

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 ✠

One who faces some medical issues

A friend whose mother died

One aged, living in Jamaica, and facing serious medical challenges

One who underwent brain surgery last Thursday

One who suffered a fall and is in severe back pain

FPC friends hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

One severely burned

For the people of Syria (assaulted on each side by violent forces)

A student battling leukemia

For healthy pregnancies

One healing slowly from cancer surgery

A young family hoping to be united one day

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

Missionaries

All who face the darkness and pain of addiction, and the family and friends who journey with them.

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:

The baptism of Jocelyn Ann Tietjen, daughter of Kate & Terry.

Sarah O’Donnell, Jack Dillman, and Elise Hallstoos (birthdays) and Chris & Michelle Daniels (anniversary)

THE WEEK IN BRIEF

(events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., April 15	9:00am 9:30am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Session meets with COM rep Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Baptism of Jocelyn Tietjen
Tue., April 17	11:30am 3:45pm	Young at Heart @ Village Inn Mission/Stewardship mtg.
Wed., April 18	6:30pm	Choir
Sun., April 22	9:00am 10:15am 1:30pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Achtemeier, preaching Confirmation Sunday Bethany Home worship: Pastor & Jill Klinebriel

Banners Currently Hanging in the Sanctuary

South wall - John 11:25 Easter (in memory of George Nacos);
West Wall - 1 John 4:19
North Wall - Psalm 96:1 (in memory of Betty Gronau)

Deacons for the month of April: Jamie Dillman and Mark Stant

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 April 22nd:

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18

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10:15am Founded 1847 3rd Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018

Announcements

Prelude “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” arr. Pethel

For Prayer and Reflection (Book of Common Prayer)

“Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 (Is. 6:3, Ps. 24:1)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of God’s glory.
The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof;
The world and those who dwell therein.
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Hymn #647 “We Have Come to Join in Worship” Holy Manna

Hymn #646 “As We Gather” Fay/Coomes

Call to Confession (adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001-4.002)

What is your only comfort in life and death?
That my life is not my own, but that I belong, body and soul, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?
Three: the greatness of my sin; the freedom through Christ from sin’s bitter consequences; and the depth of gratitude I owe to God for my redemption.
In full confidence of God’s amazing grace, let us confess our sin.
Let us pray.

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. Holy God, you have called us to be a new community in Christ, and yet we remain divided. Forgive us the sin of disunity. As surely as you raised Jesus Christ, resurrect in our lives faith, hope, and love. Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust.

Strengthen our common bonds and deepen our resolve to seek and show the unity we know in Jesus Christ.

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri* (Hymn #734)

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 91 p. 930

Choral Anthem “Praise Him, Alleluia” *Eugene Butler*
Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! Praise the Lord of heav’n and earth;
Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! Praise the one of matchless worth. Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! The source of all creation, and the author of salvation;
He is God of every nation. Through the ages still the same. Alleluia! Praise his name! O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his works to the children of men.
To him be praise all of our days. To him be praise through all our days. Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! Praise the Lord with voice in song; Praise him, praise him! Alleluia! Thanks and praise to him belong. Praise him! Praise him! Alleluia!

Epistle Reading Hebrews 10:16-25 p. 1873

Sermon “Do Not Underestimate What Is Going on Here”

**Hymn of Response*
Hymn #580 “We Are Called to Be God’s People” *Austrian Hymn*

Children’s Message

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Jocelyn Ann Tietjen

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

**Affirmation of Faith* “Apostles’ Creed” (Inside the back cover of hymnal)
Welcome and Blessing
This new member is received by us as a charge from our Lord. What words of welcome and blessing do you share with her?

Child of God, disciple of Christ, member 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 “Behold What Manner of Love” *Van Tine*

Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us (repeat 2x)
That we should be called the children of God! (Repeat 2x)

Encounter with the Risen Christ Deb Stant

Congregational Response
Hymn #291 “Alleluia No. 1” (chorus only) *Fishel*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (Back cover of hymnal)

The Offering
Offertory “God’s Love Shine on Us” *arr. Prentiss*
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication*

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

**Charge and Benediction*

**Postlude* “Praise to the Lord of Boundless Might” *arr. S. Scott*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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

Welcoming you to First Presbyterian Church today:

Jamie Dillman, *greeter*
Chuck & Jill Lee, *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 IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

NOW AVAILABLE! Work crews of Mission Team participants who are eager to earn much-needed funds for this summer’s mission trip. What are your needs? Landscape work, mulching, painting, trimming, weeding, tilling? They are ready to go to work. Please contact Steve Foxen or the pastor if you are interested in hiring a crew.

YOUNG AT HEARTS (which includes anyone who wants to join us) will meet Tuesday at 11:30AM at the Village Inn. Want to know more about us? Ask Cherie or Harold Daniels, Bob Monthey, Steve Foxen, Karen or Bill Stant, or the pastor. We focus on sharing good company & good food!

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE! To learn about the decisions the Session has made in light of Kat’s retirement, please see your April newsletter or speak to one of the Ruling Elders: Chris Daniels, Alex Jack, Rachel Vander Broek, Annalee Ward, Bob Monthey or John Dillman. Please also lift these persons in your prayers.

CALLING ALL GRADUATING STUDENTS! We want to honor you at Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 13th. Please let the church office know if there is someone who should be added to our list of graduates!

HEAD’S UP SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS! Sunday, May 13th, is also a special day for you. The Congregational Life Com looks forward to recognizing you and honoring your service during coffee hour.

SUMMER SERVICE DAYS! We have made progress on brainstorming ways to serve together this summer! Jennifer is now looking for 2-3 volunteers to be "point people" for each of the service days. Talk to Jennifer about ways you can help or email her at jenn.surrusco@gmail.com.

MISSIONARY NEWS—Get their newsletter in the Coffee Room or Narthex.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP TIME is a precious chance to express and experience the gift of hospitality. A sign-up sheet and directions for hosting are available in the Coffee Hour Room. Please consider serving.

EARTH DAY 2018: Beyond a Throwaway Culture - End Plastic Pollution! This FREE program will be held on Tues., April 17 at 6:30pm at the Canticle of Creation Center at Mt. St. Francis, 3390 Windsor Ave. Reserve your place today by contacting Sr. Shell at balekm@osfdbq.org 563-9786, ext. 6167.

PREACHING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS! Rev. Achtemeier on April 22 and 29; Presbytery Executive, Rev. Chaz Ruark on May 6; Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Broek on May 13; Rev. Dr. Tim Slemmons on May 20 (Pentecost).

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$12,892 per month. Offerings received through April 8th totaled \$5,231.30.