

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:50 a.m. April 22, 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 Manz  
*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—

**People: outsiders and insiders, old-timers and newcomers, the young, old and the in-between.**

Leader: Come as you are, for this is God's house—

**People: a house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who comes.**

***All: Let us worship God together.***

\* HYMN 324

*"Open My Eyes That I May See"*

\* OPENING PRAYER ~Bruce Prewer

**Living and faithful Spirit, the God in whom we live and move and have our being, the God who is made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we gather for worship this day.**

**Please remove from our minds and hearts whatever hinders our worship or dampens our joy. Increase within us a holy longing which can fill our lives with fuller delight and deeper commitment.**

**May our songs and prayers, our searching thoughts, and seeking questions, praise you and strengthen us. By you, with you and for you, may our lives publish your praise. In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen!**

\* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME Ellen Williams

HYMN 369 (vs 1-3)

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:1-7  
(Page 987 in the Pew Bibles)

SPECIAL MUSIC Andrew Allen, saxophone

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:36-48  
(Page 859 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Clint Loveall  
How to grow a church?

\* 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 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir  
*"Danza"*

\* Doxology 592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN 540

*"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

\* BENEDICTION Back cover of Hymnal  
"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE Getty & Townend  
"Come, People of the Risen King"

\* **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; Walter Mendenhall, Liturgist; Phyllis Attema, Organist; Barb Mendenhall, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir Director; Ushers are Roger & Karen Lahm and Doug & Jean Kies; Greeters are Kieth Tadlock & Marvin Stockdale; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, & Tom Ditsworth, Sound; Milt Nolting, Video; Kyle Anderson, Nursery; Ron Jenkins prepared our coffee, Edna VanderWolde & Jan Bowles served our coffee and provided treats.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Handbell Choir:** Brenna Bengel, Alaina Bruinsma, Caden Hassel, MacKenzie Kauffman, Jacob Kitzinger, Katelyn Krieger, Bennett Lewis, Mya Miller, Sydney Peterson, Gabe Poolman, Tommy Profit, Cale Quiring, Chandler Radcliffe, Wesley Radcliffe, Avery Smith, Katherine Stucker, Kendyl Summers, Carter Toews, Jack Wajda, Katherine Webber, Dani Winkel

**Our sympathies** are extended to the family and friends of Del Wiersma on the passing of his wife, Audrey.

**The flowers** on the chancel are in memory of Audrey Wiersma.



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## Thank You

Thanks for all the prayers and cards while I was in the hospital and at home. I'm doing much better.  
Eldon Haas

I would like to thank Pastor Clint & Pastor Michael for visiting Audrey at Accura and Pastor Clint for the beautiful Memorial Service. Also, I would like to thank the congregation for your thoughts, prayers, visits and cards while Audrey was at Accura and since her passing.

Del Wiersma



**Wednesday, April 25th**

**Meal:** Potatoes & Ham

### **Adult Ed Classes:**

- Romans — Women's Bible Study led by Rachelle Gewecke
- Explore the New Testament with the Great Courses
- The Gospels: a comparative look led by Pastor Clint

### **Join us in Sharing "Acts of Kindness"**

We want to encourage church members to sacrifice a few dollars or a few minutes to perform an act of kindness for someone else and show them God's love through that act. It can be as simple as buying a flower for a friend, paying for the next person in line at the drive through, or helping an elderly person scoop snow. Whatever it is, we want to know about it! We will set up a poster board with a mason jar drawn on it and cut out shapes to "fill up" the mason jar. Church members can write out their acts of kindness and place it on the jar. Our goal is to fill it up with "Acts of Kindness."

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Service Ushers/Greeters Needed**

We are in need of Ushers/Greeters for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. Responsibilities include distributing bulletins and greeting worshippers at the center sanctuary doors as well as taking a head count of worshippers (including praise and worship team and those in the nursery). A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Sign up for one week or whatever works with your schedule.

### **UDMO & Spirit Life Food Banks**

The congregations of our county take turns supporting the Upper Des Moines Opportunity and Spirit Life food pantries. Long ago it was decided by the churches that the county would be best served by having these pantries. Our congregation has the opportunity to provide to these pantries 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.

### **2018 Student Internship**

We are excited to announce that we intend to offer another paid internship opportunity within our youth and family ministries this summer. This year's internship will be held in partnership with the Lakeshore Center who will also be providing the intern's housing and food for the entire internship. We would love for you to share this opportunity with any undergraduate or graduate student who you think might be interested. More information can be found on our website, including the application, at [fpcspiritlake.org/internship/](http://fpcspiritlake.org/internship/).

## **Boundary Waters Informational Meeting**

Thanks to a wide variety of interest from the congregation, we will be holding an informational and planning meeting for a potential COUPLES Boundary Waters Canoe trip. We will discuss a potential trip departing on July 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> as well as the possibility of other dates (if those don't work for you). Join us for the informational meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> to see if you are interested in going on this kind of trip.

## **Spring Clean Up at FPC**

Please mark your calendar for Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and donuts will be served at 8:30 AM with work to begin at 9:00 AM. See you there!

## **Farmworker Awareness**

Please donate your long-sleeved shirts to "Farmworker Awareness"! Long-sleeved shirts help protect farmworkers from pesticide exposure and heat-related illnesses. A drop box is located in the library.

## **ILCC Handbell Choir Concert**

On Sunday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. the public is invited to attend a handbell performance at First Presbyterian Church, 3501 Hill Ave. in Spirit Lake.

The Iowa Lakes Community College Handbell Choir, under the direction of Carol Ayres Stueven, is an ensemble which performs on a six-octave range, from G2 to G8, of Schulmerich handbells. The bells are made of bronze and range in weight from four ounces to 15 pounds. The choir also supplements handbells with a six-octave set of handchimes.

Many different handbell techniques, from the singing bowl to gyro effect, are on display in this breath-taking program that covers a wide variety of music. At this concert, the Iowa Lakes handbell choir will debut its complete sixth octave of chimes.

Free will donations are accepted toward the purchase and upkeep of the handbells and handchimes.

Mark your calendar-don't miss it!

## **ILCC Music Department**

The Iowa Lakes Music Department is proud to present a recital by saxophonist Andrew Allen. He will be accompanied by Rachelle Gewecke, classical pianist on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Estherville Campus Gymnasium. This is a free event for the public and free will donations will be accepted and gifted to hurricane relief efforts by "Friends of Puerto Rico".

Classical saxophonist, Andrew Allen has performed around the United States and the world as a soloist and as a member of the Luther College Concert Band, The University of Nebraska Wind Ensemble, The Ellipsis Saxophone Quartet, The Pelegon Saxophone Quartet, and The University of Iowa Saxophone Ensemble. Andrew reached the finals of the MTNA chamber music competition with the Pelegon Saxophone Quartet and performed on the University of Iowa Saxophone Ensemble's 2015 recording, entitled Contemplation, on Jeanne Digital Recordings label.

This is something you're not going to want to miss!

## **Mother's Day**

On Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring all moms for Mother's Day. Please bring us your favorite picture of "Mom" to be presented in a slide show presentation on Mother's Day.

### Hospice Medicare Benefits Panel Discussion

Please join us for a Panel Discussion on Hospice Medicare Benefits on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm at Welcov Assisted Living, 1819 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Spirit Lake. This event is hosted by Kindred Hospice, St. Croix Hospice, Welcov Assisted Living and Lakes Regional Healthcare. For more information, please contact Kathleen Johnson at Welcov, 336-3553.

### Purchase Coffee in Support of Ethiopian Schools

In 2012, Pizza Ranch partnered with the Tesfa Foundation to support three schools located in the coffee growing region of Ethiopia. The schools, operated by the Tesfa Foundation, bring education to nearly 700 students who would not otherwise have access to early childhood and primary school education.

John Calsbeek's daughter and son-in-law are very involved with these schools.

If you are interested in purchasing coffee to help support children's education, please contact the office at 336-1649 or [office@fpcspiritlake.org](mailto:office@fpcspiritlake.org)

**Rides to and from church for this week is** Gloria Ditsworth ~ 330-9735, next week is Sharon Ringsdorf ~ 330-2540.

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**Hospital Deacon:** Gloria Ditsworth

**Week of April 29th**

**Reformed Worship Service**

**Liturgist:** Kirk Jensen

**Ushers:** R/K Lahm and D/J Kies

**Greeters:** Kieth Tadlock & Marvin Stockdale

**Nursery:** June Howatt

**Video:** Keith Brockmeyer

**Coffee:** Ron Jenkins, Tom & Deb Ditsworth

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**Reforming Worship Service**

**Praise Team:** Pressley Cochran-Bray, Brianna Pratt & Liz Steiner

**Usher/Greeter:** **Sign Up Sheet in Narthex**

**Nursery:** Lindsay VanderWolde

**Sound & Power Point:** Tillotson family

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### Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 22

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed Worship Service

10am-Coffee and fellowship

10:15am-Sunday School

10:15am-Confirmation

10:30am-Adult Ed Classes

Monday, April 23

9am-PW Sewing

Tuesday, April 24

1:30pm-Tues Women's Bible Study

7pm-Andrew Allen/Rachelle Gewecke Recital

at the Estherville Campus Gymnasium

Wednesday, April 25

4:45pm-Weekly Prayer

5:30pm-Final Recharge

6:45pm-High School Youth Group

7pm-Adult Handbell rehearsal

8pm- Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 26

9am- Men's Bible Study

11:20am-ACT II at the High School Office

Sunday, April 29

*New Member Recognition*

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed Worship Service

10am-Coffee and fellowship

10:15am-Final Sunday School

10:15am-Final Confirmation

10:30am- Final Adult Ed Classes

11:15am-Reforming Worship Service

7pm-ILCC & FPC Handbell Choir Concert

at FPC

**Save the Date**

**For VBS 2018!!**



**July 30th-August 2nd, 2018**

**Registration will open on June 1st**

**We can't wait to see you!!**

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

*Sharon Caskey*  
112 21<sup>st</sup> St., Unit 6, Spirit Lake  
*Rob & Kris Oldson*  
1006 Brooks N Lane, Okoboji

**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, Jamie Nebelsick, Barb Rohlf, Barb Hanisch, Jay Anderson, Pat Dalton, Lori Johnson, Pat Kelly, Kenny Beck, Mike Wiley, Marj Roseberry, Katy Kline, Kathy Huitink, Denice (Wiersma), Hilary Vicker, Bart Duncan, Laurie Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Jennifer Ryker, Nan Woods, Ivan Kleeve, Travis Sweissburger, Paul Sharnburg, Linnea Lambert, Steve Kwikkel, Pauly Eaton's granddaughter Abby, Russ Thomson, Pauly Eaton, Rod Johnson, Laura Fagen's Mom, Pat, Tomy Norman, Kristen Kuiper, Gary Eaton, Margaret Plunkett, Heath Huberg, Reba Williams, Joan Baird, Kevin Grems mother, Vicki, John Knabe's nephew, Dietrich, Kathy Nygaard, Wilma Clauson, India Shipley, Steve Thompson, Blake Smith, Bob Huls, Melody Peyton, Eldon Haas, Carol Armstrong, Mandi Rodger, Jocelyn Kitzinger, Mickey Arneson, Kathryn Hansen, Jen Prentice, Shannon Siefker, Randy Cauthren, Jan Lange, Todd Schuelka, Cory Krieger, LaVonne Jensen

**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

## **Missionaries**

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The last three years we have been gaining experience in church planting in Montpellier. We are moving to Rennes France to plant a new church. Rennes is a city with 445,000 people with only eight churches. Only two of these churches are considered "stable" according to the French Evangelical Church Foundation (FEF). For this church plant, we are targeting an area in the north of Rennes that not only has a need for a "stable" church, but also has a high population of students. We are excited about this opportunity and God seems to be opening many doors for this church plant. First Presbyterian Church sent his family (his parents) into missions in 1979 with Campus Crusade for Christ. Darrin and Nanette have one son. First Presbyterian Church has supported Darrin and Nanette since 2012.

*Gleanings for the Hungry*  
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Gleanings 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 their 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.