

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 12, 2026

*“The first Christians were formed by the first Easter into a new community that transcended all other commitments, encompassing the tax collector Matthew, a lackey of the occupying Romans, and Simon the Zealot, an insurrectionist.”  
~ Richard Coles*

TRINITY BELLS

\*OPENING MUSIC #223 “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 16)

Leader: Protect me, Lord God! I run to you for safety, and I have said, “Only you are my Lord! Every good thing I have is a gift from you.”

**People: Your people are wonderful, and they make me happy, but worshipers of other gods will have much sorrow. I refuse to offer sacrifices of blood to those gods or worship in their name.**

Leader: You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice, and you keep me safe. You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright.

**People: I praise you, Lord, for being my guide. Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind. I will always look to you, as you stand beside me and protect me from fear.**

Leader: With all my heart, I will celebrate, and I can safely rest. I am your chosen one. You won't leave me in the grave or let my body decay.

**People: You have shown me the path to life, and you make me glad by being near to me. Sitting at your right side, I will always be joyful.**

\*#579 GLORIA PATRI

\*GATHERING MUSIC #191 “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on John 20:19-31)

**Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly. God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth from our locked rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love.**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth. The Spirit of grace is present to us in the sharing of grace.

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

OFFERING

Prayer of Dedication

\*Doxology

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #478 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

HYMN OF PREPARATION #2152 “Change My Heart, O God”

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

SERMON “OK, Now What?”  
Rev. Kelli Glasgo  
Church of the Damascus Road

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.**

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Be Still, My Soul”  
(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 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

## Friends of the Congregation:

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

## Prayer Families:

Joe & Linda Ruge  
Tony & Cyndie Salvatore  
Eric & Kristy Samuelson  
Jordan Samuelson

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

First Presbyterian Church, Algona &  
Prairie Lakes Community Church

## Stewardship News

Attendance on April 5<sup>th</sup> was 123 (86, 12 FB, 25 YT). The offering on 04/05/26 was \$7,719.00. The amount needed each week is \$10,655.56. The total contributions through 04/05/26 are \$17,516.06. The amount needed through 04/05/26 is \$21,311.12.



## Thank you to our volunteers today

**Ushers:** Jim, Heather, Josiah & Noah Peck  
**Pianist:** Shelly Bottorff  
**Bus Driver:** David Cook  
**Elder:** Linda Whiting

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given by Linda Whiting in commemoration of the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dick's celebration of life.

## April Ministry Team Meeting Times

Christian Education – April 12 <sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am	Session – April 14 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm
Personnel – April 16 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm	Deacons – April 20 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
Property & Finance – April 21 <sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm	Stewardship – April 21 <sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm
Fellowship – April 21 <sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm	Mission – April 21 <sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm
Foundation – April 21 <sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm	Worship and Music – April 28 <sup>th</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

Intervarsity 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, Intervarsity 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@intervarsity.org](mailto:zach.dodge@intervarsity.org).



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



PSALM 46  
**God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength 191**

WINCHESTER OLD CM

*The Psalter*, 1912; alt. 1988

*Este's Psalmes*, 1592

1. God is our ref-uge and our strength, Our ev-er-pres-ent aid,  
 2. Though hills a-mid the seas be cast, Though foam-ing wa-ters roar,  
 3. Where God a-bides a riv-er flows; That cit-y will re-joice.  
 4. Since God is in the midst of it, The cit-y walls shall stand,

And there-fore, though the earth re-move, We will not be a-fraid;  
 Yea, though the might-y bil-lows shake The moun-tains on the shore.  
 But na-tions fear and king-doms shake Be-fore God's thun-dering voice.  
 Se-cure and safe with God's sure help, When trou-ble is at hand.

**478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7

Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.

John Goss, 1869

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav-en; To His feet thy  
 2. Praise Him for His grace and fa-vor To His peo-ple  
 3. Fa-ther-like He tends and spares us; Well our fee-ble  
 4. An-gels, help us to a-dore Him: Ye be-hold Him

trib-ute bring; Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en,  
 in dis-tress; Praise Him still the same as ev-er,  
 frame He knows; In His hands He gen-tly bears us,  
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be-fore Him,

Ev-er-more His prais-es sing: Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Res-cues us from all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia!  
 Dwell-ers all in time and space. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Praise the ev-er-last-ing King.  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Glo-rious in His faith-ful-ness.  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Wide-ly yet His mer-cy flows.  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

# Change My Heart, O God 2152

Change my heart, O God, — make it ev-er true. —

— Change my heart, O God, —

may I be like you. — You are the

Pot - ter, I am the clay. —

Mold me and make me, this is what I

pray. Change my heart, O God, —

make it ev-er true. — Change my heart, O God, —

— may I be like you. —

# O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 223

STUTT GART 8.7.8.7

Para. in *The Book of Psalms*, 1871; alt. 1972, 1988  
 Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715  
 As in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

1. O my soul, bless your Re - deem - er; All with - in me  
 2. God for - gives all your trans - gres - sions, All dis - eas - es  
 3. Far as east from west is dis - tant, God has put a -  
 4. As it was with - out be - gin - ning, So it lasts with -

bless God's name; Bless the Sav - ior, and for - get not  
 gen - tly heals; God re - deems you from de - struc - tion,  
 way our sin; Like the pit - y of a fa - ther  
 out an end; To their chil - dren's chil - dren ev - er

All God's mer - cies to pro - claim;  
 And with you so kind - ly deals.  
 Has the Lord's com - pas - sion been.  
 Shall God's righ - teous - ness ex - tend:

5. Unto such as keep God's covenant  
 And are steadfast in God's way;  
 Unto those who still remember  
 The commandments and obey.

6. Bless your Maker, all you creatures,  
 Ever under God's control,  
 All throughout God's vast dominion;  
 Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

## Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.