

4th Sunday After Epiphany

8:50 a.m. January 29, 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

"In Times Like These"

Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Word has come for us from God:

People: He promises shelter under the wings of hope and grace.

Leader: The Word has come to us from Jesus:

People: Who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

Leader: The Word flows to us from the Spirit:

People: Who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

Leader: May our worship be filled with truth and love

People: And may God alone be praised.

* HYMN 466

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* OPENING PRAYER ~ written by Thom Shuman

Lord, when we fall into the traps of groundless fears, you deliver us. When worry threatens to overcome us, you protect us.

When our lives crumble, you answer our cries and give us hope. When we are tempted by wealth, you point us to those who have nothing.

When the world silences our faith, you give us the words to make the good confession. When we have lost our way and can no longer endure, you show us the path that leads us home. Amen

* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michael Gewecke

HYMN 315

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

(Page 436-437 in the Pew Bibles)

Psalms 15

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
"Rejoice and Be Glad (The Beatitudes)"

SCRIPTURE READING

(Page 785-786 in the Pew Bibles)

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Upside Down Blessings

Clint Loveall

* 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

"Morning"

Stickles

* Doxology 592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

"The Voice of Praise"

* **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; Eulyne Riemersma, Organist; Carol Ayres Stueven, Chancel Choir Director; Ushers are Edna VanderWolde, Jan Bowles, Leo Kofoot & Bob Peterson; Greeters are Jim & Jen Watts; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Keith Brockmeyer, Video; Heather Sprague & June Howatt are in charge of the Nursery; Dan & Peg VanBeek prepared our coffee.



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Adult Education
Sundays – 10:30am

Show Me God – Roger Lahm
Movies, Movies – Jan Bolluyt
New Member Class – Pastor Clint

Sunday School “Snack Providers and Servers”

A sign-up sheet and **PEANUT/NUT-FREE SNACK LIST** is 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 please) are needed for Sunday School. *If you leave the worship service during the last hymn, you have time to prepare your snacks for serving.* This week the Sunday School snacks were provided by Rhonda Reekers, next week is the Winkel family.



Wed, February 1st

Meal: Baked Potato Bar

Meal Crew: Jack & Sherryl Jones, Keith & Beryl Marra, Doug & Barb Johnson

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!

Receive the Weekly Sermon in Your Email

We are excited to announce that you can now subscribe to receive our newest sermons conveniently in your inbox. If you would like to receive the weekly sermon, you can subscribe on our homepage at fpcspiritlake.org.

Super Bowl Party

This year's Super Bowl party is being held in conjunction with the POET and youth ministry teams. All 7th-12th grade students and Presbyterian adults are invited to join us for our first ever inter-generational Super Bowl Party! Join us at the church at 5:00pm on Sunday February 5th for fun, games, food, and, of course, the Super Bowl! We will transform the Fellowship Hall into a large screen movie theater with couches and complete with your favorite game time snacks. Whether you are a sports fan or not, join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship! No RSVP is necessary, simply bring a dish to share. Let's "kickoff" a great time together!

Valentine's Dinner

You are invited to the annual Valentine's Dinner held at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake, IA on Saturday, February 11th at 5:30pm. The Valentine's Dinner is hosted by the youth and families of the First Presbyterian Churches in Spirit Lake and Lake Park as an opportunity to enjoy excellent food and fellowship and having the proceeds benefit their joint summer youth mission trip to NY City. Childcare is provided and tickets are \$15 per person or \$30 per couple. Tickets can be purchased in the church office at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake or can be reserved at 712-336-1649 from now until the event.

Cherish House Baby Bottle Campaign

First Presbyterian Church is participating in the Cherish House Baby Bottle Campaign again this year. Baby Bottles are located on the table in the narthex and are asked to be returned to the church by Sunday, February 26th. Please help change lives and strengthen families.

POET EVENT

South Dakota Symphony
Bolero
Saturday, Feb. 25th at 7:30
Washington Pavilion

We need 15 people to get a 10% discount. Regular tickets are \$50. Discounted - \$45. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and turn them in to the office. Please reserve your tickets by 11:30am on Feb 3rd so tickets can be ordered in afternoon. There will be a short meeting on Feb 18th between services, for those attending, to discuss travel, parking and eating out before the concert.

NO APOLOGIES has been rescheduled

to March 15, 2017

Rides to and from church for this week is Jay Anderson ~339-5878, next week is Marcia Eckerman ~ 336-5429.

Hospital Deacon: Jay Anderson

Week of February 5th

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: John Knabe

Ushers:

Greeters:

Video: Owen Primavera

Nursery: April Krull & Angie Peterson

Coffee: Keith & Beryl Marra

Reforming (2nd) Service Nursery: Kari Bruinsma

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 29

- 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
- 12:30pm-Act II

Monday, January 30

9am-PW Sewing

Tuesday, January 31

9am-Weekly Prayer

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 1

5:30pm-Recharge

7pm-HS Youth Group

7pm-Adult Handbell practice

7:15pm-2nd Service Rehearsal

8pm-Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, February 2

9am-Men's Bible Study

5pm-PW Coordinating Team Mtg

Friday, February 3

8:15am-WIC

Sunday, February 5

Boy Scout Sunday

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

12:30pm-Act II

2:45pm-Worship Service at Welcov

5pm-Super Bowl Party

More than a shelter...

Cherish House, with compassion as its cornerstone, is a group maternity home in the Iowa Great Lakes area for pregnant teens and young women who desire to make the most of their lives. Each girl will have the opportunity for personal growth through **life skills training in finance, nutrition, homemaking, parent training**; personal counseling and adoption assistance (when needed); spiritual support; learning to care for one another.

During her stay at **Cherish House**, the young lady will experience life within a structured, nurturing, and loving family setting. Our house parents will not only encourage her, but model healthy relationships. By the time the young mother leaves, she will have support mechanisms in place to help her live a responsible, fulfilling life...for herself...for her child....for her future children.

Parenting or placing for adoption? This decision is made by the young mother with the support of our caring staff. We are not an adoption agency but we will help her select one that will work for her. When needed, the young mother will have the option of staying at Cherish House for up to 3 months following the birth of her baby.

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for prosperity and not for calamity, plans for a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

You can help make a positive difference...

Volunteering Yes, I'm interested in serving as a volunteer.

Financial Support All funding comes through the generous gifts of individuals, churches, and organizations. Yes, I want to give a one-time gift in the amount of \$____. Yes, I will be a monthly supporter at \$____ per month.

Newsletter — Yes, I'd like to receive your quarterly newsletter.

Email — Yes, I would like email updates from the Cherish Center.

Name _____ Ph _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Please return Baby Bottle to the church By Feb.26th

Your coins can make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their children. The proceeds of this unique fundraiser will be used to help Cherish House.

Besides Cherish House, Cherish Center also offers:

* Parents Connect

A parenting class for young moms and dads. A family meal, connection time and parent training

* No Apologies for Teens

Event promoting God's plan for purity

* Father/Daughter Dance

Promoting the importance of Father/Daughter relationship

* Thee Garage Sale

A thrift store with household and baby items that raises funds for Cherish House

* Free Pregnancy Test


* **Professional Counseling** Available to individuals, couples, and children

Cherish Center, a regional, interdenominational, non-profit 501c3 corporation. Cherish House is located in the Iowa Great Lakes area. For more information, call or stop by the Cherish Center office at: 1004 22nd St. Milford, IA 51351.

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*Changing LIVES...
Strengthening FAMILIES*

- ♥ Maternity Home for Teens
- ♥ Parenting & Prenatal Education
- ♥ Mentor Moms



Mailing address:
Cherish Center
Box 1003
Okoboji, Iowa 51355

**Each week we remember
First Pres families in prayer,
this week please pray for**
Delores Jahn
16864 255th Ave., Spirit Lake

Ray & Diane Tucker
106 19th St., Spirit Lake

Please pray for our members and friends of this church family who are facing various health concerns: Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Ethan Burk, Jody Ferguson, Judy Arens, Mary Smith, Jamie Nebelsick, Jose Reedy, Barb Hanisch, Kay Monson, Jay Anderson, Marv & Barb Rohlf, Pat Dalton, Donna VanHolland, Connie Hoppe, 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 Kilsholm, Lawrence Lupkes, Mandi Rodger, Finley Brunsvold, Paul Kamermeyer, Shawnda Prochaska, Darla Ubben, Craig Cobb, Betsy Johnson, Sheila Middleton, Kris Peterson, John Knabe, Bonnie Forey, Marilyn Vicker, Ethan Wicks, Paul Ostendorf, Susie Bartels

Please pray for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1st LT **Whitney Lewis**, 7017 Arnold Ave., Unit A, JBER, AK 99506; SSG **Frederick, Jesse**, B CO, 3-187 IN, TB DWYER, APO AE 09354; **Billy Joe Travis**, 8583 Aero Drive, Apt 2043, San Diego, CA 92123; PFC; **Colton Petersen**, 2d LT **James Fliss**, 821 2nd Ave, Unit 8100, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311, **CPL Kenten Murray**, MSG Detachment, Unit 6010, Box 10, DPO AB 09825-6010

Missionaries

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent

Mark and Jenny are mission co-workers serving with Farmer's Movement of Papaye (MPP) and the Evangelical Dominican Church in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Mouvman Peyizan Papay (MPP) is a grassroots movement whose goal is to help small farmers improve their living conditions. It began in 1973 in the small community of Papaye and now has members throughout Haiti. Mark Hare works with the members, advising them on ways to increase food production. Jenny Bent, Mark's wife, helps the Evangelical Dominican Church with their health clinics and with the development of its program to train health care leaders. Mark and Jenny have two children. First Presbyterian Church has supported Mark and Jenny since 2010.

Gleanings for the Hungry
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Gleaning For the Hungry is a ministry of Youth With a Mission. A Fruit Dehydration Plant where fruit is (gleaned) dried and sent all over the world. They also process a dried vegetable soup mix and powdered orange & apple drinks. Crops have gone to orphans in Eastern Europe, disaster relief in 9 states in U.S., orphanages and refugees in 10 different countries, and local senior citizens. (1 relief box feeds a family of four for 1 week) Food is distributed through local churches. They need manpower, finances and more staff. No salaries are paid. Each staff member is a volunteer and raises own missionary support. All contributions go to minimal overhead and providing food for the hungry. They now have an area for RV's and always need volunteers, especially in the summer.