FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 27, 2025

"For years, the church has emphasized evangelism, teaching, fellowship, missions, and service to society to the neglect of the very source of its power – worship"

~ Robert E. Webber

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

CHANCEL BELLS

"We Gather Together"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel's

cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

People: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.

Leader: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the

rulers of the world do not have the final word.

People: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.

Leader: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of

meanness and cruelty.

People: this is the day that the Lord has made. Leader: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad.

*GATHERING HYMN #142 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

MORNING PRAYER

CHANCEL BELLS ANTHEM "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(based on John 20:19-31)

Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly. God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again.

Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth from our locked rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth. The Spirit

of grace is present to us in the sharing of grace.

People: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR YOUNG LEADERS

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118

John 20:19-31

SERMON "The Never Ending Story"

Rev. Paul Masters

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*SONG OF REFLECTION "Shout to the Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd

"You Say"

*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 April 27th – May 3rd

Members of the Congregation:

Phyllis Chance, Lorraine Black.

Lucas & Karrigan Samuelson who were married yesterday

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),

Bryan Dayton (Friend of Lizzie Crowley),

Jim Masters (Paul's Brother) &

Pedro Alves (Gabriel's Father)

Prayer Families:

Henrietta Van Maanen

Steve Vance

Harlan & Brenda Vande Berg

Joe & Ilene Verbrugge

Pray for: (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

United Presbyterian Church, Garner & Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Stewardship News

Attendance on April 20th was 284 (231, 19 FB, 34 YT). The offering on 04/20/25 was \$7,520.00. The amount needed each week is \$11,118.00. The total contributions through 04/20/25 are \$163,448.98. The amount needed through 04/20/25 is \$168,476.00.

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Mike Becker & Marlene Zech

Vocals: Roxanne Amhof

Musicians: Steve Kelleher, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: Don Miller **Elder:** Samantha Powell

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given by the Samuelson family in honor of the marriage of Lucas and Karrigan Samuelson who married yesterday, April 26th.

KidZone Employment Opportunities

The biggest mission of our church, KidZone, needs you! They are looking for afternoon help from 2:30-5:30 at least 3 days a week. If you're interested, please talk to Bernadette or Jessica in the KidZone office.

Event Calendar

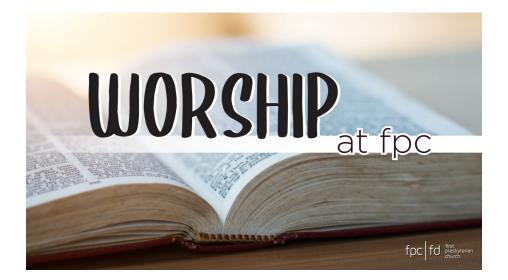
The Fellowship committee has placed calendars on the 'Upcoming Events' bulletin boards in the Narthex and CLC hallway. There's also a calendar in the office. Please write down any event --you'd like the congregation to know about and attend (i.e. plays, birthday parties, kid's concert).

BINGO!

Join Karen Amman for BINGO in the commons the first Wednesday of each month this spring! The next one will be Wednesday, May 7th. BINGO will begin at 3:30 pm and go until 5:00 pm so you can enjoy the all-ages dinner.

Senior Sunday

Come celebrate our graduating seniors on May 11th!



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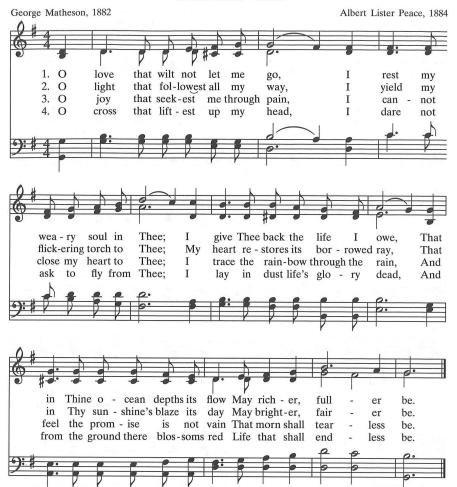
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Shout to the Lord

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

You Say

I keep fighting voices in my mind That say I'm not enough Ev'ry single lie that tells me I will never measure up

Am I more than just the sum of Ev'ry high and ev'ry low Remind me once again just who I am Because I need to know oo oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing You say I am strong when I think I am weak You say I am held when I am falling short And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours And I believe oh I believe What You say of me I believe

The only thing that matters now Is ev'rything You think of me In You I find my worth In You I find my identity

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet You'll have ev'ry failure God You'll have ev'ry victory

Oh I believe yes I believe What You say of me I believe

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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