

3rd Sunday in Lent

8:50 a.m.

March 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

Sanborn

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP —Based on Psalm 95

Leader: We enter into God's holy presence.

People: Come, let us worship. Let us bow before the Lord, our God.

Leader: It is fitting that we come with thanksgiving.

People: God deserves our songs of praise.

Leader: We are called and chosen, fed and nurtured as the sheep of his flock.

People: Let us listen today for the voice of our Shepherd.

Leader: Let us come with open ears and hearts.

People: Let us worship the Lord, our God!

* HYMN 84

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

* OPENING PRAYER

God, as we move through this season of Lent, break us from any sense of complacency. Take away the familiar and let us see with new eyes the story of our redemption. As we enter the story of Jesus' cross, may it be as real to us as the first time we heard it. Break our hearts as we examine our sinfulness and restore them as we embrace your forgiveness. Thank you for this journey, and thank you most that we do not take it alone. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Bolluyt

SONG

PreK – 6th Grade Chorus

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:7-10

(Page 1155 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

PreK – 6th Grade Chorus

"Big House & Lord's Army"

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:25-27

(Page 1073 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Clint Loveall

New connections at the cross

* APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of the saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

Offertory

Hayes

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 356

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE

Sanborn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

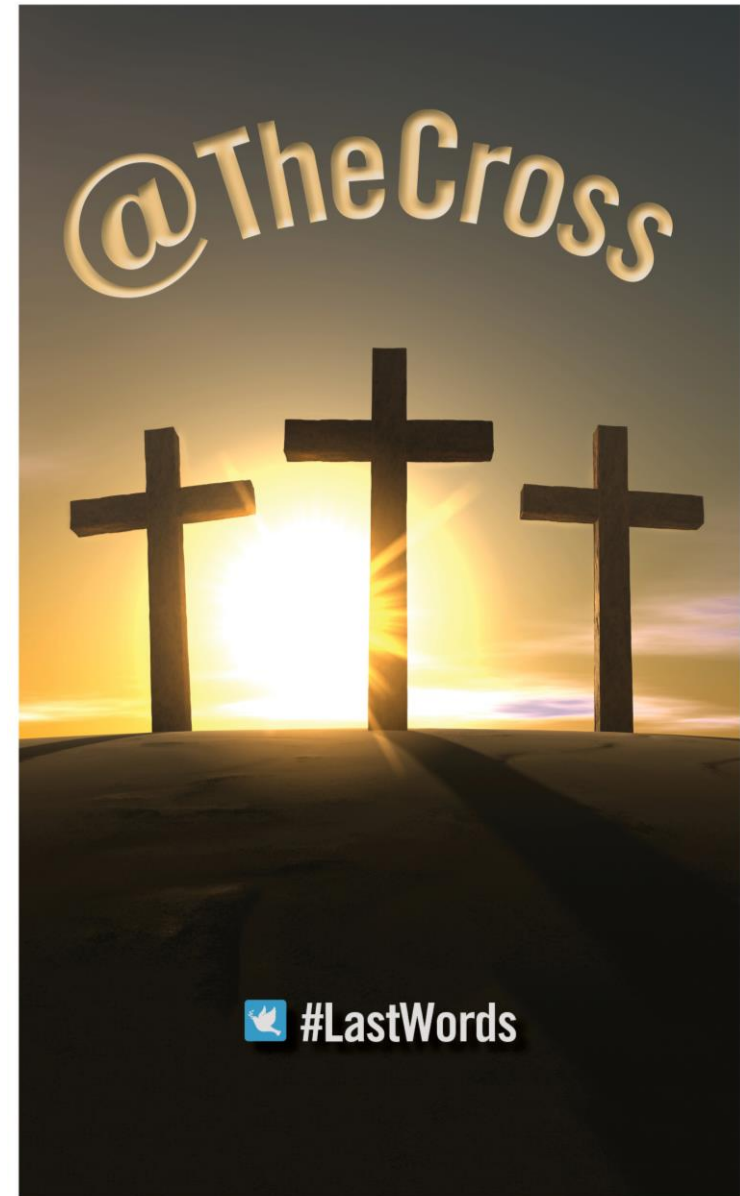
* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

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; Hannah Brumley, Liturgist; Rachelle Gewecke, Pianist; Ushers are Lisa Richter & family, Gene Ringsdorf & Kelly Swancutt; Greeters are Jack & Nadine Hough; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Milt Nolting, Video; Emma Dau & Sarah Kennedy are in charge of the Nursery; Tom & Deb Ditsworth prepared our coffee. **For the Reforming service** Ruth Ann Kelly, Greeter; Emily Andersen, Barb Mendenhall & Ron Williams, Singers; Lindsay VanderWolde, Nursery; Chris Sill, Sound; Logan Sill, Powerpoint.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Doug & Barb Johnson on the passing of Doug's mom, Dolores, this past week.



First Presbyterian Church
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www.fpcspiritlake.org

Sunday School Classes

10:15am

- **New Member Class** ~Clint Loveall
- **Book Study Running with Horses by Eugene Peterson** ~
John & Cindy Knabe

Easter Lilies

Again this year, the lilies will have even more meaning. The cost of a lily alone is \$10.25, or if you choose to help benefit the Spirit Lake Backpack Program, the cost will be \$15.00. So while we celebrate resurrection, we will also be ministering to those in need. 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. Thank you.

Lent Preaching Series

@The Cross #LastwordsofJesus

This Lent we will explore the seven things Jesus said from the cross. Each week we will look at one of the "last words" and try to hear Jesus' voice again in a new way. We hope you can make it for worship this Lenten season.

- 3/8 – Here is your son, Here is your mother
- 3/15 – Forgive them, they know not what they do
- 3/22 – My God, My God, why have you forsaken me
- 3/29 – Today you will be with me in paradise
- 4/1 – It is finished

WNF Youth Meal Partners

The CE committee would like you to consider volunteering to sit with students who are dining during WNF without their families. Recently we have seen a number of students who have been eating together without any adults with them and we would like to create opportunities for them to build relationships with adults in our congregation, demonstrate that we care about them, and show them that they are an important part of our church family. We are simply asking for three individuals or couples to volunteer to be meal partners for one month and commit to seek out tables of youth that don't have other adults present. If you are interested in volunteering for March or April please contact Cheri in the church office. ***If you can't volunteer for a month, we would like everyone to consider intentionally sitting with students, introducing yourself, and showing them that we are glad they are joining us as we grow in faith together.***

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. This week our snacks were provided by ??? ,next week will be Larry, Amy, Katherine, Hayden & Laurel Webber.

Lenten Bible Study

Easter Deconstructed

We often think of Lent as the story of what leads up to Jesus' resurrection, but what about what has happened since. Our Lenten study this year will take a look at some of the major themes of the faith through the lens of church history. We will gather each week for a soup supper and fellowship, and then have a chance to think together about a particular theme that has been an important aspect of the Christian faith. Childcare will be provided and there is no cost, so please join us as we explore our beliefs and prepare for Easter together.

Lent is now through March 29, with a soup supper at 4:30pm and a Bible Study from 5:00-6:00pm.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery, please notify us with the number of children. There is a sign-up sheet for food in the Narthex. Each week we need three people to bring soup, one person to bring bread, one person to bring a veggie tray and two people to bring desserts. We hope to see you there.

- 3/8 - It's hard to be Holy – The Christian quest for Piety
- 3/15 – The B-I-B-L-E – Christians and the Good Book
- 3/22 – Joyful Noise? – Christian and the worship wars
- 3/29 – Whom shall I send? – Christian Missions

Attention all Women

Please plan to attend Presbyterian Women Projects Day on Thursday, March 19th from 9:30-noon in the Fellowship Hall. Morning coffee & treats will be provided. This is a fun morning to work on various projects with some great fellowship. If you haven't attended before, we would love to have you join us.

Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast

You are invited to join in celebrating the 71st Anniversary of Boy Scout

Troop #168's Annual Pancake Breakfast. This will be held on Saturday, March 21st from 7:00am to 12:30pm at the VFW Memorial Hall in Spirit Lake. Tickets are \$7.00 and available at the door or from a member of Troop 168. Proceeds go to the Summer Camping Program.

Rides to and from church for this week is Sharma Brockmeyer ~ 330-4423, next week will be Kelly McKeever ~ (712)209-0303.

Hospital Deacon: Sharma Brockmeyer

Week of March 15

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist:

Video: Wes Farmer

Nursery: Emily Butterworth &
Peg VanBeek

Coffee: Jim & Mary Quitno

Reforming (2nd) Service

Singers: Kari Bruinsma, Barb Mendenhall & Ron Williams

Nursery: Dana Bolluyt

Sound: Blake Tillotson

Powerpoint: Tillotson family

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Meal: Hamburgers

Meal Crew: Doug & Barb Johnson, Jack & Sherryl Jones, Donna Rieck, John Calsbeek

- 1) Wednesday Night Fellowship is for everyone, not just kids or families. Everyone is welcome.
- 2) Nursery will be provided as well as a Pre-K/T-K class.
- 3) **Dinner Time Change:** This year dinner will be served from **5:30pm to 6:00pm** so you can eat whenever you arrive.
- 4) Register Online at <http://fpcspiritlake.org/wnf>.

Schedule

- 5:30pm – Dinner begins and will be served until 6:00 (eat as you arrive)
- 6:00pm – Children and adult programming begins
- 6:45pm – Sr. High meal for those who come later
- 7:00pm – Dismissal
- 7:15pm – Sr. High Fellowship begins

Join a Meal Team

To sign up to serve with a group, please contact Cheri in the church office.

Adult Ed Classes

Caring for Elderly Loved Ones

~ Various Speakers

Parenting Adolescents ~ Clint Loveall

Second semester dues are due!!

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

Upcoming Events

March 27-28 ~ "Be Still" Sabbath Retreat

March 29 ~ Palm Sunday Movie Night

Check out the website for registration details at www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 8

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

10:10am-Sunday School

10:15am-Adult Ed Classes

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study

Monday, March 9

9:00am-PW Sewing

6:30pm-Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 11

5:30pm-WNF

7:00pm-Handbell practice

7:15pm-High School

8:00pm-Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, March 12

8:00am-Foster Care Review Bd

9:00am-Men's Bible Study

9:30am-Mary Circle

6:30pm-Martha Circle

7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal

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

Josh, Dana, Lucas & Leah Bolluyt
610 38th St., Spirit Lake

Steve & Karrey Lindeberg
15516 Harbor Dr., 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, Dick Morris, Judy Arens, Jose Reedy, Jacob Connell, Mary Smith, Anita Stockdale, Ardyce Rush, Marian Tadlock, Jamie Nebelsick, Jim Hauck, Barb Hanisch, Amy Webber, Jack & Peg Luhning, Jodie Dennis, Miles Butterworth, Jay Anderson, Bill Estes, Kay Monson, Brock Tuntland, Lois Roghair, Marv & Barb Rohlf, Kathy Huitink, Mitch Peterson, Deb Petersen, Sharon Caskey, Paul & Sheri Donnenwerth, Pat Dalton, Brian Jones, Donna VanHolland, Roberta Schulte, Gene Kuehn, Dave Bartels, Kathy Hoppe, Connie Hoppe, Larry Smith, Marge Schneidawind, Ron Jenkins, Esther Haburn, Jen Watts, Tom Gruber, Bernice Steele, Marj Struthers

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**, 73 Funk St., Ft. Leonardwood, MO 65473, **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

Cherish Center
PO Box 1003, Okoboji, IA 51355

www.cherishcenter.org

Cherish Center using Biblical principles, helps teenage girls and young women facing an unplanned pregnancy and other life-controlling problems who are serious about changing their lives by creating a Christ-centered home environment. This is an interdenominational, local mission and a non-profit corporation. Cherish Center operates Cherish House, the home for young women in Spirit Lake, IA. They also operate Thee Garage Sale, a store selling used items to help fund their other programs such as "Cherished Women/Cherished Kids," and "No Apologies" a special event for teens stressing the truth about sex, love, and life with 1300 youth recently attending.

Follow Hard Ministries
PO Box 342, Waverly, IA 50677

As a music and teaching ministry, Follow Hard Ministries is committed to using God's word to disciple and mentor women and children. It encourages

people to live for the purpose they were created for- to bring glory to God. With a small staff, the ministry provides seminars, retreats, conducts Vacation Bible School leadership, participates in Women's conferences, and writes curriculum information throughout Iowa and the Midwest. They also provide teaching and evangelism training, often with the aid of music.

Over the past 20+ years, the staff has traveled extensively to equip and encourage people to embrace Christ and follow hard after him.