

***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.

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*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 †

*One who suffered a fall and is in severe back pain*  
*Those in the process of physical recovery*  
*One severely burned*  
*Those with new cancer diagnoses and their families*  
*For the people of Syria* (assaulted on each side by violent forces)  
*Those facing medical challenges*  
*All who care for the sick and those facing grave illnesses.*  
*Those dealing with medical challenges during pregnancy*  
*A student battling leukemia*  
*For healthy pregnancies*  
*One praying for patience and facing another surgery in her battle with cancer*  
*A couple 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:**

*Mackenzie Daniels, Mark Achtemeier, Shannon Dykstra, and Ron Herbst*  
(birthdays)

*Franklin & Crystal Yartey* (in the birth of their son, Preston, on Tuesday,  
March 13, weighing just over 9lbs)

## THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., March 18	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	9:45am	Called session meeting (pastor's study)
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Installation of Officer
	11:30am-1:30pm	Confirmation class
	6:30pm	Lenten worship
Wed., March 21	6:30pm	Choir
Sun., March 25 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: preacher, Student Pastor, Jennifer Pattee Palm Sunday Processional
	11:30am	Not Your Average Bake Sale
	11:30am	Lay Committee (Manse Sunday School room)
	12:00pm-1:30pm	Mission Team lunch & meeting
	1:30pm	Bethany Home: pastor & Jill Klinebriel

*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*)

*Lectionary Readings for March 25th:*

Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16;  
*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a, *Psalm 31:9-16*;  
Philippians 2:5-11;  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10:15am      5th Sunday of Lent      March 18, 2018

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God of all comfort and consolation, have mercy on us. We come seeking Your light and truth, yet scripture and experience teach us that we are people prone to stray. In the light of Your holiness, help us to see ourselves as we are: broken and sinful, but loved and valued. Unmask our disguises; pierce our pretense. Help us to stand before You exposed for who we are, but unafraid, trusting

not in ourselves, but solely in the power of Your love to cover all our offenses and to clothe us in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins, O Lord. And hear our silent confession.

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

*Congregational Response* “Kyrie”  
Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us

*Declaration of Forgiveness*

*\*Gloria Patri* (Hymn #734)

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Psalter Reading* Psalm 51:1-12 (read responsively) p. 889

*Choral Anthem* “Surely, He Hath Borne Our Griefs” *Johnson*  
Surely, surely, surely, surely, He hath borne our griefs. Surely, surely, surely, surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Surely, surely, surely, surely, He hath borne our griefs, He hath borne our griefs. Surely, surely, surely, surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes and with His stripes we are healed! Surely, surely, surely, surely, He hath borne our griefs. Surely, surely, surely, surely, He hath borne our griefs, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

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

*Old Testament Reading* Jeremiah 31:31-34 p. 1227

*Sermon* “On Our Hearts”

*\*Hymn of Response*  
Hymn #461 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” *Trentham*

*Installation of Deacon*

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
God works through each one in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.  
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**  
In baptism, Mark was clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.  
**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to these elders and deacons.**

*\*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* “Olive Begins a Business” Stephen Longfield

*The Offering*  
*Offertory* “Jesus Calls Us” *arr. Broughton*  
*\*Doxology*  
*\*Prayer of Dedication*

*\*Sending Hymn*  
Hymn #458 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” *Angel’s Story*

*\*Charge and Benediction*

*Congregational Meeting*

*\*Postlude* “Throned Upon the Tree” *arr. Weathermann*  
*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Leaders in Worship:*  
Kristen Eby, *Music Director*  
Jill Klinebriel, *Choir Director*  
Susan Ebertz, *liturgist*  
Rev. Katherine Achtemeier, *preacher*

*Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:*  
Steve Foxen, *greeter*  
Terri Gronau, *Coffee Fellowship host*  
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

THANK YOU! Your support of the *Mission-Trip-Fundraiser-Luncheon* last Sunday helped the Senior High Mission Team raise \$808. Special thanks to Terri Gronau and Steve & Beth Foxen, who donated their time, their talents, and significant portions of the soup and chili we enjoyed.

PALM SUNDAY IS *NEXT* SUNDAY! folks *of all ages* are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday processional as the children dedicate their OGHS fish banks to God. We will gather in the Coffee Hour Room at 10AM.

THERE ARE TWO GREAT REASONS to join us in the Coffee Room following worship *next Sunday*:  
♦ To enjoy our regular coffee hour and time of fellowship  
♦ To attend the Senior High Mission Team’s ***NOT YOUR AVERAGE BAKE SALE***, where you are invited to purchase (*You get to name the price.*) a variety of homemade items! All the proceeds go toward the expenses of our Senior High Mission Trip

5 THURSDAYS in March means that FPC serves the Café Ministry meal (March 29). We are still in need of nearly ***everything*** ranging from salads to helpers to desserts. Please see the sign up in the Coffee Room.

OUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING goal for FPC is \$1500. Thus far **\$999.30** has been given. Envelopes are in the pews.  
*DID YOU KNOW THAT through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing last year: 12 wells and hand pumps were built or repaired in Sierra Leone and Liberia, where there is limited access to water; \$9.1 million was compensated to hundreds of victims of sweatshop fires and their families in Pakistan & Bangladesh; and 2,600 people regained access to lands that had been forcefully taken from them.*

A HAPPY ANNIVERSARY card for our missionaries in Thailand awaits you in the Coffee Room. It is ready to be filled with your notes and well-wishes.

LENTEN NEWS: *Goldenrod* IS THE COLOR of this week’s Lenten Devotional. (*Narthex & Coffee Rm*). Our final Sunday Lenten Service is @ 6:30PM

JULIEN CHAMBER CHOIR, under the direction of Kristen Eby, will present “Songs of Spring” on Sunday, March 18 at 3 pm at St. Anthony Catholic Church (1870 St. Ambrose St). The one-hour concert will include works by Haydn, Whitacre, Vaughan Williams and more. Donations accepted at the door (suggested: \$10; students free).

SUMMER SERVICE DAYS! Jennifer Pattee is looking at options for our congregation to participate in service to our community this summer. Please talk to her or email her with your ideas: jenn.surrusco@gmail.com.

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through March 11th totaled \$6,445.10