

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Charity begins at home, and justice begins next door.”*  
~ Charles Dickens

January 11, 2026

TRINITY BELLS

\*OPENING MUSIC

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 148)

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

People: **May the Lord bless us with God’s Peace!**

Leader: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God’s beloved.

People: **In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God’s beloved.**

\*#579 GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

“Trust In the Lord and Do Good”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CONFESSION

Leader: On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember our own baptisms, where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God. Yet we live as those who are alienated from God. We have turned away from God, one another and the earth. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God’s mercy.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of our care and reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – that just as Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, we were claimed by the Holy Spirit at our own. God has forgiven us of our own sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

\*Doxology

\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG

#326 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

“This I Believe”

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:1-17

SERMON

“Repentance Isn’t Always What We Think It Is”  
Rev. Paul Masters

\*SONG OF REFLECTION

“Holy Spirit”

\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

\*SENDING MUSIC

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**Helpful Notes**

- 1) We say “debts” and “debtors” in the Lord’s Prayer
- 2) Asterisks (\*) = Please stand as you are able
- 3) Offering – Our offering basket can be found in the entrance to the sanctuary or you can give electronically using the QR code found in the ‘Stewardship News’ section of this bulletin

# Prayers for January 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

## Members of the Congregation:

Rachel Amhof & Sean Bailey who married January 3<sup>rd</sup> &  
Gabriel Alves at the passing of his uncle, Edmilson Alves

## Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),  
Joan Meyer &  
Alan Scott

## Prayer Families:

Gage Long  
Rick & Cheri Maehl  
Cael Mason  
Katie Mason

## Pray for:

 (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

First Presbyterian Church, Maxwell &  
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Dodge

## Stewardship News

Attendance on January 4<sup>th</sup> was 122 (86, 20 FB, 16 YT). The offering on 01/04/26 was \$24,797.06. The amount needed each week is \$10,655.56. The total contributions through 01/04/26 are \$24,797.06. The amount needed through 01/04/26 is \$10,655.56.



Thank you to our volunteers today

**Ushers:** Mike Becker & Family

**Vocals:** Joe & Teresa Jackson

**Musicians:** Jon Holmes, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

**Bus Driver:** David Cook

**Elder:** Linda Whiting

## Harry's Pantry

If you would like to donate to our little pantry at the Shalom Center, non-perishable or personal hygiene donations can be donated at the pantry or put in the shopping cart in the Narthex. For monetary donations, please write 'Harry's Pantry' in the memo line of your check, or you can donate on SecureGive by clicking on the 'Harry's Pantry' line.

## Confirmation

Confirmation class meets at 5:30 – 7:00 pm each Sunday in the Commons. We are also asking for volunteers for confirmation class meals. You can bring in a meal you've made or donate monetarily. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Peck (515-667-2848)

## Wednesday Programs

Wednesday programs will return on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## BINGO at Friendship Haven

Join our middle and high schoolers for Bingo in the Celebration Center at Friendship Haven on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## Soup Supper

Join the Mission team for their soup supper! It will be January 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00 pm in the CLC. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. The soups will be beef vegetable, chicken noodle and chili with cinnamon rolls. To-go will be available. Tickets will be available from the mission team members each Sunday in the Narthex. You can also get tickets at the door or by contacting Bruce Walrod (515-351-9737)



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## 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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George Croly, 1854

Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;  
 3. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;  
 4. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,

Wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,  
 I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.  
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 The bap - tism of the heaven-de - scand - ed Dove,

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.  
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame.

## This I Believe

Our Father everlasting  
 The all creating One  
 God Almighty  
 Through Your Holy Spirit  
 Conceiving Christ the Son  
 Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father  
 I believe in Christ the Son  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit  
 Our God is three in One  
 I believe in the resurrection  
 That we will rise again  
 For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender  
 Suffered and crucified  
 Forgiveness is in You  
 Descended into darkness  
 You rose in glorious life  
 Forever seated high

I believe in You  
 I believe You rose again  
 I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal  
 I believe in the virgin birth  
 I believe in the saints' communion  
 And in Your holy Church  
 I believe in the resurrection  
 When Jesus comes again  
 For I believe in the Name of Jesus

## Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord  
(Your Presence Lord)  
(Your Presence)  
(Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

## Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You