FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Evangelism is the outward flowing of the rivers of grace toward men, but worship is the upward expression of the human spirit toward God." – Donald Gee

January 26, 2025

(from Psalm 111)

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

- *CALL TO WORSHIP
- Leader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.
- People: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.
- Leader: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.
- People: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

*GATHERING HYMN #467 "How Great Thou Art"

MORNING PRAYER

TIME FOR CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

(now that we have confessed as a congregation, let us confess our own sins in the silence of our hearts)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD MOMENT FOR YOUNG LEADERS

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

"Revelation Song/What A Beautiful Name"

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

"Two Sides" Rev. Paul Masters

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD *SONG OF REFLECTION

"Gratitude"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd #2016 "Glorify Thy Name" *Doxology *Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Children up through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church in the CLC hallway which begins after the Moment For Young Leaders. If they'd prefer to stay seated, worship bags are by the door.

We have the CLC rooms 108/109 available for parents to sit with their children. The service can be streamed on a tv in the rooms.

Prayers for January 26th – February 1st

Members of the Congregation:

Phyllis Chance, Colleen Deal, Ed Deal, Darlene Thomas & Lorraine Black Friends of the Congregation: Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moellers) Prayer Families: Brian & Jennifer Pederson (Gavin, Kyle) Richard & Joan Pederson Steve & Carol Pederson Paul & Karen Petersen Pray for: (a ministry in our Presbytery: a ministry in Fort Dodge)

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Stewardship News

Attendance on January 19th was 137 (92, 26 FB, 19 YT). The offering on 01/19/25 was \$11,223.83. The amount needed each week is \$10,394.00. The total contributions through 01/19/25 are \$51,589.00. The amount needed through 01/19/25 is \$31,182.00.

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Lizzie Crowley, Lillian & Nora Eastwood Vocals: Carson Walrod & Laurie Johnson Musicians: Isac Jamba, Greg Merritt, Jake Merritt & Gabriel Alves Bus Driver: David Cook Elder: Samantha Powell

BINGO!

Join Karen Amman for BINGO in the commons the first Wednesday of each month this spring beginning February 5th. BINGO will begin at 3:30 pm and go until 5:00 pm so you can enjoy the all-ages dinner.

BINGO at Friendship Haven

The middle and high school students are hosting BINGO in the Celebration Center at Friendship Haven on February 12^{th} at 6:00 pm.

Sewing Group - Volunteers Needed

The sewing group needs people who are willing to cut material, sew squares, sew tops together, tie quilts, finish off quilts, and to put together tops, middles and backs. We also need people willing to make potholders, bibs and burb cloths. We meet Wednesdays anytime between 8:00 and noon. You can sew at home, but the socialization on Wednesdays is wonderful. Just show up or let one of the sewing group know that you would like to help.

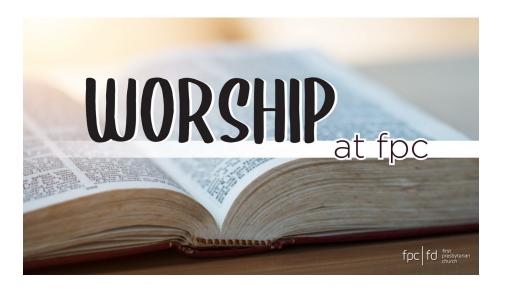
Ilene's Library Corner

Ilene's Library is open and ready! The challenge now is to guess the number of marshmallows in the jar! Who will be the best guesser?? They will be announced on Feb. 23 and receive some hot chocolate to go with the marshmallows!

Don't forget to stop and look over our collection of books! So many nice books by Max Lucado, Chicken Soup for the Soul, Linda Whiting's devotionals she so kindly donated for you to take home and be blessed!

We are scheduling readers for our preschoolers. If you have any interest in doing this please let Cheri Maehl know!

Our library is being used! We continue to receive donations that we are thankful for! It truly is a nice space for you to explore!



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Revelation Song/What A Beautiful Name

......REVELATION SONG......

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, Holy holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, Holy holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing, Praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything, And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color, Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King

Holy holy holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing, Praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything, And I will adore You

.....WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME..... What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You our Christ

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

Gratitude

All my words fall short I got nothing new How could I express All my gratitude

I could sing these songs As I often do But every song must end And You never do

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again 'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah And I know it's not much But I've nothing else fit for a king Except for a heart singing hallelujah Hallelujah

I've got one response I've got just one move With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

Come on my soul Oh don't you get shy on me Lift up your song 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs Get up and praise the Lord



