

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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O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 384

ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.6

George Matheson, 1882

Albert Lister Peace, 1884

1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not
4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That
flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, And
ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.
in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos-soms red Life that shall end - less be.

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

142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION 8.6.8.6.8.6

Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780

Stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787

Stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787

Oliver Holden, 1793

Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

Descant

4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throug We at His feet may fall!

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throug We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the song and crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite, And crown Him Lord of all!
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