

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24, 2024

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are.

-Joyce Giraud

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time of gathering is here.

People: We have come from far and wide to offer our praise to God for God's many blessings to us.

Leader: Open your hearts to God's compassionate words of love.

People: Help us, O Lord, to receive your gifts in gratitude and to live lives of helpful service to others.

Leader: In Christ's Name, we pray.

People: Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

#473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

MORNING PRAYER

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

"Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

TIME FOR CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess before you that we stray from your ways. Gifted with sight, we miss the glory that surrounds us; Gifted with conscience, we make our peace with sin; Gifted with the power to think, we take the easy way, accepting lies and living in half-truths; Gifted with imagination, we plod along, afraid to hope or dream new dreams; Gifted with the need to love, we waste our affection on things that do not matter; Gifted with your Holy Spirit, we fail to claim the gift that is ours, and live as if we had no power. Lord, forgive our misuse of life, give us the power to turn and begin again in new directions. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. 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, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Hear the good news, Christ calls you by name to begin anew.

People: We begin afresh to love and serve you. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR YOUNG LEADERS

*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Forever"

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

SERMON

"Thanksgiving is the Key"
Rev. Paul Masters

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*SONG OF REFLECTION

"Thank You Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd>

#276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Children up through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church in the CLC hallway which begins after the Moment For Young Leaders. If they'd prefer to stay seated, worship bags are by the door.

We have the CLC rooms 108/109 available for parents to sit with their children. The service can be streamed on a tv in the rooms.

Prayers for November 24th – 30th

Members of the Congregation:

Phyllis Chance, Linda Ruge, Colleen Deal, Ed Deal, Linda Gross, Joe Jackson, Zach & Tiffany Deuel on the birth of their daughter, Aria Nicole

Friends of the Congregation:

Dennis Meisgeier (Nate's Father), Rick Hersom & David Franklin Mulbah

Prayer Families:

Daniel & Mary Lage
Jeniece Laurent
Starla & Shawn Lawler (Ashley)
Larry Lee

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

First Presbyterian Church, Woden &
Trinity Lutheran Church

Stewardship News

Attendance on November 17th was 124. The offering on 11/17/24 was \$8,362.90. The amount needed each week is \$10,307.00. The total contributions through 11/17/24 are \$432,081.39. The amount needed through 11/17/24 is \$463,815.00.

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Joan Olson & Lizzy Crowley

Vocals: Jacob Deuel & Laurie Johnson

Musicians: Jake Merritt, Isac Jamba, JB Kilpeck, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: Steve Hulsebus

Elder: Jim Peck

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given by Karen Amman in memory of the celebration of the anniversary of her parents, Athol and Doris Cuckie.

2025 Chancel Flower Chart

The Chancel Flower Chart for 2025 has been hung in the Narthex.

Cookies & Carols

Join us for Cookies & Carols Sunday, December 6th at 6:30 pm in the Celebration Center at Friendship Haven.

Youth Group Updates

No Wednesday programs next Wednesday, November 27th.

No All-Ages Dinner in December

Mitten and Sock Tree

The Deacons are collecting child-sized gloves, mittens, and socks for local elementary students. There is a container under the tv in the Commons entrance for donations. Please donate by Jan. 3rd. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please talk to Amy in the office.

Ilene's Library Corner

The best guesser for the Swedish fish in the library was Nora! The right answer was 311 and she guessed 222. Congratulations, Nora!

Have you heard there's a mouse in the library?

Find it and take a picture of you reading with the Christmas mouse. Send it to

abigaik@firstpresfd.org and we'll put it on our bulletin board. Feel free to hide it again (just so it's visible). This is for all of us. Any age can visit the library and have fun looking for the mouse!



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FOREVER

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus 1

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Pre Chorus

Chorus 2

Chorus 3

For the Beauty of the Earth

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DIX 7.7.7.7.7

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lifteth holy hands above, Lord of all, to Thee we raise
Offering up on every shore This our hymn of grateful praise.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

THANK YOU JESUS**Verse 1**

Grace that flows like a river, Washing over me
Fount of heaven, Love of Christ, Overflow in me

Chorus 1

Thank You Jesus, You set me free
Christ my Saviour, You rescued me

Verse 2

Take this life delivered, A vessel of Your love
Wholly now devoted, To see Your kingdom come

Bridge

You've given me life, You've opened my eyes
I love You Lord, I love You Lord
You've entered my heart, You've set me apart
I love You Lord, I love You Lord