

4th Sunday in Lent

8:50 a.m.

March 26, 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 The Hour of Trial"

Denton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the first light of morning to the last shadows of the setting sun,

People: God's power and might shine through creation.

Leader: From his humble birth to his executioners death,

People: Jesus' love and faithfulness are never ending.

Leader: From the fire of pentecost until this very day the Spirit has never left us,

People: Let us join our voices together and worship this powerful, loving, and faithful God.

* HYMN 288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

* OPENING PRAYER ~ Kir-shalom Worship Resource

Lord our God, we Your people come to You this day fully aware that we need Your presence and Your help in our lives, yet aware as well that we often fail to stop and to turn to You for that help. We get caught up in the troubles and the turmoils of daily living— we become busy with the goals that we have set for ourselves and those that come to us from our work and our families and our friends. We strive to be loving, we seek joy and peace, we desire to be gentle and patient and kind, to show goodness, and to have self-control—

and yet these things all too often elude us. Help us, Lord, to root ourselves more deeply in You; to seek Your will for our lives; to stop and to listen for Your voice when we are troubled; to fully rely on You when we strive to do what is right; to remember You and trust in You when we are assaulted; to meditate on Your goodness and Your gracious will when we begin each day— so that like trees by a stream which send down their roots to the water, we may produce by Your power the fruit of Your Spirit. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME

Kirk Jensen

HYMN 304

"Jesus Loves Me"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51

(Page 457-458 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir w/Maxine Butler, soloist
"Mercy (O Sacred Head)"

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:1-17

(Page 247 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Michael Gewecke

Failings of the Faithful: David

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ by Rick Lindholtz

I believe in God, the God, the only God, who created everything and reigns as King over earth, sky, and water, Sovereign and Holy, and yet revealing Himself in the intimacy of the name "Father". He reigns over the nations; He is seated on his holy throne.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son, the only-begotten Son whose reign began in the weakness of a manger-bed, conceived by the Spirit and born of a virgin, who reigned even while nailed to a cross of wood; who died and rose again, ascended and will come again. He will reign forever; and his kingdom will

never end.

And I believe in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God who as God Himself brings the presence of God and extends the reign of God in every believer and throughout the world, whoever directs hearts to our Lord and Savior, so that grace might reign to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory 8th Grade Handbell Choir
"What Wondrous Love is This?"

- * Doxology 592
- * Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 278

"Our God, to Whom We Turn"

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

POSTLUDE

Broughton

"Praising the Almighty"

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

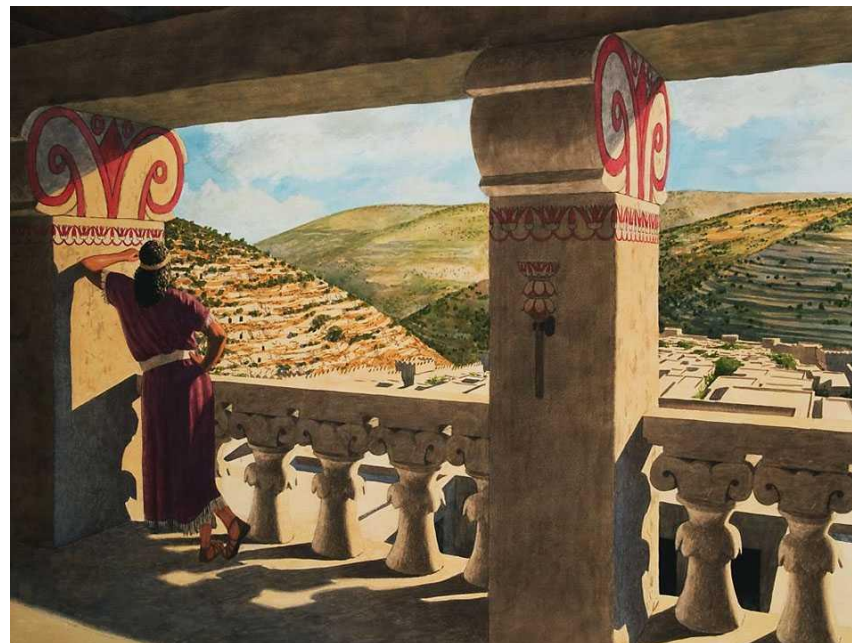
Nursery Available for Pre-K and under

- **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; Kelly Swancutt, Liturgist; Charlene Radcliffe, Organist; Ushers are Ron Niebruegge, Gene Ringsdorf, Ryan & Erin Davelaar; Greeters are Joy Albert & Mavis Palmer; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Wes Farmer, Video; June Howatt & Jocelyn Kitzinger are in charge of the Nursery; Dan & Peg VanBeek prepared our coffee.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Ron & Marie Niebruegge on the passing of Marie's brother, Orville, and Ron's sister, Leota.

8th Grade Handbell Choir members are Elli Carney, Max Carney, Gracie Hinn, Kacey Krieger, Grace Radcliffe, Walker Radcliffe, Adrie Stecker, Mason Stover, Cole Summers & Samantha Vos.



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90th Birthday/Moving Celebration

Please join in celebrating Velma Ashburn's 90th Birthday this morning during our coffee hour. If you can't make it during coffee time, cards may be sent to her at 2281 165th St., Spirit Lake. Velma is also moving, and we'll post her new address when we receive it.

Lent Preaching Series: Failings of the Faithful

- March 26—David
- April 2—Ananias and Saphira
- 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.

- .. March 26 – Callous Complacency – Why are we immune to suffering and Jesus's Parable of the Good Samaritan
- .. April 2 – Fear and Faith – Facing our fears and refusing to live a small life – The parable of the Talents
- .. 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*

A sign up sheet for soups, bread, veggies, and desserts is posted in the narthex.

Sunday School Children

On **Palm Sunday**, April 9, the Sunday School children will join the adult choir for a special anthem at the Reformed (9:00 a.m.) worship service. Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are encouraged to come to sing "Palm Sunday Hosanna" the song that we have been rehearsing.

Adult Education

Sundays – 10:30am

Autobiographies of Grace – Alan Bush

Lead for God's Sake – Josh Bolluyt

Summer Mission Trip Ice Cream Social

All students and chaperones registered for the summer mission trip are invited to join us for a short Ice Cream social this evening at 7pm in the Fireside Room. The social will include a short informational meeting and time for fellowship as we discuss the final fundraisers and some of the latest information regarding our upcoming mission trip to New York City. We hope to see you there!



Wed. March 29th

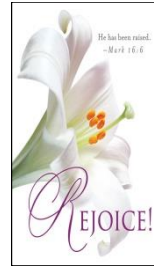
Meal: Beef Stew

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.

Bridal Shower

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring the bride to be **Bailey Loveall** on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall here at the church. The couple is registered at Target and Interiors.

The couple will be decorating their new home in the following colors:

Kitchen ~ Red

Living Area ~ Neutral

Bath ~ Grey and Forest Green

The Shower is hosted by Caitlin Eckerman, Jody Jenness, Susan Swift & Missy Simmons.

New Member Recognition

We will be recognizing all "New Members" on Sunday, April 30th. 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.

Bridal Shower

Time to celebrate at a Come & Go Bridal Shower honoring **Emily Stover**, bride-elect of Brandon DeCook, on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall here at the church. The couple is registered at Interiors, Mary's Gift Shoppe, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Younkers.

Emily & Brandon plan to decorate their new home in the following colors:

Kitchen – Navy Blue, Living Area – Neutrals, Bath – Gray and Navy Blue

Please bring a favorite recipe on an index card for Emily.

Bowling Family Fun Night

The Congregational Life Committee has planned a fun night of bowling & pizza on Friday, March 31st. Anyone wanting to eat is welcome to join us at Godfather's first. After pizza, we'll head over to Corner Lanes for bowling! Whether you bowl a turkey or need the bumpers, we'd love to have you all there!

Date: Friday, March 31st

Supper: Godfather's @ 5:30 PM

Bowling: Corner Lanes @ 6:30 PM,

cost is \$4 and includes your shoe

rental. RSVP not necessary but appreciated if you want to let either Judy Jensen (judesjensen@yahoo.com) or Megan Donnerwerth (megandwerth@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Vacation Bible School
First Presbyterian Church
July 31-August 3, 2017
8:30-11:30am
Age 4-6th Grade students

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). **We need to have 12 shooters signed up ASAP to justify having the event.** Contact Tony Jennings at tonyjill.jennings@gmail.com with questions. Sign up in the office or on the church website under the events/news tab.

Rides to and from church for this week is Sharon Ringsdorf ~ 330-2540, next week is Doug Stueven ~ 330-7302.

Hospital Deacon: Sharon Ringsdorf

Week of April 2nd

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Ruth Ann Kelly

Ushers: Roger & Karen Lahm, Kelly Swancutt & Bob Peterson

Greeters: Phyllis Walburg &

Bernice Steele

Video: Milt Nolting

Nursery: Angie Peterson

Coffee: Keith & Beryl Marra

Reforming (2nd) Service

Nursery: Stacy Howard

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 26

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, March 27

9am-PW Sewing

Tuesday, March 28

9am-Weekly Prayer

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 29

5:30pm-Recharge

7pm-HS Youth Group

7pm-Adult Handbell practice

7:15pm-2nd Service Rehearsal

8pm-Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, March 30

9am-Men's Bible Study

Sunday, April 2

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

2:45pm-Worship Service at Welcov

4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study

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

Jack & Sherryl Jones
1301 Waska Dr., Milford

Mark, Cindy, Brice & Seth Voss
2719 Center Lake Dr., 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 Kiilsholm, Mandi Rodger, Finley Brunsvold, Craig Cobb, Paul Karmeyer, 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

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**, 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 2nd Ave, Unit 8100, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311, **CPL Kenten Murray**, MSG Detachment, Unit 6010, Box 10, DPO AB 09825-6010

Missionaries

Atlas of Spencer

Atlas Group was founded in Sioux Center, Iowa in 2004 and has since planted over a dozen independent Atlas organizations across the nation.

Atlas of Spencer was started by Executive Director Scott Finner in 2011 and serves clients in Spencer and the Lakes Area. The purpose of Atlas is to help those in need by providing advocacy through mentoring while walking alongside those seeking help.

Atlas of Spencer promotes expanding community ministry that provides relational, emotional, physical, financial, and/or spiritual support and guidance to anyone seeking help with any of life's trials. Atlas mentors provide loving assistance in the process while demonstrating the unconditional love of God, encouraging salvation through acceptance of His Son Jesus Christ, and promoting a relationship to the Body of Christ, the Church.

*Cherish Center
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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.