

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26, 2026

*"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed.
Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace,
and gratitude."
~ Denis Waitle*

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC

"Holy Is the Lord"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 9 and Psalm 33)

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

People: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

GATHERING HYMN

#251 "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of Grace,

You call on us to repent, to endure and to hope.

Strengthen us that we may work always for the common good.

We confess that though we look for sin in others,

We fail to examine ourselves.

We are caught up in worldliness, and we forget your words;

We complain about our troubles and fail to see your good gifts.

Have patience with us and grant us mercy,

Nurture us that we may grow in Your love,

and as a result, increase our love for one another

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen!

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Galatians 5:13)

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

OFFERING

Offering Hymn

#335 "Though I May Speak"

*Doxology

*Prayer Of Dedication

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

#2036 "Give Thanks"

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

SERMON

"God's Blessings Are In the Everyday"
Rev. Paul Masters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG OF REFLECTION

"Goodness of God"

*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 July 26th – August 1st

Members of the Congregation:

Steve Pederson, Alan Scott, Marj Johnson & Vern Thomas

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),
Mike Kelleher (Abee's Brother-in-Law),
Neela Waddell (Mike & Judy's Granddaughter),
Vernon (Janece Valentine's Dad) &
Amy (Bev Sheffield's Daughter)

Prayer Families:

Addie Baedke (Teagan Frank)
Richard Banks
Marlene Barnes
Michael & Tammy Becker

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

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji &
Church of the Nazarene

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 7/19/26, 115 members experienced the JOY OF WORSHIP (79, 17 FB, 19 YT). Total contributions through 7/19/26 are \$260,555.57. The amount needed is \$309,011.17. 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!



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Mel Murtle & Randy Kuhlman

Vocals: Jacob Deuel & Kia Duel

Musicians: Greg Merritt, JB Kilpeck, Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: David Cook

Offering Pick-Up: Mike Waddell & Mel Murtle

Elder: Mel Murtle

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given by Donna in loving memory of her husband, George Savery.

Deacon's Breakfast Bags

All are welcome to help the Deacon's pack breakfast bags on July 28th at 5:00 pm in the CLC hallway.

Bus Drivers and Church Openers

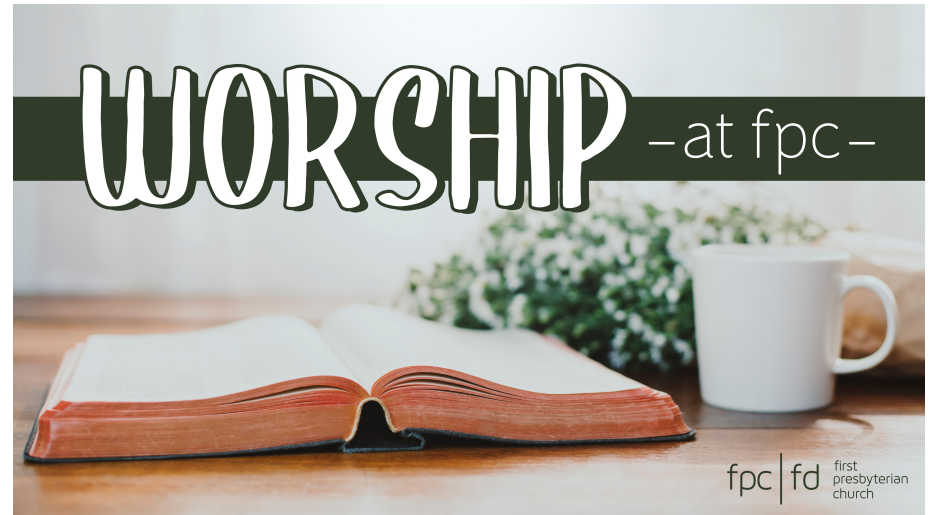
We are looking to add more drivers/openers to our rotation. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ted Huggins at (515) 571-1061.

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.

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 AUGUST 26 (testimony by Charles Clayton of AFES)



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Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY LM

Hal Hopson, 1972

English folk melody
Harm. John Weaver, 1988

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, And have the
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And striv - ing
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its

gift to all in - spire, And have not love, my
 so my love pro - fess, But not be given by
 long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide

words are vain; As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 love with - in, The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 ev - ery deed; By this we wor - ship and are freed.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the
 Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's
 giv - en Je - sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the
 poor say, "I am rich be - cause of what the Lord has
 done for us." And us." Give
 us." Give thanks!

Last time to Coda 1, 3 2 D.S.
 CODA

Goodness of God

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Holy Is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure 251

1. Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure In
2. The eyes of all are fixed on You; By
3. Lord, You are just in all Your ways, And
4. My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord, My

all Your words, Your gra - cious deeds; You gen - tly lift all
You their wants are all sup - plied; Your o - pen hand is
kind in ev - ery - thing You do; For - ev - er near You
soul shall bless Your ho - ly name; Let all things liv - ing

bur - dened souls And well pro - vide for all our needs.
boun - ti - ful And ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.
stand to hear And help all those who call on You.
join the song Of praise, from age to age the same.