

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

8:50 a.m. September 9, 2018

*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 Nystrom  
*"As the Deer"*

## CALL TO WORSHIP ~written by Bruce Prewer

Leader: We come here today not because we are clever,  
**People: but because God welcomes the slow learners.**

Leader: We come here not because we are wise,  
**People: but because God loves us in spite of our foolishness.**

Leader: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the deepest truth will come from those who seek Christ.

**People: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

## \* HYMN 411

*"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"*

## \* OPENING PRAYER ~Mary Scifres

**Loving, living God, be among us now.  
Show us your ways. Guide our steps.  
Live in us, that we may be people of  
steadfast hope and deep joy.  
Help us hear your words,  
challenging us to give our whole selves  
to you that we might become whole.  
Help us remember  
that all we are and all we have**

**are gifts from you,  
gifts to be shared in service and love.  
Holy One among us,  
help us be a holy people  
who receive your word with gratitude  
and live your message with love. Amen.**

## \* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Bolluyt

HYMN 363  
*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
(Page 529-530 in the Pew Bibles)

SPECIAL MUSIC Liz Steiner

SCRIPTURE READING James 2:1-9, 15-16  
(Page 978 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Clint Loveall  
The least of our brothers and sisters...  
are still family

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~Creed of the United Church of Canada  
**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus to reconcile and to make all things new. We trust in God, who calls us to be the church; to celebrate his presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and to resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

OFFERING

Offertory

Parker

*"The Abundant Life"*

\* Doxology 592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN 419

*"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"*

\* BENEDICTION

Back cover of Hymnal

*"Go Now In Peace"*

POSTLUDE

Peterson

*"Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"*

\* **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; Doug Stueven, Liturgist; Charlene Radcliffe, Organist; Ushers are Randy & Vonda Buchman and Jack & Sherryl Jones; Greeters are Todd, June, Caleb & Addison Howatt; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers & Pat Butler Sound; Wes Farmer, Video; Angie Peterson, Nursery; Ron Jenkins, Jim & Mary Quitno prepared and served our coffee.



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## Thank You

Thank you to all of you who have reached out over the past two years since Ida's accident. We have both enjoyed reconnecting with friends and neighbors.

Ida moved to the memory unit at Keelson Harbour at the end of May. She will be moving to BeeHive Homes in Minnesota in September.

You are welcome to visit her over the next week or two before her move. Ida's new address will be 6330 Hazeltine Boulevard, Excelsior, MN 55331

I will make frequent trips to the twin cities to spend time with Ida, our kids and grandkids. I also look forward to enjoying more time with friends and participating in local activities here.

We are grateful that this church community has been part of our journey. Your prayers and support have meant a lot to us.

Joe and Ida Estes

## High School Fifth-Quarter Lock-In

All high school students are invited to join us following the football game on September 14th for a fifth-quarter overnight lock-in at the church. We will have a great night full of snacks, fun, and games. We will start with large group night games around 9:30pm and also have time later in the evening for Fortnite and other small group games until dismissal at 7:00am. There is no cost but if you intend to join us for the lock-in please notify Pastor Michael by Wednesday, September 12th!

## Football Breakfasts

Again this year, First Presbyterian Church will be hosting breakfast and team devotionals on varsity game days. This has been a great experience for us and we are thankful for the opportunity to welcome the team. The numbers have grown steadily and we are regularly serving well over 70 young men at each meal. In order to keep up with the demand, we need your help. This can involve donating food, cooking, serving, or coordinating volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of a breakfast team, call 336-1649, check the sign-up sheet in the narthex or sign up on our website at [www.fpcspiritlake.org/football](http://www.fpcspiritlake.org/football)

## Teacher Orientation

All teachers (Recharge and Sunday School) are invited to a short informational meeting on Wednesday, September 12th at 5:30pm in the Fireside room to learn more about classroom policies, curriculum, and changes in this year's programming. Thank you for your willingness to teach the young disciples in our congregation! We are blessed and excited to start the new year with you.

## 8th Grade Confirmation Kickoff

Parents and 8th grade students are invited to join Pastor Michael for a Confirmation orientation following the Sunday School "continental breakfast potluck" on September 16th in the Confirmation room (next to the youth room) starting at 10:45am. Join us as we explore the Confirmation calendar, talk about the meaning of Confirmation, expectations for students and their families, and to officially register your student in the program.

## Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast Potluck

Everyone in our congregation is invited to join us at 10:00am on Sunday, September 16th for our annual Sunday School kickoff and a "continental breakfast potluck." Whether you attend the first or second service, we are asking church members to bring your favorite cold finger food breakfast items to share (muffins, scones, bagels, fruit, donuts, cinnamon rolls, etc) and we will combine our breakfast favorites for a new twist of an old fashioned church potluck!

Please join us for a scrumptious breakfast, a great time of fellowship, and an opportunity to hear about the many opportunities available for you to plug into the life of our congregation in the coming year. We will share about our upcoming Recharge and Sunday School adult classes and Bible studies, the different programs available for our students, as well as learn of the variety of ministry groups that serve within the congregation.

## Sunday Morning Adult Ed

*Beginning Sunday, September 23rd*

### ***The Book of Genesis***

A look at where it all began. Join us as we begin working our way through the first, and perhaps most significant, book in the Old Testament. We will journey together through Genesis exploring what it says about God, Nature, people, and our world and we will examine the key players in the earliest history of people interacting with God. Bring your Bible and your questions as we discover what Scripture does and doesn't teach about our origins and our existence.

## Soup & Pie Supper Meeting

The Soup Supper Committee welcomes any and all input for our upcoming Soup & Pie Supper. If you have...

- Ideas to share
- Like to brainstorm
- Like to plan

...please join us on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the church at 11am. Lunch is provided. Please notify the office if you are staying for lunch, so we know how many to plan for.



## Thank You Adopt-a-Highway Clean-Up Crews

Thank you to all FPC members and friends for helping with our Adopt-a-Highway roadside clean-up this summer. A great time was had by all, and the social event after was a huge success and a great way to get to know other church members and friends. A special thank you to Wayne Johnson for pursuing this community service project for our church, the highway to clean, and arranging the vests and the garbage bags for us.

# RECHARGE

Recharge is a multi-generational gathering of families, youth, and adults. All church members and guests are invited to participate in the weekly evening of rejuvenation, including a family style meal, educational programming, and fellowship. This year's kickoff begins on Wednesday, September 19th with dinner at 5:30pm. A schedule of activities and semester pricing are both listed below. We look forward to seeing you and your family!

## Recharge Schedule of Activities

**5:30-6:10pm**—Fellowship Dinner in Fellowship Hall.  
Open Gym for 3rd-6th Grades.

**6:10pm**—Adult Education/Small Groups Begin

**6:10-6:20pm**—PreK-8th Prayer & Devotions in the Sanctuary

**6:20pm-7:00pm**—Youth Classes

**6:30pm-6:45pm**—Meal available for High School Students

**7:00pm**—Dismissal

**6:45pm-8:00pm**—Connect Youth Group

## ReCharge Adult Education

**Women's Bible Study** ~ *Rachelle Gewecke*

All women are invited to join the women's Bible study for small group prayer, fellowship, and a unique discussion of well-known prayers found in the Bible.

**Walk As Jesus Walked** ~

Join us for a video series taught by Ray Vander Laan that comes from the very heart of the Holy Land. We will explore what it means to be committed to the Christian community and how we can live our lives passionately to walk like Jesus. Each class includes a video lesson along with class discussion.

**Major Religions** ~ *Pastor Clint*

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we take a look at the origins and truth claims of the world's major religions. Each week we will focus on a particular idea and engage various religions' position on that theme. We will compare and contrast the major religious thoughts of the modern world and put them in conversation with Christianity. No particular background is needed and we will keep the themes very broad and as simple as possible. Stop by to discuss together what our global neighbors believe and how it differs from our own faith.

## Recharge Family Meal Pricing

One Meal Per Person.....\$3	Family of 3.....\$70
Individual Adult for Semester.....\$30	Family of 4.....\$90
Family of 2.....\$50	Family of 5+.....\$100

Rides to and from church for this week is Jen Watts ~ 330-7030, next week is Gloria Ditsworth ~ 330-9735.

**Hospital Deacon:** Jen Watts

**Week of September 16**

**Reformed Worship Service**

**Liturgist:** Ray Miller

**Ushers:** R/V Buchman & J/S Jones

**Greeters:** Todd, June, Caleb & Addison Howatt

**Nursery:** Amy Profit

**Video:** Dan Vicker

**Sound:** J Jenkins, M Reekers & P Butler

**Coffee:** Ron Jenkins, Edna VanderWolde & Jan Bowles

**Reforming Worship Service**

**Praise Team:** Liz Steiner, Kaitlyn Nelson, Dave Graanstra, Rachelle Gewecke, Dave Boon, Gary Lambert

**Greeter/Usher:** Stecker family

**Nursery:** Kari Bruinsma

**Sound/Power Point:** Chris & Logan Sill

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 9

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed Worship Service

10am-Coffee & fellowship

11:15am-Reforming Worship Service

2:45pm-Worship Service at WEL-Life

Monday, September 10

9am-PW Sewing

11am-PW Soup Supper Planning Meeting

6:30pm-Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, September 11

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 12

1pm- Weekly Prayer

5:30pm-Teacher Orientation/Welcom

7pm-Handbell Practice

Thursday, September 13

9am-Men's Bible Study

Friday, September 14

9:30pm-9th-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Fifth Quarter Lock-In

Sunday, September 16

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed Worship Service

10am-Coffee and fellowship

10:15am-Sunday School Kickoff

10:45am-Confirmation Parent Meeting

11:15am-Reforming Worship Service

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

*Luke, Megan, Cole & Etta Donnenwerth  
842 29<sup>th</sup> St., Spirit Lake*

*Mindi Rees & Malori  
500 23<sup>rd</sup> St., 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, Barb Hanisch, Pat Dalton, Lori Johnson, Pat Kelly, Mike Wiley, Marj Roseberry, Kathy Huitink, Denice (Wiersma), Bart Duncan, Laurie Phillips, Nan Woods, Ivan Kleeve, Travis Sweissburger, Steve Kwikkel, Rod Johnson, Laura Fagen's Mom, Pat, Tomy Norman, Margaret Plunkett, Heath Huberg, Reba Williams, Kevin Grem's mother, Vicki, John Knabe's nephew, Dietrich, Kathy Nygaard, Wilma Clauson, Steve Thompson, Blake Smith, Bob Huls, Mandi Rodger, Sheila Robinson, Larry Gearke, Jim Watts, Sr., John Heim, Jan Richards, Macy Jennings, Elaine DenHerder, Paul Ostendorf, Jennie Heathcote, Syl Rost, Jim Gayle, Derrick Drinovsky, Keith Byers, Marlene Noll, Melody Peyton, Dave Fagen, Peter Knabe, Brenda Wilson, JD Jenkins, Kristen Martin, Cassandra Canaban, Wes Radcliffe, Sharon Caskey, Brent Kasson, Sharon Ringsdorf, Mark Voss, Marty Jenkins, Kieth Tadlock, Jo Megill, Wilma Kruse, Eldon Haas, Patti Meyer

**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; SFC **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040; 1<sup>st</sup> Class PO **Billy Joe Travis**, 8583 Aero Drive, Apt 2043, San Diego, CA 92123; PFC; **Colton Petersen**, 1<sup>st</sup> LT **James Fliss**, 121 Fallin Blvd., Goldsboro, NC 27534, CPL **Kenten Murray**, MSG Detachment, Unit 6010, Box 10, DPO AB 09825-6010

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Bob is the Director of Global Operations Leadership Development for Campus Crusade for Christ Ministry. His mission is to develop the next Generation of Leaders for Cru. Bob is currently involved with 3 different Leadership Development initiatives in Cru – one for emerging leaders in the U.S., one for 16 of our Current U.S. National Directors and one for our Global Operations Leaders. His main focus for all 3 of these groups is the recruitment of outstanding Christian Business Leaders who coach our Cru Leaders every other week via Skype Video. Bob and Sherry have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. Sherry is from Arnolds Park. First Presbyterian Church has supported Bob and Sherry since 1974.

## Missionaries

*Saki Raphael Legle*

*Lome, Togo, Francophone*

Saki is the Area Cru's global ministry Africa is made up of the Africa. Francophone is one ministries in emerging Africa alone.



*Africa 01 BP 1227 Lom'e, Togo, Africa*

Operations Director for the Francophone Africa area of (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ). Francophone sixteen French speaking countries in West Central of thirteen Cru areas encompassing developing nations around the world. There are four global areas in

As Operations Director, Saki oversees the operation of staff in these sixteen countries. These countries are vastly different in ministry development and therefore require a great variety as Saki strives to implement standard systems for all of the ministry staff to follow. Eight of the countries have Country Operations Leaders but Saki has to lead the remaining eight himself. Developing ministry in these countries is a big challenge for Saki as his leadership in operations affects over 330 Cru staff.

In addition to his work with Cru, Saki is also involved in preaching in several churches in and around Togo. He has planted churches and in the process has personally led many people to Christ.

Saki has known Dave Butterworth since 2011. They have been in a coaching relationship for the past two years and have just extended that relationship for another two years. They are great friends from opposite sides of the world.

First Presbyterian Church began supporting Saki's ministry in June of 2018.