

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 10, 2026

"The love of a mother is the veil of a softer light between the heart and the heavenly Father."

~ Samuel Taylor Coleridge

TRINITY BELLS

CHANCEL BELLS INTROIT

"Savior, Shepherd, Jesus"

*OPENING MUSIC

#288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

People: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL BELLS ANTHEM

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love, freely given without expectation or strings attached, like the unconditional love of a mother. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others, holding court in our own hearts. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return, missing the trustworthy and true nature of your boundless forgiveness.

Forgive us, Redeeming God. And transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your world are transformed.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Behold: The former things have passed away, and God's grace flows like a river of new life. Friends, hear the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: We are made new, free to live the lives our God has for us! Amen.

OFFERING

Offering Hymn

#139 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Doxology

*Prayer Of Dedication

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Always"

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

SERMON

"In the Footsteps of Our Mothers"
Rev. Paul Masters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:6-11

Who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SONG OF REFLECTION

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

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

Prayers for May 10th – 16th

Members of the Congregation:

Carol Dillon, Jean Stanley & Lorraine Guthrie

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),
Alan Scott,
Larry Riblet (Heather Peck's Uncle). &
Neela Waddell (Mike & Judy's Granddaughter)

Prayer Families:

Jean Stanley
Jaci Steib
Merna Thomas
Vernon & Darlene Thomas

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

First Presbyterian Church, Toledo &
Seventh Day Adventist Church

Stewardship News

Attendance on May 3rd was 123 (91, 15 FB, 17 YT). The offering on 05/03/26 was \$5,783.23. The amount needed each week is \$10,655.56. The total contributions through 05/03/26 are \$177,195.11. The amount needed through 05/03/26 is \$191,800.04. Scan the QR code to give. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Bruce & Amy Walrod

Vocals: Carson Walrod & Roxanne Amhof

Musicians: Megan Cassady, Greg Merritt, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: John Garton

Offering Pick-Up: Joe Jackson & Bruce Walrod

Elder: Bruce Walrod

Upcoming May Ministry Team Meeting Times

Property & Finance – May 18th @ 4:00 pm

Mission – May 19th @ 6:00 pm

Fellowship – May 19th @ 5:30 pm

Foundation – May 19th @ 6:30 pm

Stewardship – May 19th @ 5:30 pm

Worship & Music – May 26th @ 6:30 pm

Deacons Meal

The Deacons have compassion meals for anyone that could benefit from them. If you could use a compassion meal, please contact the office at (515) 576-2091 or a Deacon.

Bus Drivers and Church Openers

We are looking to add more drivers/openers to our rotation. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ted Huggins at (515) 571-1061.

Senior Sunday & Confirmation Sunday

Senior Sunday and Confirmation Sunday will be next Sunday, May 17th.

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.

VBS – Rome

This year's VBS will be June 8th – 11th from 1-4 pm with a family fun day June 12th from 5-7pm. Registration forms are available outside the office. If you would like to volunteer, contact Abee at abigailk@firstpresfd.org or (515) 576-2091. Please register by June 1st.



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Come, Thou Almighty King

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ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757; alt.

Felice de Giardini, 1769



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To Thee, great One in Three, The high - est prais - es be,



Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in
Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in



to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.



Always

My foes are many
They rise against me
But I will hold my ground
I will not fear the war
I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way
My help is on the way

Oh my God
He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear
His promise is true
My God will come through always
Always

Trouble surrounds me
Chaos abounding
My soul will rest in You
I will not fear the war
I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way
My help is on the way

I lift my eyes up
My help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up
My help comes from the Lord
(REPEAT)

Oh my God
He will not delay
My refuge and strength always always

At the Cross

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You

Jesus

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

Jesus

288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE CMD

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.