

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 19, 2026

*"But with Christ, we have access in a one-to-one relationship, for, as in the Old Testament, it was more one of worship and awe, a vertical relationship. The New Testament, on the other hand, we look across at a Jesus who looks familiar, horizontal. The combination is what makes the Cross."*

~ Bono

TRINITY BELLS

\*OPENING MUSIC

#555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 118:14-29)

Leader: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel's cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

**People: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.**

Leader: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

**People: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.**

Leader: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

**People: this is the day that the Lord has made.**

Leader: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad**

\*#579 GLORIA PATRI

\*GATHERING MUSIC

#295 "O God of Love, O God of Peace"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH FOR CHRIST ANNOUNCEMENT

CALL TO CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, we know that your throne is surrounded by the voices of many angels and that you are worshiped by the multitudes of the heavenly host, but we so often fail to join in their "amen." We do not fall down and worship you as we know we should. We are distracted by our catch, by our high priests, by our mourning, and our doubts. Show yourself to us anew and give us the faith to cast our nets in other waters. Strengthen us to worship you alone as the one on the throne and the Lamb slaughtered for all, even when we are in the depths of the pit**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(from Psalm 30)

Leader: The Lord's anger is but for a moment. God's favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

\*Doxology

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#2022 "Great Is the Lord"

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#477 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-49

SERMON

"You Will Be My Witnesses"

Rev. Paul Masters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Book of Order*

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"I Love to Tell the Story"

(See Screen)

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

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

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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 – You can give electronically using the QR code found in the 'Stewardship News' section of this bulletin

# Prayers for April 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

## Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),

Joan Meyer &

Alan Scott

## Prayer Families:

Lucas & Karrigan Samuelson

Martha Schmidt

Curtis & Diana Schroeder

Richard & Susan Scott

## Pray for:

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

First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo &

Prince of Peace Lutheran

## Stewardship News

Attendance on April 12<sup>th</sup> was 123 (86, 12 FB, 25 YT). The offering on 04/12/26 was \$7,719.00. The amount needed each week is \$10,655.56. The total contributions through 04/12/26 are \$17,516.06. The amount needed through 04/12/26 is \$21,311.12.



## Thank you to our volunteers today

**Ushers:** Linda Parker, Bev Sheffield, Mike & Tammy Becker

**Pianist:** Shelly Bottorff

**Bus Driver:** David Cook

**Elder:** Liddy Hora

## 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.

## Upcoming April Ministry Team Meeting Times

Deacons – April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Stewardship – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm

Mission – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

Worship and Music – April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Property & Finance – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm

Fellowship – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm

Foundation – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm

## 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)

## Senior Sunday

Senior Sunday will be May 17<sup>th</sup>. Seniors, please come into the office before May 5<sup>th</sup> to choose a quilt that will be given to you on Senior Sunday.

## 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](mailto:marya@firstpresfd.org).

## Mission Opportunity

Intersivity at ICC 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, Intersivity 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@intersivity.org](mailto:zach.dodge@intersivity.org).



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



# O God of Love, O God of Peace ✱ 295

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Henry Williams Baker, 1860; alt. 1987

*Cantica Spiritualia*, 1847

1. O God of love, O God of peace, Make wars through-  
 2. Re - mem - ber, Lord, Thy works of old, The won - ders  
 3. Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord? Where rest but  
 4. Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove, All hearts are

out the world to cease; The wrath of na - tions  
 that Thy peo - ple told; Re - mem - ber not our  
 on Thy faith - ful word? None ev - er called on  
 knit in ho - ly love; O bind us in that

now re - strain:  
 sin's deep stain:  
 Thee in vain: Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!  
 heaven - ly chain:

# 2022 Great Is the Lord

*Refrain*

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just; by his  
 pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

faith - ful and true; by his mer - cy he proves he is love.

1., 2. Great is the Lord and wor - thy of glo - ry! Great is the Lord and  
 3. Great are you, Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry! Great are you, Lord, and

wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now  
 wor - thy of praise. Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I

lift up your voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord!  
 lift up my voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ are you, Lord!

*First time D.C.  
 Second time D.S.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord!  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Great \_\_\_\_\_ are you, Lord!

# Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim 477

HANOVER 10.10.11.11

Attr. William Croft, 1708

*A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms, 1708*

Charles Wesley, 1744

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3. "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne,"  
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give Him His right,

And pub - lish a - broad His won - der - ful name;  
 And still He is nigh— His pres - ence we have;  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son;  
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol;  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion His tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 All hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

His king - dom is glo - rious, He rules o - ver all.  
 As - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 Fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 And thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love.

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# Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won - drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
 And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,  
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heav - en and earth a - dore,

With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
 The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.

# 444 I Love to Tell the Story

*Those who had been scattered preached the Word wherever they went. Acts 8:4*

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; More won - der - ful it seems  
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.  
 Than all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en dreams.  
 What seems each time I tell it More won - der - ful - ly sweet.  
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis true.  
 I love to tell the sto - ry; It did so much for me,  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard  
 And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.  
 And that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.  
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry! 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry  
 To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.