

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 1, 2026

*"May your heart be aligned with God's purpose, your steps be guided by His wisdom, and your life be filled with His unwavering love and grace."*

~ Shaila Touchton

## TRINITY BELLS

### \*OPENING MUSIC

"Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 111)

Leader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

**People: Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**People: You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

### \*#579 GLORIA PATRI

### CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

"Take Thou My Hand"

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. 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: Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy. This is good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication  
\*Doxology

### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#2162 "Grace Alone"

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION #396 "O for a Closer Walk with God"

### SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8  
Matthew 4:23-5:12

### SERMON

"Are and Will"  
Rev. Paul Masters

### CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG

"Above All"

### \*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 February 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

### Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moellers),  
Joan Meyer,  
Alan Scott,  
Tom Masters (Paul's Brother) &  
Larry Riblet (Heather Peck's Uncle)

### Prayer Families:

James & Ann Meyer  
Don Miller & Annette Julson  
Fred & Jan Moeller  
Glenda Molgaard

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

First Presbyterian Church, LeRoy, Minnesota &  
Good Shepherd Lutheran

### Stewardship News

Attendance on January 25<sup>th</sup> was 121 (77, 23 FB, 21 YT). The offering on 01/25/26 was \$5,705.00. The amount needed each week is \$10,655.56. The total contributions through 01/25/26 are \$28,244.06. The amount needed through 01/25/26 is \$42,622.23.



### Thank you to our volunteers today

**Ushers:** Gary Gronbach & Brian Pederwson

**Communion Servers:** Bruce Walrod, Amy Walrod, Liddy Hora & Gregg Hora

**Vocals:** Joe & Teresa Jackson

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

**Bus Driver:** Ted Huggins

**Elder:** Peyton Walstrom

### Valentines Lock-in

We have teamed up with Badger Lutheran Church to have an ecumenical lock-in for 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders! The lock in will be Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> for anyone needing a ride. The bus will return to the CLC parking lot at 8:15 am on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Abee (515-576-2091 or [abigailk@firstpresfd.org](mailto:abigailk@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](mailto:bou2ma@msn.com). If you have any questions, please contact the Iowa Central band director, Paul Bloomquist at [bloomquist@iowacentral.edu](mailto:bloomquist@iowacentral.edu) or 515-574-1203.

### Youth Group Volunteers Needed!

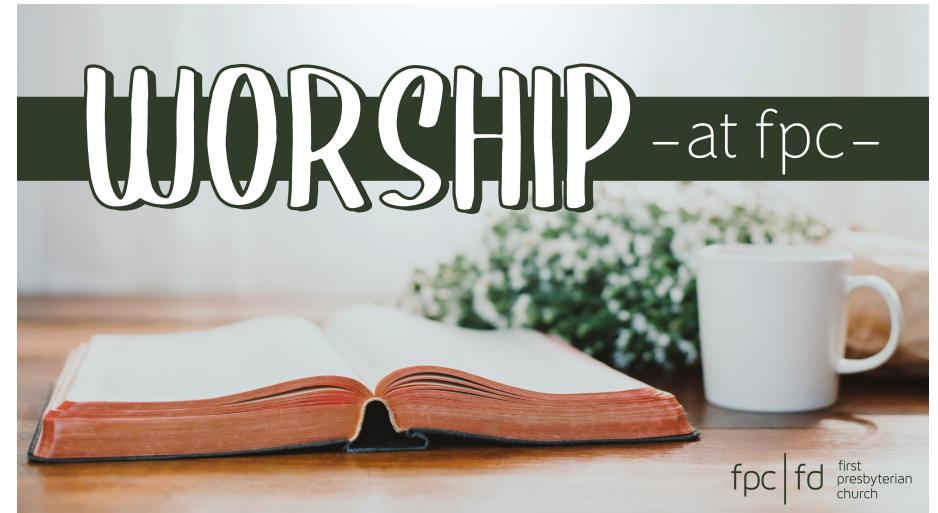
We need adult volunteers to help with craft, games or shepherd the kids around during elementary youth group. We have more kids in elementary youth group than we have had in previous years. This is a blessing but more kids means we need more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Abee ([abigailk@firstpresfd.org](mailto:abigailk@firstpresfd.org) or 515-576-2091).

### Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will follow worship on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Scholarship Applications are Available!

Scholarship applications are available on the table outside the office door, with Amy in the office and online at: <http://fpcfd.org/information/scholarhsip-applications/>. **Applications must be in the church office by 10 AM on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.**



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**Website:** [www.fpcfd.org](http://www.fpcfd.org)  
**YouTube:** FPC Fort Dodge



## Grace Alone

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1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and  
 2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we

step of faith, ev - ery dif - ference we will make  
 hope to teach, ev - ery - where we share his peace

is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain  
 is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing

we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,  
 word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way,

ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind } is on - ly by his  
 ev - ery sor - row turned to praise } grace.

*Refrain*

Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un -  
 known he will pro - vide. Christ in us our Cor - ner -

stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

## O for a Closer Walk with God

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William Cowper, 1772

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Scottish Psalter, 1635  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; alt.

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame,  
 2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes - sen - ger of rest!  
 3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,  
 4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!  
 I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.  
 Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.  
 So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

## Above All

Above all powers above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man  
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure  
What You're worth

Crucified laid behind the stone  
You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all

## Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

Your love is amazing  
Steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain  
Firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a myst'ry  
How You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded  
Your love carries me

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah  
Your love makes me sing

Your love is surprising  
I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing  
Deep inside of me  
Ev'ry time I see You  
All Your goodness shines through  
I can feel this God song  
Rising up in me

Yes You make me sing  
Lord You make me sing sing sing  
How You make me sing

Lord You make me sing  
How You make me sing