

25th Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m. November 15, 2015

Welcome members, friends and visitors to our service this morning. We would ask you all to complete the friendship pad located in your pew. Thank you for your help. Welcome Packets for our visitors and guests are available at the Visitor Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the moment God called the universe into existence, he knew us by name.

People: Known and loved by God, we are drawn together as a worshipping community.

Leader: Let us lift up our voices in worship.

People: Let us sing praises to the living God.

All: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 466

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, we offer you our deepest thanks and praise for your unending love and grace. We, like the people of Israel have heard your call and desire to follow you, but we often become entangled in petty disagreements, complaints, and the pursuit of our own self-interests. Like the people of Israel, teach us the boundaries of life and empower us by your Spirit to be transformed into the image of Christ, so that we might display your divine life within our earthly bodies. Thank you for your abiding forgiveness and the love that animates us, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ellen Williams

HYMN 525 (vs 1 & 2)

"Here I am Lord"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 7th Grade Handbell Choir
"2-fold Amen"

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:9-12

(Page 1201 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Adult Chancel Choir w/Eli Niebuhr, trumpet; Jim Avery, trumpet; Jody Ingwersen, horn; Jordan Christensen, trombone; Erik Johnson, bass trombone; Spencer Carlson, percussion
"Great Things He Has Done"

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 19:16-20; 20:1-21

(Page 73 & 74 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Michael Gewecke

A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Abundant Life

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -- Written by Bruce Prewer

I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which

is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future. Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory 7th Grade Handbell Choir
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

- * Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 255

"Now Praise the Lord"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

Nursery Available for Pre-K and under

- **Large print "BULLETINS AND HYMNALS" are available from an Usher-**
- ***Busy Bags available in the Narthex***
- ***Coffee is served immediately following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.***

Participating in this morning's Reformed service are: Clint Loveall & Michael Gewecke, Pastors; Ray Miller, Liturgist; Arla Stover, Pianist; Ushers are Chuck & Gloria Ditsworth and Roger & Donna Harms; Greeter is Jay & Karri Anderson; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Wes Farmer, Video; Heather Sprague & June Howatt are in charge of the Nursery; Ray & Diane Tucker prepared our coffee.

Members of the 7th Grade Handbell Choir are Ellie Carney, Max Carney, Gracie Hinn, Grace Radcliffe, Walker Radcliffe, Luke Relph, Adrie Stecker & Mason Stover.



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Our **Congregational Meeting** has been scheduled for Sunday, November 29th immediately following our Reformed Worship Service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank You

We want to thank our church family for the many expressions of caring love shared after the passing of our mother and mother-in-law, Margaret Arentsen.

Your cards, emails and words of sympathy help surround and comfort us.
Bernie & Marcia VanRoekel

Sermon Series – “Called”

We began a Sermon series where we will spend three weeks thinking together about what it means to be called by God, and what we are called to do. Join us as we end the church year listening for what God calls us to in the future.

Combined Worship Service - November 22nd

Please join us on Sunday, November 22nd at our Combined Worship Service at 8:50am. Following our Worship Service the children will go to Sunday School and the High School Youth will be hosting their annual Pie Auction.

Church School Snacks

A sign-up sheet and **PEANUT/ NUT-FREE SNACK LIST** has been placed in the library window. Please take a snack list and sign up for your favorite date!! 5 dozen snacks and 2 large juice (not red) are needed in the Cantina for Church School by 9:45am each Sunday morning.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Beginning November 8th

- **Faith in Films** ~ led by Jan Bolluyt
- **Reformed Faith 101** ~ led by Clint Loveall

Ushers for 1st Service

We have started the process of preparing the ushering schedule for December 2015 and all of 2016. If you would like to be an usher again or change what month you ushered, please let us know. If you haven't been an usher, here is your chance to meet quite a few of the congregation. Please let either the office or Bob Peterson know.



Wednesday, November 18th

Meal: Pasta Your Way

Meal Crew: Sharma Brockmeyer, Lisa Kraus, Rhonda Reekers, Bernie & Marcia VanRoekel

**MEAL CREW
MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Adult Classes

- **True Spirituality by Chip Ingram** ~ led by Pam DenHerder
- **A Modern Girl's Guide to Bible Study: A Refreshingly Unique Look at God's Word by Jen Hatmaker** ~ led by Rachelle Gewecke
- **Women of Faith: by Eric Metaxas** ~ led by Pastor Clint

Recharge Meal Servers Needed

A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex and ready for you to sign up to help set up, serve and cleanup for our weekly meals at Recharge (formerly WNF).

Annual High School Pie Auction

Need a homemade pie for Thanksgiving? Join us for our annual Pie Auction on November 22nd immediately following our combined worship service. Join us for a congregational meal, pie auction, lots of laughs and fellowship and most importantly help our high school students experience this year's life changing mission experience! Our high school youth will be traveling to Purdue University in West LaFayette, IN to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Whether you contribute through baking a pie, serving the meal, or purchasing a pie, thank you! We truly couldn't have this ministry without you.

Communion Preparation

The worship committee is looking for people to prepare communion for the Reformed (1st) Service. Communion is served the first Sunday of each month, with the exception of Maundy Thursday. Having 2 or 3 people responsible enables both working together and schedule flexibility. Responsibility would begin in January 2016, with training available in November and December. Interested? Willing? Contact Bob Peterson.

2016 Summer Mission Trip Registration

Where: Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN)

When: July 16th-July 23rd

Register: sentbylove.com/register

Register by: Pie Auction (11/22)

Parent & Student Info Meeting:

Nov 11 in Youth Group at 7:15pm

Children's Quilts ready to finish

The children's quilts are in the fellowship hall and ready for completion. Please take them home and complete one or as many as you like. In the

past these quilts have been given to CAASA, DC Public Health for the New Moms program, LRH for the new babies, Kinship, SL Library, Prospect Hill Presbytery, Full Gospel Mission and the Parkersburg tornado victims. Lap Quilts have been given to Hilltop and Milford Nursing Center. Please help with this project which provides warmth to many members of our community and beyond.

Are You a Global Ministry Supporter?

You are, Church Mission Missionaries.

Come and Africa: Pastor, Technology for West Africa. shares about **November 19, Room.**

Take this global ministry.



because First Presbyterian Committee supports many Global

meet **Kelly Londoni** of Zimbabwe, Church Planter, and Director of Campus Crusade for Christ in You are invited to join Kelly as he his ministry **Thursday, 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside**

opportunity to become involved in

Operation Christmas Child

FPC is participating in OCC! This ministry provides for children who have or will receive very little this Christmas and an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ our Savior. You can help by gathering items to make your own shoe box gift. Ideas for your shoe box include: school supplies, small toys, hygiene items, hard candy, socks, etc... and even a personal note. Along with each shoe box they're asking you to include a \$7 donation for shipping and handling payable to Samaritan's Purse. You're also welcome to make a monetary donation payable to First Presbyterian Church with Operation Christmas Child in the memo section. **All donations and shoe boxes are due by Friday, November 20th.**

Lakeshore Center Advent Series

Throughout the Sundays in Advent, the Lakeshore Center will be hosting an Advent series called *Finding Refuge in Advent* at 5:30pm. On December 13th they will be having a rep from the Dream Center come and speak about human trafficking. For the activity that night, they will be assembling welcome kits for new guests at the Dream Center. Our church has been asked to help gather items to be included in the welcome kits. **Here are some suggested items:** full size shampoo & conditioner, body wash, bath pouf,

toothbrush and toothpaste, Feminine hygiene products, brush/comb, nail clippers/files, snacks, journal w/pen, slippers, books, hot chocolate packs.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 15

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service
10:00am-Coffee and fellowship
10:10am-Sunday School
10:15-Confirmation

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

Monday, November 16

9:00am-PW Sewing
5:15pm-Stewardship Comm Mtg

Tuesday, November 17

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study
4:30pm-KJIA Soup & Sweets Supper

Wednesday, November 18

7:00pm-Session Meeting
5:30pm-Recharge
6:45pm-High School Youth
7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal
7:00pm-Handbell practice
7:50pm-HS Act II

8:00pm-Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, November 19

9:00pm-Men's Bible Study

Sunday, November 22

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
8:50am-Combined Worship Service
10:00am-High School Pie Auction
10:10am-Sunday School
10:15am-Confirmation

Rides to and from church for this week is Kirk Jensen ~ 320-6997, and next week is Darrell Welch ~ 336-1383.

Hospital Deacon: Kirk Jensen

Week of November 22

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Bob Peterson

Ushers: Chuck & Gloria Ditsworth and Tom & Deb Ditsworth

Greeters: Jay & Karri Anderson

Video: Dan Vicker

Nursery 1st: Dana Kauffman & Angie Peterson

Nursery 2nd: Sarah Dirks

Coffee: Ray Miller & Janice Clark

**Each week we remember First Pres families in prayer, this week
please pray for**

Phil & Pam DenHerder
1012 Brooks N Lane, Okoboji

Paul, Shelley & Lexi Plumb
1805 Erie Ave., Spirit Lake

Please pray for our members and friends of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Nicole Hintz, Ethan Burk, Jody Ferguson, Shane Feist, Grant Vietor, Jim & Judy Arens, Jose Reedy, Mary Smith, Anita Stockdale, Jamie Nebelsick, Barb Hanisch, Jay Anderson, Bill Estes, Kay Monson, Marv & Barb Rohlf, Pat Dalton, Brian Jones, Donna VanHolland, Gene Kuehn, Kathy Hoppe, Connie Hoppe, Tom Gruber, Lori Johnson, Marj Roseberry, Marcia Andersen, Mitchell Elmquist, Melinda Gustafson, Talia Patton, Velma Ashburn, Martha Woodard, Connor Rowley, Betty Lamer, Roberta Carlson, Stacy Howard, Mark Voss, Andrew Grau, Hannah Brumley, Audrey Wiersma, Ray & Marilyn Miller, Ruth DeJong, Hannah Poolman, Dean Miller, Julie Calsbeek, Karen Holst, Cooper Bartels

Please pray for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1st LT **Whitney Lewis**, 2612 SE 8th St., Moore, OK 73160; SSG **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040, **Billy Joe Travis**, Sioux City Navy Recruiting Office, Sioux City, IA, **Ryan Mackey**, 829th EN CO, 519th MP BN, APO AE 09342, **Kyle Klaassen**, PFC, 49 Ann St., Milford, IA 51351, SPC **Orvis Nygaard**, Laramie, WY

Missionaries

Military BibleStick Outreach

Across the USA, churches, radio stations, TV stations, and people like you are standing strong with our military, showing support and spreading God's Word to those in harm's way.

Through Faith Comes by Hearing's Military BibleStick project, our nation's troops are hearing the Word of God while on (or preparing for) deployment.

The Military BibleStick is a digital audio player that is pre-loaded with a dramatized recording of the entire New Testament and over 65 minutes of select Psalms.

Chaplains from every branch of the military are flooding Faith Comes by Hearing with requests. More than 409,000 of these Audio Bibles are now in the field. Over 1,420 chaplains use Military BibleSticks in pre-deployment briefings, counseling sessions, Bible studies, weekly chapels and other spiritual services.

About 3.5 inches long and less than an inch thick, these pocket-sized Audio Bibles are field-friendly with a low-key design which reduces visibility for use in low-light situations.

Mustard Seed
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Mustard Seed is a sponsorship of Christian Schools through student teachers who take the Gospel back to their tribes, villages and mountain people. Our sponsorships help cover the cost of Teacher training, school, food, clothing, & shelter. The Mustard

Seed sponsors many missions throughout S.E. Asia. Each of these missions has its own unique evangelistic ministry: orphanages, schools, bible colleges, seminaries & medical facilities.

Goals include raising up and preparing the next generation to be leaders in spreading the gospel and influencing change in their environment.