

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 15, 2025

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

~ Billy Graham

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING SONG

"Come, Now Is The Time to Worship"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 68:4-5, 19)

Leader: Come, sing praises to God! Rejoice in his presence!

People: For he is our God: a Father to the fatherless, and the defender of all who need protection;

Leader: The One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release.

People: Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation, who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!

Leader: Let's worship God together!

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we gather on this Father's Day to thank you for the gift of fathers and the invaluable role they play in our lives.

We confess that there are times when we have fallen short in showing them the love and respect they deserve.

We acknowledge that not all fathers have lived up to our expectations, and we pray for their healing and forgiveness, as well as our own capacity to forgive and learn from their mistakes. We pray for new and future fathers, that they may be guided in raising happy and holy children, demonstrating love and respect for their wives, which is a gift that benefits everyone.

We also pray for those fathers who have passed into your loving embrace and look forward to that day when we will be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

Help us to live in a way that reflects the love and respect we have for our fathers, both living and those who have passed on, and to honor the memory of those who have served as father figures in our lives.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: And now may our God make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. Christ promises to strengthen our hearts in holiness that we may be blameless before our God and creator at the coming of the Lord.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #442 "The Church's One Foundation"
(vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Blessings"

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-5
John 16:1-15

SERMON

"Walk It Off"
Rev. Paul Masters

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Word of God Speak"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

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 June 15th – 21st

Members of the Congregation:

Lorraine Black, Nola Humes, George Savery & Pauline Ruebel at the passing of Gene

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family) &

Bryan Dayton (Friend of Lizzie Crowley)

Prayer Families:

Aaron Amhof

Rachel Amhof & Sean Bailey (Violet)

Roxanne Amhof

Hannah Amhof

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

Retired Pastors in the Presbytery of North Central Iowa &

New Beginnings Christian Center

Stewardship News

Attendance on June 8th was 119 (87, 15 FB, 17 YT). The offering on 06/08/25 was \$11,438.97. The amount needed each week is \$11,118.00. The total contributions through 06/08/25 are \$221,325.92. The amount needed through 06/08/25 is \$246,302.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Joyce Garton-Natte & Roger Natte

Vocals: Jacob & Kia Deuel

Musicians: Greg Merritt, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: Ted Huggins

Elder: Joyce Garton-Natte

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given by Marlene Zech in loving memory of James Zech whose heavenly birthday is June 17th.

KidZone Volunteer Opportunities

The biggest mission of our church, KidZone, needs you! They are looking for summer help with weekly grocery shopping from June 16th – September 15th. They prefer grocery shopping to be done Mondays but can be flexible. If you're interested, please talk to Bernadette or Jessica in the KidZone office.

Introduction To The Bible

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

Lunch will be provided.

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. If you need a ride, please call Abee in the office by June 25th.

Breakfast Bags

The Deacons are asking for monetary donations for their Breakfast Bags during the month of June. If you would like to donate, please write 'Deacons Breakfast Bags' in the memo line of your check or click on the 'Rise and Shine Breakfast Bags' button on SecureGive.

Sonshine Singers

The Sonshine Singers will have a concert on Sunday, June 29th at 5:00 pm at First Covenant Church. No admission, free will offering. There are over a dozen of our members in the choir!



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The Church's One Foundation

Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;

From heaven He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 May live eternally.

Blessings

We pray for blessings
 We pray for peace comfort for family
 Protection while we sleep
 We pray for healing for prosperity
 We pray for Your mighty hand
 To ease our suffering
 And all the while You hear each spoken need
 Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
 What if Your healing comes through tears
 And what if a thousand sleepless nights
 Are what it takes to know You're near
 And what if trials of this life
 Are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom
 Your voice to hear
 We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
 We doubt Your goodness
 We doubt Your love
 As if ev'ry promise from Your Word is not enough
 And all the while You hear each desp'rate plea
 And long that we'd have faith to believe

When friends betray us
 When darkness seems to win
 We know that pain reminds this heart
 That this is not this is not our home
 It's not our home

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
 What if Your healing comes through tears
 And what if a thousand sleepless nights
 Are what it takes to know You're near
 What if my greatest disappointments
 Or the aching of this life
 Is a revealing of a greater thirst
 This world can't satisfy
 And what if trials of this life
 The rain the storms the hardest nights
 Are Your mercies in disguise

Words of God Speak

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
(Word of God speak)

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay

Come Now Is The Time to Worship

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Come come just as you are come come