

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 5, 2026

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

*~ The Declaration of Independence, 1776*

TRINITY BELLS

\*OPENING MUSIC

"Famous One"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 66:1-5)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: sing God's glorious name; shout out glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name."**

Leader: Come and see what God had done:

**People: tell of God's awesome deeds among all people!**

\*#579 GLORIA PATRI

GATHERING HYMN

#150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Patient God, you call and call and we come up with every excuse why we can't answer, at least not right now. Forgive our fear.**

**Remind us that when we answer your call, we will not be sent out alone, but filled with your gifts, surrounded by your children, and held in your love.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. 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: Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

OFFERING

Offering Hymn #403 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

\*Doxology

\*Prayer Of Dedication

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Be Unto Your Name"

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:1-6

1 Peter 2:1-10

SERMON

"Free To Serve"

Rev. Paul Masters

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"Draw Me Close"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

\*SENDING MUSIC

"God Bless America"

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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 July 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

## Members of the Congregation:

Mike Waddell, Sue Scott, Steve Pederson & Alan Scott

## Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),  
Neela Waddell (Mike & Judy's Granddaughter) &  
Mike Kelleher (Abigail's Brother-in-Law)

## Prayer Families:

Marlene Zech  
Luanne Akins  
Gabriel & Mary Alves  
Iona Ames

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

First Presbyterian Church, Boone &  
Agape Church of Christ

## Stewardship News

THANK YOU to all who faithfully share from their personal Treasure. We are committed to helping others learn and experience the JOY OF GIVING. On 7/5/26, 118 members experienced the JOY OF WORSHIP (81, 16 FB, 21 YT). Total contributions through 7/5/26 are \$232,926.34. The amount needed is \$266,388.94. God has generously given us spiritual and physical provision and blessings in abundance. As we follow God, generous giving is a natural outcome. Please prayerfully consider if it's time to STEP-UP your JOY OF GIVING!



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## Thank you to our volunteers today

**Ushers:** Gary Gronbach & Ruth Hancock

**Communion Servers:** Judy Wood, Marlene Zech, Brent & Laurie Johnson

**Vocals:** Abby Tofilon & Jan Moeller

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

**Bus Driver:** David Cook

**Elder:** David Cook

**Offering Pick-Up:** Mike Waddell & David Cook

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## July Ministry Team Meeting Times

Christian Education – July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15 am      Deacons (Breakfast Bags) – July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Field Day

Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Field Day on July 8<sup>th</sup> at Knudson Park. The bus will leave the CLC parking lot at 11:15 am. We'll play flag football, 9-square, basketball and more!

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## Stories and Songs of Praise

Our Worship & Music team is excited to announce three upcoming events which we are calling "Stories and Songs of Praise"-summer worship opportunities which will honor our church's original commitment in utilizing the Christian Life Center for a more modern worship experience. We plan to craft the service around the personal testimonies of community members who are making positive impacts in our area-many organizations which we fund with our outreach dollars. We hope you will come and bring others with you! 7pm on JULY 22 (testimony by Chris Walker of Walker's Bike Shop), and AUGUST 26 (testimony by Charles Clayton of AFES)



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July 5, 2026

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



## Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Spanish folk melody  
Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824  
Harm. David Evans, 1927

Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;  
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;  
On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra - cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?

All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

### **Be Unto Your Name**

We are a moment You are forever  
Lord of the ages God before time  
We are a vapor You are eternal  
Love everlasting reigning on high

Holy holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Highest praises honor and glory  
Be unto Your name  
Be unto Your name

We are the broken You are the healer  
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Be unto Your name  
**(REPEAT)**

### **Draw Me Close**

Draw me close to You never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend  
You are my desire no one else will do  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace  
Help me find the way bring me back to You

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know You are near

Help me know You are here

### **Famous One**

You are the Lord  
The famous One famous One  
Great is Your name in all the earth  
The heavens declare  
You're glorious glorious  
Great is Your fame beyond the earth

And for all You've done and yet to do  
With ev'ry breath I'm praising You  
Desire of nations and ev'ry heart  
You alone are God You alone are God

The Morning Star is shining through  
And ev'ry eye is watching You  
Revealed by nature and miracles  
You are beautiful You are beautiful

### **God Bless America**

God bless America, land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above;  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,  
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.  
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,  
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

God bless America, my home, sweet home.  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.