

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2026

*"Grace is the most perplexing, powerful force in the universe, and, I believe,
the only hope for our twisted, violent planet."*

~ Phillip Yancey

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC #356 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they
really are,

People: we give God what is God's.

Leader: In between the demands of this last week and the demands of the
one ahead,

People: we give God what is God's.

Leader: With open hearts and hands and minds, every innate gift from our
loving Creator,

People: we give God what is God's.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "My God's So Good to Me"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose
business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver
us to safety, let us confess our sins with courage and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as
yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable
confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our
calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-
laden videos that stream by us.
No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the
mirror. We're the ones created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay
you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves.
But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength - we'll do
our best, God. We'll give our all to you. 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! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in
punishment but in redemption.

**People: Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our
shame.**

Leader: Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

People: To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.

OFFERING

Offering Hymn #476 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

*Doxology

*Prayer Of Dedication

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Jesus Messiah"

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

"Stewardship Is Not Just About Money"
Rev. Paul Masters

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*SONG OF REFLECTION

"Above All"

*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 October 18th – 24th

Members of the Congregation:

Marj Johnson, Nancy Wood, Henrietta Van Maanen, Brenda Vande Berg & Mae Clausen

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),
Amy (Bev Sheffield's Daughter),
Jim Miller (Don's Brother) &
Dean (Judy Wood's Brother)

Prayer Families:

Scott & Kia Deuel
Carol Dillon

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

Barclay Presbyterian Church, Waterloo &
First United Methodist

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 10/11/26, 143 members experienced the JOY OF WORSHIP (8:30 - 65, 12 FB, 22 YT; 10:45 - 44). Total contributions through 10/11/26 are \$369,284.13. The amount needed is \$436,877.87. 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: Brian, Jennifer, Kyle & Gavin Pederson

Bus Driver: Dave Cook

Guitar: Megan Cassady

Offering Pick-Up: Joe Jackson & Liddy Hora

Elder: Liddy Hora

October Ministry Team Meeting Times

Deacons – Oct. 19 th at 6:00	Stewardship – Oct. 20 th at 5:30 pm
Fellowship – Oct. 20 th at 5:30 pm	Mission – Oct. 20 th at 6:00 pm
Foundation – Oct. 20 th at 6:30 pm	Worship & Music – Oct. 27 th at 6:30 pm

We are grateful for the gift of chancel flowers given by Jill & Dave Lohff and John & Linda Hallgren in memory of Bruce and Frances Hallgren.

Wheelchair Volunteers

Our wheelchair ministry has a couple tables open for volunteers! All tools are provided. They volunteer Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 am to 11:30 am. If you are interested or have questions, please call the office to text Rick Mael (515-570-1210).

BINGO

BINGO is back at 3:30 pm in the commons on November 4th and December 2nd.

Middle/High School Meal

This year middle and high school will meet 5:15 - 7:00 pm in the Shalom Center. There is a sign-up in the Narthex or online at <https://form.church/fpcmeal/yq> for anyone that would like to provide a dinner for the Middle/High youth group. Meals can be brought to the Shalom Center at 5:15 pm. If you would like to bring your meal early, meals can be put in the CLC kitchen, and we will warm it up before youth group.

Sewing Donations

The sewing ladies are looking for materials. Donations can be dropped off in the office or to the sewing room on Wednesday mornings.



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476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806); alt.

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
 The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form, And
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree, And
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin
 That we might become His righteousness
 He humbled Himself and carried the cross
 Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
 Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
 The Rescue for sinners
 The Ransom from heaven
 Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
 Broken and poured out all for love
 The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
 Love so amazing love so amazing

All our hope is in You
 All our hope is in You
 All the glory to You God
 The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah
 Lord of all
 The Lord of all
 The Lord of all

Above All

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.