

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2026

"There is no defeat in the cross. Only triumph is to be found there."

~ Paul David Tripp

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC

#441 "I Love thy Kingdom, Lord"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 51)

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Leader: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

People: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God!

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Seekers of Your Heart"
Roxanne, Jacob and Aaron Amhof

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Jeremiah 31:33)

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest." Friends, we are God's people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God's paths, we fall short. Trusting in God's love and grace, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, 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! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"You Alone"

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:1-45

SERMON

"The Bones Are No Longer Dry"
Rev. Paul Masters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*SONG OF REFLECTION

"Great I Am"

*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 March 22nd – 28th

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),
Alan Scott,
Larry Riblet (Heather Peck's Uncle) &
Ann Raschka (Karen Amman's Sister)

Prayer Families:

Owen Recker
Tony & Dana Recker (Aidan)
Rodney & Karen Reitsma
Marcia Rich

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

First Presbyterian Church, Jesup &
New Beginnings Christian Center

Stewardship News

The offering on 03/15/26 was \$2,705.00. The amount needed each week is \$10,655.56. The total contributions through 03/15/26 are \$97,417.52. The amount needed through 03/15/26 is \$117,211.13.

Contributions are behind \$19,793.61 and we are over budget from Foundation by \$8,750.01. Total amount we are behind budget is \$28,543.62.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Delpha Holtzman & Ruth Hancock

Vocals: Roxanne Amhof

Musicians: Greg Merritt, Steve Kelleher, Jake Merritt & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: Don Miller

Elder: Annette Julson

Technology Help

If you need help with technology, Mary can help! She may not have all the answers, but she will gladly work through it with you at church or in your home. Email her at marya@firstpresfd.org.

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)

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.

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/scholarship-applications/>. **Applications must be in the church office by 10 AM on Wednesday, April 1st.**

Mission Opportunity

Intersarsity at ICCC is currently (through April) offering a small group bible study for students and is looking for church members to supply the snacks each Thursday evening. Healthy snacks are recommended, and they are needed for 10-15 students. Zach Dodge, Intersarsity leader, is willing to pick up the snacks from the church on Thursday mornings. He is also looking for church members to make meals for their retreat the weekend of April 10 and 11. If you are interested in supporting this mission, please email Zach at zach.dodge@intersarsity.org.

BINGO!

Join Karen Amman for BINGO in the Commons April 1st. BINGO will begin at 3:30 pm.



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You Alone

When this life has overwhelmed me
And I feel like giving up
I will cling to all You've promised
It will always be enough

When the world around me crumbles
And it's hard to understand
I will run to You my shelter
I am safe within Your hands

You are my help forever

I will not fear God You are with me
I know You're near
You'll never leave me
I will trust in You alone

When I'm broken in the silence
I can hear You whispering
You're not alone here in these trials
I will hold you faithfully

And when my heart and strength have failed me
My God You won't
Your name is mighty
I will trust in You alone

You are a fortress for the weak
The strength that carries me
When I am on my knees
The cross reminds my heart to trust
Your faithfulness and love
Will always be enough
(REPEAT)

I will trust in You alone
I will trust in You alone

Great I Am

I wanna be close close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I wanna hear voices of angels above
Singing as one

Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty great I Am

I wanna be near near to Your heart
Loving the world hating the dark
I wanna see dry bones living again
Singing as one

The mountains shake before You
The demons run and flee
At the mention of Your name King of majesty
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am
The great I Am **(5X)**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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ST. THOMAS SM

Timothy Dwight, 1800

The Universal Psalmist, 1763
Adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

1. I love Thy king - dom, Lord, The house of Thine a - bode,
2. I love Thy church, O God; Her walls be - fore Thee stand,
3. For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers as - cend;
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven-ly ways,

The church our blest Re - deem-er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
Dear as the ap - ple of Thine eye, And grav - en on Thy hand.
To her my cares and toils be given, Till toils and cares shall end.
Her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

American folk hymn, c. 1811

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be,

To bear the *heav-y cross for my soul, for my soul,
While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

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