

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18, 2025

"One moment of prayer, of weak worship, confused contrition, tepid thanksgiving, or pitiful petition will bring us closer to God than all the books of theology in the world."

~ Peter Kreeft, Prayer for Beginners

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 148:11-13)

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

People: His glory is above earth and heaven.

*GATHERING HYMN

#478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we dissociate from parts of your creation and falsely separate into clean and unclean. You call us to love one another and make more space at the table of belonging. We impose our own ideas of status and power over your grace and find ourselves wondering how you could love people so dissimilar to ourselves.

Forgive our exclusion and judgment. Cleanse us of the sin that distorts your truth. Enable us to become your ambassadors of your grace and lovingkindness. We pray this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Claim this grace. Know God's forgiveness. Rise with Christ to a life made new.

People: We are a part of God's transformed creation. God is among us making all things new. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR YOUNG LEADERS

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

#2223 "They'll Know We're Christians By Our Love"

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 7:1-11
1 Peter 2:1-10

SERMON

"God's Own People"
Rev. Paul Masters

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*SONG OF REFLECTION

#2226 "Bind Us Together"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen**

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd>

#150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*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 May 18th – 24th

Members of the Congregation:

Phyllis Chance, Lorraine Black, Nancy Wood & Marilyn Peterson-Shipp

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:

Katie Walrod & Joel Hanus
Ryan & Diane Walstrom (Peyton, Paige, Noah)
Leola Weiland
Cindy Westfall

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

First Presbyterian Church, Green &
Harvest Baptist Church

Stewardship News

Attendance on May 11th was 154 (129, 12 FB, 13 YT). The offering on 05/11/25 was \$7,354.00. The amount needed each week is \$11,118.00. The total contributions through 05/11/25 are \$185,570.95. The amount needed through 05/11/25 is \$201,830.00.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Michelle Rogers & Marlene Zech

Musician: Jan Moeller

Tech: Scott Deuel

Bus Driver: Dave Cook

Elder: Linda Whiting

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given in memory of Denny Amman from his family; Karen, Scott and Molly.

KidZone Spring Program

Join the KidZone kids for their spring program on May 20th at 5:30pm in the CLC!

VBS Volunteer Meeting

There will be a meeting for VBS volunteers on Wednesday, May 28th at 4:30 pm in the commons.

Introduction To The Bible

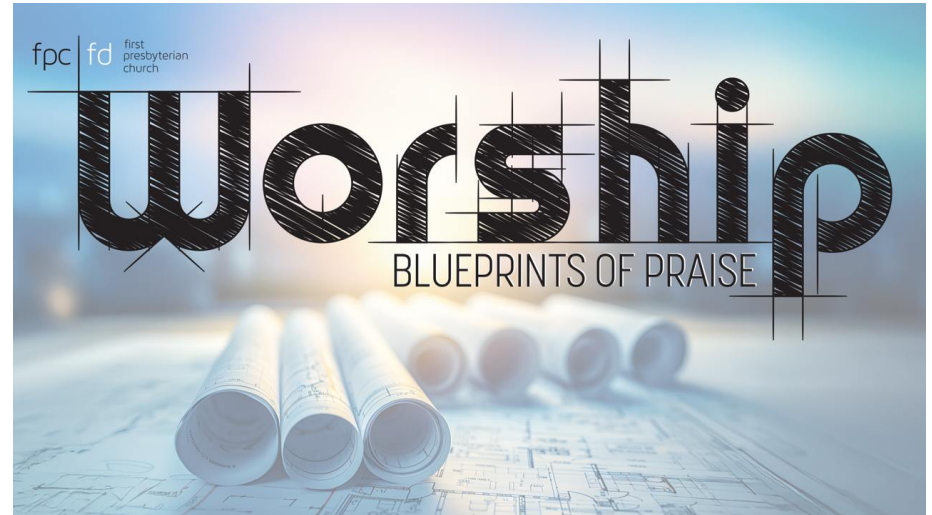
An introductory bible study will be offered on June 1st, 22nd & 29th after worship in the CLC. Lunch will be provided.

VBS

Monumental VBS will be June 18th – 20th. Registration sheets are available outside the office and on the website. Please register by June 4th. VBS is for any kid that has completed K-5th grade. Forms can be brought into the office, emailed to Abree at abigailk@firstpresfd.org or texted to 515-575-2011. Come join us learn about Jesus' monumental love!

Middle and High School Skating

All kids that have finished 6th-12th grade are invited to a skate party at the Gowrie Skating Rink on June 29th from 1-4 pm. The bus will be in the CLC parking lot at 12:20 for anyone that needs a ride.



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2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,



and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:
and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. ____

2226 Bind Us Together



Bind us to-geth-er, Lord, bind us to-geth-er with cords that



can-not be bro-ken. Bind us to-geth-er, Lord,

Fine



bind us to-geth-er, Lord, bind us to-geth-er in love. ____



There is on-ly one God, ____ there is on-ly one King; ____

D.C. al Fine



There is on-ly one bod-y, ____ that is why we sing. ____

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Spanish folk melody
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais-es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra-cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.

John Goss, 1869

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet thy
 2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels, help us to a - dore Him: Ye be - hold Him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
 frame He knows; In His hands He gen - tly bears us,
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.