

## Passion/Palm Sunday

8:50 a.m. April 9, 2017

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 Labenske

*"Wesley Medley"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ~Jan Richardson

Leader: This blessing can be heard coming from a long way off.

**People: This blessing is making its steady way up the road.**

Leader: This blessing blooms in the throats of women, springs from the hearts of men, tumbles from the mouths of children.

**People: This blessing is stitched into the seams of the cloaks that line the road, the branches that trace the path, the click of the donkey's hoof against the stones.**

Leader: Something is rising beneath this blessing. Something will try to drown it out.

**People: But this blessing cannot be turned back, cannot be silenced, cannot cease to sing its praise of the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

\* HYMN 88

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

\* OPENING PRAYER ~written by Joanna Harader

**God of the cross, parading down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey, You are not the savior we expected. Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to have. Your wisdom makes no sense to us.**

**We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,**

**but not so sure we want to follow you through this Holy Week: into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane, to the high priest's assembly, to Pilate, to Golgatha, to the foot of the cross.**

**We need you to go with us on this journey. Grant us clear vision, Courageous hearts, Persistent steps. Even though we know what this week will bring, we sing: Hosanna, hosanna. Save us, we pray. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Bolluyt

HYMN 322 (3x)  
*"Spirit of the Living God"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
PRAYER RESPONSE 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir  
*"2-fold Amen"*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-11  
(Page 823 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir w/ Sunday School Children  
*"Palm Sunday Hosanna"*

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27-30/  
Matthew 16:21-23/Matthew 26:31-35/Luke 22:54-62  
(Page 820, 798, 808, 857 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Clint Loveall  
Failings of the Faithful: Peter

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~Kenneth I. Morse

**He was the Son of God. He was the Son of Man. He came down from heaven. He was born in a stable. Kings came to his cradle. His first home was a cave. He was born to be a king. He was a child of Mary. He was the greatest among rulers. He was the least among servants. He was loved and honored. He was despised and rejected. He was gentle and loving. He made many enemies.**

**He counseled perfection. He was a friend of sinners.  
He was a joyful companion. He was a man of sorrows.  
He said, "Rejoice." He said, "Repent."  
In him was life. He died on a cross.  
He lived back then. He lives today.  
He was Jesus of Nazareth. He is Christ the Lord.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

MINUTE FOR MISSION Lakeshore Center

OFFERING

Offertory 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir  
*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

- \* Doxology 592
- \* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN 89

\* BENEDICTION ~~~Back cover of hymnal  
*"Go Now In Peace"*

POSTLUDE Bober  
*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

\* **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 and Michael Gewecke, Pastors; Youth, Liturgist; Rachelle Gewecke, Pianist; Carol Ayres Stueven, Chancel Choir Director; Barb Mendenhall, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir Director; Ushers are Roger & Karen Lahm, Kelly Swancutt & Ruth Ann Kelly; Greeters are Phyllis Walburg & Bernice Steele; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Keith Brockmeyer, Video; Amy Profit is in charge of the Nursery; Ray Miller & Carol Armstrong prepared our coffee.

**Congratulations to Joe & Sarah Kennedy** as they present their son, Judd Ryan Kennedy, for baptism this morning.

**Members of our** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir are CJ Craft, Chase Clipperton, Nick Lammers, Elsie Parriott, Clair Tillotson, Josie Tvedte & Molly VanDyke.



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## Thank You

Thank you so much for all your care and concern during my recent illness. We so much appreciate prayers, cards, visits and food. What a great and caring congregation this is.

Ray & Marilyn Miller

## Lent Preaching Series: Failings of the Faithful

▷ April 9—Peter    ▷ April 13—Judas

▷ April 14—Elijah    ▷ April 16—Jesus

The Sunday Sermons will be followed each Wednesday Night at Recharge with a class taught by Pastor Clint.

## Lenten Bible Study

This year on the Sundays in Lent we will be looking at some of the most significant barriers to faithful discipleship we encounter as American Christians, and looking for guidance in the Parables of Jesus. Each week will highlight a particular struggle and one of Jesus' stories that addresses it. We hope you can join us for great meals, warm fellowship, and thoughtful discussions each Sunday afternoon.

April 9 – Blessedly Broken – why is it so hard to admit we need help? – The Parable of the Foolish Builder

**\*Dinner ~ 4:30pm \* Bible Study ~ 5:15-6:00pm**

### Adult Education

Sundays – 10:30am

*Autobiographies of Grace* – Alan Bush

*Lead for God's Sake* – Josh Bolluyt



**Wed. April 12th**

**Meal:** Mexi Casserole

**Meal Crew:** Wayne Johnson

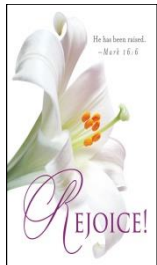
**Meal Crew Helpers Needed!**

Please contact the church office or sign up in the narthex if you can help serve meals anytime in the next four weeks so that we can be sure to count on your help. Thank you in advance!

**Craft item needed:** empty wrapping paper tubes!

### Easter Lilies

Again this year, our lilies will have even more meaning. We have decided to add to the cost of each lily and use these proceeds to benefit our Youth Mission Trip to NYC. So while we celebrate the resurrection, we will also be ministering to our High School kids. The lily alone will be \$11.00, but if you choose to help the kids go to NYC it will be \$15.00. Please call Cheri at the church office at 336-1649 to place your order, and please let us know if this is in memory of, or honoring someone.



### New Member Recognition

We will be recognizing all "New Members" on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in becoming a new member but haven't filled out the paperwork yet, please stop by the office and pick up a Personal Information Sheet at your earliest convenience.

## Act II

All High School students are encouraged to join Pastor Michael for a bible study and small group at 11:20am-11:45am on Thursday mornings during the high school lunch hour in the conference room within the school office. You are invited! Come ready to dig into the scriptures with us as we seek to grow in our faith and become more faithful followers of Jesus Christ. See you soon!

## Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

The congregations of our county take turns supporting the Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry. Long ago it was decided by the churches that the county would be best served by having this pantry. Our congregation has the opportunity to provide to the pantry for the months of April and October. Please consider donating your items during the month of April. Items may be placed in the wagon in the Narthex. Monetary gifts are welcome as well.

## Congregational Life Event at Apex Shooting Range

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to Apex Range in Fostoria. We have made arrangements with Apex to hold a private event for First Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 23rd at 6pm. There will be a potluck supper along with instruction and shooting range time. Apex will provide everything we need except the food. Their instructors will give us safety and handling instructions while we eat and help us on the range. They have offered us a reduced price. Cost will be \$15 per person plus ammo and targets. Ammo is \$7-\$20 for 50 rounds depending on caliber and targets are \$1 each. Children 14 -18 can participate with a parent present. If you wish to just eat and watch, you are welcome to join us at no cost. (Just bring a dish for the potluck). Contact Tony Jennings at [tonyjill.jennings@gmail.com](mailto:tonyjill.jennings@gmail.com) with questions. Sign up in the office or on the church website under the events/news tab.

## Spirit Lake Music Boosters Annual Omelet Brunch

Sunday, April 9, 9am-1pm

High School Multipurpose Room

Cost: \$8.00

Includes a made to order omelet, cinnamon roll and drink. Proceeds help music students earn money for musical education opportunities.

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**Rides to and from church for this week is** Jay Anderson ~ 339-5878, next week is Sharon Ringsdorf ~ 330-2540.

**Hospital Deacon:** Jay Anderson

**Week of April 16th**

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

**Liturgist:** Owen Primavera

**Ushers:** Roger & Karen Lahm, Kelly Swancutt & Ruth Ann Kelly

**Greeters:** Phyllis Walburg & Bernice Steele

**Video:** Owen Primavera

**Nursery:** Laurie Steinkuehler &

Emma Jenness

**Coffee:** Steve & Jan Richards

**Reforming (2<sup>nd</sup>) Service**

**Nursery:** Teresa Beck

**Greeter:** Charlotte Baldwin

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## **Upcoming Events**

### Sunday, April 9

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel  
8:50am-Reformed Service  
10am-Coffee and fellowship  
10:15am-Sunday School  
10:15am-Confirmation  
10:30am-Adult Ed  
11:15am-Reforming Service  
4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study

### Monday, April 10

9am-PW Sewing  
6:30pm-Deacons Meeting

### Tuesday, April 11

9am-Weekly Prayer  
1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 12

5:30pm-Recharge  
7pm-HS Youth Group  
7pm-Adult Handbell practice  
7:15pm-2<sup>nd</sup> Service Rehearsal  
8pm-Chancel Choir practice

### Thursday, April 13

9am-Men's Bible Study  
7pm-Maundy Thursday Service

### Friday, April 14

7pm-Good Friday Service

### Sunday, April 16

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel  
8:50am-Reformed Service  
10am-Coffee and fellowship  
No Sunday School  
No Confirmation  
10:30am-Adult Ed  
11:15am-Reforming Service



### **Attention Ladies:**

Mark your calendars for the  
**Annual Presbyterian Ladies Salad Supper**

April 20, 2017, 6:00 PM

### **Lakeshore Center of Okoboji**

You are invited to attend an evening of fellowship, worship and good food hosted by the Mary/Martha Circle. Everyone is encouraged to bring friends. A sign up sheet is located on the easel in the narthex. Those wishing to carpool will meet at 5:30pm at the church.

Our speaker this year is Cliff Hinderman, who is involved with Oaxaca Street Children. Cliff will share his experiences and you will be blessed with Cliff's message.

On the sign up sheets for this event there is a place to indicate what type of salad you are providing, if you are planning to bring a friend, and if you would like to carpool from the church. Please sign up by Tuesday, April 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Ditsworth at 330-9735 or Charlene Radcliffe at 330-6668.



Cliff Hinderman



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

*Brent & Sandy Kasson*  
657 Sunshine Run, Arnolds Park  
*Phyllis Walburg*  
15614 Furman Rd., Spirit Lake

**Please pray for our members and friends** of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Jody Ferguson, Judy Arens, Mary Smith, Jose Reedy, Jamie Nebelsick, Barb Hanisch, Jay Anderson, Barb Rohlf, Pat Dalton, Donna VanHolland, Tom Gruber, Lori Johnson, Mitchell Elmquist, Talia Patton, Pat Kelly, Aliyah Brittain, Tammy (Bartels) Martin, Judy Stueven, Bennett Stecker, Kenny Beck, Eric Avery, Mike Wiley, Marj Roseberry, Lee Struthers, Gene Wells, Amy Tanner, Katy Kline, Cheri Gibler, Karl Kielsholm, Mandi Rodger, Finley Brunsvold, Craig Cobb, Paul Kamermeier, Darla Ubben, Sheila Middleton, Kathy Huitink, Denice (Wiersma), Walt Main, Hilary Vicker, Bart Duncan, 9000 US Hwy 89, Lot 24, Flagstaff, AZ 86004, Linda Breuker, Don Monson, Laurie Phillips, Cindy Phillips, John Mayne, Jennifer Ryker, Travis Sweissburger

**Please pray for our members and friends** who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1<sup>st</sup> LT **Whitney Lewis**, 7017 Arnold Ave., Unit A, JBER, AK 99506; SSG **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040; **Billy Joe Travis**, 8583 Aero Drive, Apt 2043, San Diego, CA 92123; PFC; **Colton Petersen**, 2d LT **James Fliss**, 821 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Unit 8100, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311, **CPL Kenten Murray**, MSG Detachment, Unit 6010, Box 10, DPO AB 09825-6010

### **Missionaries**

*Phil and Ashley Karlberg*  
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Phil and Ashley Karlberg are campus evangelists with Campus Ministries of Grace Christian Church. Grace Christian Church's mission is to reach the Colorado State University students with the Gospel and disciple them according to the word of God. The staff of campus evangelist focus on sharing the Gospel with the students on campus by approaching them with the Gospel, meeting with them in weekly Bible studies and bringing them to church. Ashley is the granddaughter of Jeanette Brockman. First Presbyterian has supported Phil and Ashley since 2013.

*Bruce & Kari Nelson*  
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Bruce is a Ministry Partner Development Coach/Trainer/Shepherd with Campus Crusade. He serves as a coach/shepherd to new and senior staff who serve internationally in 193 countries. He also debriefs their American Staff members who return to the States for furlough and works with them in further training and development as leaders. Bruce and Kari have 2 children. First Presbyterian Church has supported Bruce and Kari since 1990.

The idea of the **Spencer Dream Center** was conceived and patterned after the Dream Center in Los Angeles, California. The concept is to provide services to those in need throughout the region at one location. The Dream Center opened in 2011 after a two year miraculous renovation of the former Tangny Hotel, which was offered to the Day Spring Assembly of God Church as a place to house the Center. Ministries included are a food pantry, clothing distribution, prom and wedding dress loans, free medical and dental services, teen youth center, after school tutoring program and a coffee shop.