

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m.

November 8, 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: God calls us together from every nation and land.

**People: Blessed be the God of all the nations.**

Leader: God calls women, men, children, people of all stations and colors.

**People: Blessed be the God of all earth's peoples.**

Leader: Here now we have gathered together for worship.

**People: We join as one family to worship and to celebrate in Christ's presence.**

### \* HYMN 356

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

### \* OPENING PRAYER

**God, who spoke the universe into being and called forth the creation, speak again to us now and call us again to yourself. Speak beyond all the voices in our life that distract and deceive us, and silence in us any voice but your own. Help us hear again the invitation to find grace and peace in Christ, and speak joy to our hectic lives and tired souls. May the things that get our time and attention be the things of your Kingdom, and may our words and lives speak to others of Christ. Thank you for your constant love, your unending**

**mercy, and your sure presence. Help us to love you more fully and more faithfully, and share that same love generously in your name. Through Christ we ask. AMEN**

### \* GLORIA PATRI

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Bolluyt

### HYMN 304

*"Jesus Loves Me!"*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir

*"3-fold Amen"*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

(Page 1156 in the Pew Bibles)

### ANTHEM

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir

*"Celebration in G"*

### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:6-14

(Page 1178 in the Pew Bibles)

### SERMON

Clint Loveall

**Called By Grace**

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH --French Reformed Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, our creator,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our redeemer.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our comforter.  
I believe in the Eternal God, in his holiness which  
condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in  
his presence which renews me. Amen.**

### OFFERING

Offertory

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN 280 (vs 1-4)

*"Amazing Grace"*

\* 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; , Liturgist; Charlene Radcliffe, Organist; Ushers are Chuck & Gloria Ditsworth and Tom & Deb Ditsworth; Greeter is Jay & Karri Anderson; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Owen Primavera, Video; Sara Fisher & Sarah Kennedy are in charge of the Nursery; Tom & Deb Ditsworth prepared our coffee.

**Members of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir** are Cole Brumley, Jonah Eldridge, Emma Jenness, Noah Lammers, Emma Loveall, Brice Pratt, Kolby Richter, Logan Sill, Olivia Smith, Abby Stucker & Seattle Sweeney.

**Our sympathies** are extended to the family and friends of Bernie & Marcia VanRoekel on the passing of Marcia's mom, Margaret Arentsen, this past week.

**Our sympathies** are extended to the family and friends of Luke & Megan Donnenwerth on the passing Luke's dad, Paul, this past week.



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## Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Never did we TRULY realize what a caring, loving and praying church God has given us; until I lost my son Heath. Thank you for all your prayers, visits, hugs, cards, food and compassion these last weeks. When I was so down and so sad, you all lifted me up. And I continue to praise His name and give Him the glory in all the good things He has done so far. Suffering and pain only brings me closer in knowing Him and who He is and what He does for us. If I can ever be of any help to any of you, please call on me; I want to give back what my church family has done for me during my tragic loss.

Great is His Faithfulness,  
Phil & Pam DenHerder

We sincerely appreciate all the prayers, visits, offers of help, meals brought in and all your caring help. You have been so wonderful and supportive through Marilyn's broken arm and Dean's accident. This congregation has been SO helpful. We are blessed just to know you.

Ray & Marilyn Miller

## New Sermon Series – "Called"

Beginning on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Adult Sunday School Classes

*Beginning November 8th*

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

## 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.

## Communion Preparation

The worship committee is looking for people to prepare communion for the Reformed (1<sup>st</sup>) 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.

## Ushers for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 11th

**Meal:** Chef's Choice

**Meal Crew:** Dave & Nancy Dau

**MORE 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.

## 5th-6th Grade Night Games

Calling all 5th-6th graders! Join us on November 12th from 6pm-8pm for a night of pizza and your favorite night games! Parents, please let us know if your student will be joining us by November 11th. There is no cost to attend.

## 2016 Summer Mission Trip Registration

Where: Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN)

When: July 16th-July 23rd

Register: [sentbylove.org/register](http://sentbylove.org/register)

Register by: Pie Auction (11/22)

Parent & Student Info Meeting:

Nov 11 in Youth Group at 7:15pm

## Operation Christmas Child

FPC is participating in OCC! This is a fantastic ministry that 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. Make a child happy this Christmas!

## FPC Lake Park Turkey Supper

On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park will be hosting their annual Turkey Supper. They will be serving from 5-7pm. Ticket costs are adults \$10, children 5-12 are \$5 and 4 and under are free.

## Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

We have a few events coming up at Lakeshore Center that will require extra hands in the kitchen and possibly cleaning rooms. If you have time and would be willing to help out, please contact Beth at 337-3313 to let her know which date (s) work best for you.

- November 10—10am to help with kitchen duties, dishes, etc.



KJIA

SHARE-A-THON!

88.9 FM

November 17-18-19

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OR

Listen online at [KJIARadio.com](http://KJIARadio.com)

Music - Special Guests - Praise

Join us for our **FREE** Shareathon Event!

**"Soup and Sweets" Supper**

Tuesday, November 17 ~ 4:30 to 7:00PM

**First Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake**

(Fellowship Hall)



KJIA Christian Radio

PO Box 738, Okoboji, IA 51355

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, November 8

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1<sup>st</sup>) Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

10:10am-Sunday School

10:15-Confirmation

11:15am-Reforming (2<sup>nd</sup>) Service

2:45pm-Worship Service at Welcov

### Monday, November 9

9:00am-PW Sewing

6:30pm-Deacons Meeting

6:30pm-Officer Nominating Comm

### Tuesday, November 10

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, November 11

5:30pm-Recharge

6:45pm-High School

7:00pm-2<sup>nd</sup> Service Rehearsal

7:00pm-Handbell practice

7:50pm-HS Act II

8:00pm-Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, November 12

8:00am-Foster Care Review Bd  
9:00pm-Men's Bible Study  
9:30am-Mary Circle Mtg  
6:00pm-5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Night Games  
Sunday, November 15  
8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel  
8:50am-Reformed (1<sup>st</sup>) Service  
10:00am-Coffee and fellowship  
10:10am-Sunday School  
10:15am-Confirmation  
11:15am-Reforming (2<sup>nd</sup>) Service

**Rides to and from church for this week is** Kirk Huisenga ~ 330-9825, and next week is Kirk Jensen ~ 320-6997.

**Hospital Deacon:** Kirk Huisenga

**Week of November 15**

**Reformed (1<sup>st</sup>) Service**

**Liturgist:** Ray Miller

**Ushers:** Roger & Donna Harms and Chuck & Gloria Ditsworth

**Greeters:** Jay & Karri Anderson

**Video:** Wes Farmer

**Nursery 1<sup>st</sup>:** Heather Sprague & June Howatt

**Nursery 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Teresa Beck

**Coffee:** Ray & Diane Tucker

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

*Larry & Sharee DenHerder*  
2410 Lakeside Ave., Milford

*Rose Peterson*  
1912 Zenith 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, Kevin Miller, Ray & Marilyn Miller, Ruth DeJong, Hannah Poolman, Dean Miller, Julie Calsbeek, Karen Holst

**Please pray for our members and friends** who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1<sup>st</sup> LT **Whitney Lewis**, 2612 SE 8<sup>th</sup> 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**, 829<sup>th</sup> EN CO, 519<sup>th</sup> MP BN, APO AE 09342, **Kyle Klaassen**, PFC, 49 Ann St., Milford, IA 51351, SPC **Orvis Nygaard**, Laramie, WY

**Missionaries**

*Aaron and Deb Groff*  
*Marijas iela 25/7*  
*Riga LV 1011 LATVIA*

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Aaron is working as the Operational Director for the student ministry of Agape(Campus Crusade in Western Europe). He also works part time with the local campus ministry in Riga, Latvia. Aaron helps provide leadership to 17 countries and works on expanding their ministry to 5 other countries where they have no ministry. First Presbyterian has supported Aaron and Deb since 1996.

**Gospel for Asia:**

2.7 Billion people on earth today have never heard the name of Jesus Christ, living enslaved to idols that have no power to give them peace. 97% of the unreached live in the 10/40 window of South Asia. Why reach out? Because God reached out to us. As a family of believers we are called to participate in God's work of redemption. Jesus commands His followers to make disciples of all nations.

Thousands of national missionaries are committed to reaching their own people, no matter the cost. They have an enormous advantage over their coworkers from North America and other non-Asian lands. In the eyes of the people, national missionaries do not represent a foreign country or a strange religion. They already know the language and live in the communities they serve.