FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 14, 2025

"Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

~ George Washington

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC

"It Is Well with My Soul" (See Screen)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 14)

Leader: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our

own."

People: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

Leader: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no

one."

People: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that

Christ dwells in our hearts.

Leader: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing

to anyone."

People: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve

others in love.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

"More Precious Than Silver/I Stand in Awe"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you call on us to repent, to endure, and to hope: Strengthen us that we work always for the common good. We confess that though we look for sin in others, We are reluctant to examine ourselves;

we are caught up in worldly wisdom and forget your words; we complain about troubles and fail to see your good gifts. Have patience with us and nurture us that we may grow in love, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because we have been forgiven by God, let us also

forgive each other, and as Paul said, "Let none of you repay evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and be at peace with God and each other."

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERING ~ IMPACT STORY

Karen Amman

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION "Mighty to Save"

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON "Gospel 101: The God Who Searches For Us"

Rev. Paul Masters

*SONG OF REFLECTION

"Mercy"

*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 September 14th - 20th

Members of the Congregation:

Nola Humes, Floyd Herum & Ed Deal

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family)

Prayer Families:

Haley & Keller Delpesce Dennis & Eleanor Den Hartog Terry & Martha Dessinger Jacob Deuel

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

Eden Presbyterian Church, Rudd

Stewardship News

Attendance on September 7th was 147 (115, 16 FB, 16 YT). The offering on 09/07/25 was \$17,809.00. The amount needed each week is \$11,118.00. The total contributions through 09/07/25 are \$309,700.83. The amount needed through 09/07/25 is \$379,718.00.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Mike & Tammy Becker **Vocals:** Joe & Teresa Jackson

Musicians: Megan Cassady, Steve Kelleher, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller &

Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: David Cook **Elder:** Joyce Garton-Natte

KidZone Volunteer Opportunities

Our KidZone ministry needs volunteers to help with afterschool pick up. If you're interested, please talk to Bernadette or Jessica in the KidZone office.

Card Shower

Help celebrate Mae Clausen's 96th birthday with a card shower! Her birthday is on September 27th. Cards can be sent to 1607 North 14th Street in Fort Dodge.

Confirmation

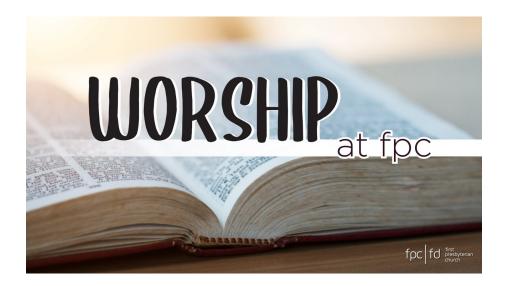
Confirmation students will meet with their mentors on September 21st from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Quilting Group ~ Volunteers Needed

The sewing ladies are looking for more volunteers. No experience needed! They need help tying quilts, sewing, cutting and making bibs and potholders. They meet every Wednesday from 8 am to noon in the west wing.

Heritage Sunday

On Sunday, September 21st we will be celebrating Heritage Sunday. The Fellowship Committee will be hosting the Heritage members with refreshments before the church service. We had such a great response from volunteers for our Easter brunch, we would like to invite volunteers to bring light breakfast finger foods to honor our dedicated members. If you are willing to participate, please contact Amy Walrod (515-570-0560) to sign up.



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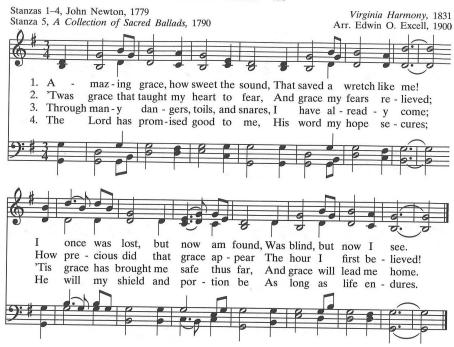






Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM



 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we'd first begun.

Choctaw
Shilombish holitopa ma!
Ishmminti pulla cha
Hatak ilbusha pia ha
Is pi yukpalashke

Mighty to Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Mercy

Here I am a sinner
Broken and in need of You
Take my life and wash my fears away
For You are the great I Am
Rest assured I feel Your hand
Holding me until the darkness clears

Father to the fatherless Redeemer of my soul My life is Yours forever My heart will always know

Your mercy saved me mercy made me whole Your mercy found me called me as Your own

