...*please!*

LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP (tonight-March 18) @ 6:30PM.

THE JEWISH TEMPLE BETH EL (475 W. Locust) will host a visitors' service on Friday, March 16th. There will be Q&A at 7:00, followed by a service at 7:30 and then incredibly tasty foods. All are welcome!

THE NEXT Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) meeting is March 27 @ Mt. Carmel, 7pm. The topic: immigration and refugees. Speak to Jennifer Pattee for more information or to go to the meeting with her.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through February 25th totaled \$12,237.76