

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 18, 2026

“The whole point of the kingdom of God is Jesus has come to bear witness to the true truth, which is nonviolent. When God wants to take charge of the world, he doesn’t send in the tanks. He sends in the poor and the meek.”

~ N.T. Wright

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC #425 “Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us here together – each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

People: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

Leader: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

People: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Leader: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

People: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM “God Will Hear Your Prayer”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CONFESSION (Based on Psalm 40)

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Psalm 40)

Leader: God inclines to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us. Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#462 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Knowing You”

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-7
John 1:29-42

SERMON

“Come And See”
Rev. Paul Masters

*SONG OF REFLECTION

“Thank You Jesus”

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

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 18th – 24th

Members of the Congregation:

The family of Floyd Herum

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),
Joan Meyer,
Alan Scott &
Tom Masters (Paul's Brother)

Prayer Families:

Josh & Kim Mason (Drew, Emma)
Paul & Lynne Masters
Landry McBride
Mark & Ellen McBride (Tru)

Pray for:

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

Salem Presbyterian Church, Lincoln &
First United Methodist

Stewardship News

Attendance on January 11th was 123 (86, 12 FB, 25 YT). The offering on 01/11/26 was \$7,719.00. The amount needed each week is \$10,655.56. The total contributions through 01/11/26 are \$17,516.06. The amount needed through 01/11/26 is \$21,311.12.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Joyce Garton-Natte & Mel Murtle

Vocals: Laurie Johnson & Roxanne Amhof

Musicians: Greg Merritt, Jake Merritt & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: David Cook

Elder: Liddy Hora

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 14th.

BINGO at Friendship Haven

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

Soup Supper

Join the Mission team for their soup supper! It will be January 31st 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).

Valentines Lock-in

We have teamed up with Badger Lutheran Church to have an ecumenical lock-in for 8-12th graders! The lock in will be Friday, February 13th – Saturday, February 14th from 7:00 pm – 8:00 am at Badger Lutheran. Abee will have the bus in the CLC parking lot at 7:00 pm February 13th for anyone needing a ride. The bus will return to the CLC parking lot at 8:15 am on February 14th. Volunteers are needed! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Abee (515-576-2091 or abiqaik@firstpresfd.org). There are also volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Northwestern College Band

The Northwestern College band will be performing with the Iowa Central band on March 26th. Harlan VandeBerg's friend, Gerry Bouman, is the director of the Northwestern college band and they're looking for volunteers to house their students overnight. If you are interested, please contact Gerry at 712-899-8391 or bou2ma@msn.com. If you have any questions, please contact the Iowa Central band director, Paul Bloomquist at bloomquist@iowacentral.edu or 515-574-1203.



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RATISBON 7.7.7.7.7

Freylinghausen's *Gesangbuch*, 1704
Rev. in Werner's *Choralbuch*, 1815
As in *Old Church Psalmody*, 1847

Charles Wesley, 1740

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly light,
2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of Righ-teous - ness, a - rise, Tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
Joy - less is the day's re - turn Till Thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im - part, Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Knowing You

All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this

Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord love You Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die

Thank You Jesus

Grace that flows like a river
Washing over me
Fount of heaven
Love of Christ
Overflow in me

Thank You Jesus
You set me free
Christ my Saviour
You rescued me

Take this life delivered
A vessel of Your love
Wholly now devoted
To see Your kingdom come

You've given me life
You've opened my eyes
I love You Lord
I love You Lord
You've entered my heart
You've set me apart
I love You Lord
I love You Lord

425 Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Howell Elvet Lewis, 1916; alt.

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941



1. Lord of light, Your name out - shin - ing All the stars and
2. By the toil of faith - ful work - ers In some far out -
3. Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, At Your feet may
4. By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, Nev - er si - lent



suns of space, Use our tal - ents in Your king - dom As the
ly - ing field, By the cour - age where the ra - diance Of the
low - ly kneel; With Your grace our tri - umphs hal - low, With Your
day or night; By the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing Peace to



ser - vants of Your grace; Use us to ful - fill Your pur - pose
cross is still re - vealed, By the vic - to - ries of meek - ness,
char - i - ty our zeal; Lift the na - tions from the shad - ows
all and heal - ing light; By the love that pass - es knowl - edge,



Refrain



In the gift of Christ Your Son:
Through re - proach and suf - fering won: Ab - ba, as in
To the glad - ness of the sun:
Mak - ing all Your chil - dren one:



high - est heav - en, So on earth Your will be done.

