

15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m. September 17, 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 Ham
"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

CALL TO WORSHIP ~based on Psalm 116

Leader: Come, people of God,

People: let us offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and lift up his name in the presence of his people.

Leader: For God is gracious and merciful, full of compassion and love.

People: While we were still helpless, he came to save us.

All: Let us worship our gracious God.

* HYMN 487

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

* OPENING PRAYER ~Rev. Susan A. Blain & Rev. Scott Ressman

**O Living God of past and future,
we praise you for this present moment.
Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit,
that our strength may be renewed
to sing a new song of your glory
in a world which longs for your justice and peace.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus,
in whom we become
your new creation. Amen**

* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ellen Williams

HYMN 304

"Jesus Loves Me!"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 50:15-21
(Page 44 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir w/Lincoln Larsen, trumpet
"God of Might, Lead On"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35
(Page 799-800 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Clint Loveall
If it doesn't continue, it doesn't count

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ from Our World Belongs to God:
A Contemporary Testimony

**Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,
who renews our hearts,
moves us to faith,
leads us in the truth,
stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.
The Spirit's gifts are here to stay
—fitting responses to timely needs.
We thankfully see each other
as gifted members of the fellowship
which joins in the creative Spirit's work.
He gives more than enough to each believer
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.
By the Spirit's power, we are the church,
the Body of Christ.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Patti Griffith & Laurence Laban
Next Life Foundation

OFFERING

Offertory

Hayes

"Sunshine In My Soul"

* Doxology 592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 442 – (vs 1,2,4,5)

"The Church's One Foundation"

* BENEDICTION ~~~Back cover of Hymnal

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

Smith

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

* **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; Nor Top, Liturgist; Rachelle Gewecke, Pianist; Ushers are Jack & Sherryl Jones, Ron Niebruegge & Bob Peterson; Greeters are Cassidy, Stacy, Croix, Sydney & Cade Howard; Tom Ditsworth, Mike Reekers & Jackie Jenkins, Sound; Dan Vicker, Video; April Krull is in charge of the Nursery; Jake & Ruth DeJong prepared our coffee.



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Sunday School “Snack Providers and Servers”

A sign-up sheet and **PEANUT/NUT-FREE SNACK LIST** is placed in the library window or you may sign up online. **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 Gloria Ditsworth, next week is ??.

Adult Ed

- The Early Church led by Pastor Clint

Missionary Visiting

Please give a warm welcome to Patti Griffith, American founder & Laurence Laban, Tanzanian co-founder of Next Life Foundation the newest mission supported by our church. Next Life Foundation operates a vocational school in Tanzania. Please join Patti & Laurence in the Fireside Room following our Reformed Service to hear about the mission work they are doing. Thank you for supporting them.

Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for our 2nd Annual Autumn Soup Supper on Wednesday, October 11th. Our sign-up sheets are out in the narthex on the easel. Please sign up for your favorite way to help at our Soup Supper??!!

8th Grade Confirmation Kickoff

Parents and 8th grade students are invited to join Pastor Michael for a Confirmation orientation during the Sunday School hour on September 17th in the Confirmation room (next to the youth room) starting at 10:15am. 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.

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

The September, October, November Our Daily Bread Devotionals are here. Pick up your copy today.

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 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 at www.fpcspiritlake.org



Wednesday, September 20th

Meal: Tater Tot Casserole

Meal Crew: Ron & Ellen Williams, Doug & Lynn Davis. A few more meal helpers would be appreciated.

Join us at Recharge with a meal starting at 5:30pm, full youth programming, and multiple exciting adult classes to choose from at 6:10pm. Pick up a Recharge brochure in the Narthex, sign up to help on our meal rotation, and be sure to join us for another exciting year of fellowship and discipleship!

Adult Ed:

- Esther in the Women's Bible Study led by Rachele Gewecke
- Being Men of Faith led by Pastor Clint
- Explore the Old Testament with the Great Courses
- Freezer Meal Class

Ladies....of all ages:

Coffee break time every Thursday morning, 8:30AM at First Presbyterian Church in the Fireside Room. No agenda, just get together with friends and a little chit chat. Questions: Call Lori Vicker at 515-249-6684.

Music Opportunity at First Pres!

As our second service at First Pres continues to grow, we would like to extend an invitation to all those with vocal and musical skills high school and older. If you have vocal or instrumental music skills, we have a place for you! Our Reforming Service at 11:15 on Sunday morning utilizes a 7-8 person praise team that includes vocalists, guitar, bass guitar, drums, and piano, as well as other instruments of all types. The praise team leads the congregation each Sunday in a variety of music including hymns and modern praise songs. We rehearse at 7:15 on Wednesday nights and 10:15 on Sunday mornings. If you have interest in participating in this important ministry of our church, come to rehearsal or contact the church office or Rachele Gewecke at [\(712\) 314-2292](tel:7123142292) (call or text) or rachele.gewecke@gmail.com. Thank you!

Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast late Friday, bringing lashing rain and sustained winds of 130 miles per hour. If you would like to help support the communities devastated by this storm and those throughout the Gulf region who are still in the path of Harvey's torrential rains you may make your check out to First Presbyterian Church with Hurricane Harvey in the memo and we will forward these funds on to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Domestic Violence Awareness

Dickinson County CARES is sponsoring a domestic violence awareness event on October 1, 2017, 4pm at Memorial Park in Spirit Lake. The event will include a short program and a fun informational walk. Please dress in your favorite football team colors and help raise awareness about domestic violence. Prizes will be given for the most creative outfits and a drawing held for those who complete the informational walk. Dickinson County CARES (Community Advocates Ready to Empower Victims) are volunteers who work to raise awareness about domestic violence and sexual abuse and to help raise funds for the advocacy agencies (CAASA and FCC) who support survivors.

Rides to and from church for this week is Jon Stover ~ 336-9766, next week is Merlin Stover ~ 330-3530.

Hospital Deacon: Jon Stover

Week of September 24

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Kelly Swancutt

Ushers: Mike & Harriet Fliss

Greeters: Cassidy, Stacy, Croix, Sydney & Cade Howard

Nursery:

Video: Milt Nolting

Coffee: Bill & Mary Willemssen

Reforming (2nd) Service

Nursery: Natasha Nelson



CAMP I BELIEVE



A free Day Camp for children and teens, ages 7-17,
grieving the death of a loved one.

Saturday September 23, 2017



Lakeshore Center at Okoboji
7864 IA-Highway 86
Milford, IA 51351

*camp I Believe is a place
where children can...*

Heal

Play

Grow

The focus of Camp I Believe is on healing. All the activities — indeed, the entire camp experience — takes place in a safe, supportive and caring environment. But as a camp for kids, it's also fun, with a variety of outdoor activities.

A child's day at Camp I Believe includes:

- Healing group activities with other children of the same age
- Low-rope and challenge courses
- 3 to 1 Camp-to-Camp Counselor Ratio
- Participating in waterfront activities at the lake
- Spending time with other children experiencing a similar loss
- Three meals provided to all campers
- Snacks and water provided throughout the day

Many of the children who come to camp attend for the opportunity to have fun and to feel "normal" again. All activities, whether directly or indirectly, help campers to establish a sense of community and provide teambuilding opportunities; activities place an emphasis on personal growth through creative expression and through establishing positive relationships with peers.

To receive a camper registration packet
or to learn more, please contact
Robin Lock at (712) 336-2941 or
via email, Robin.Lock@gentiva.com

Gentiva Hospice
1370 Lake Street
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Sponsored by GENTIVA
Hospice Foundation

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 17

- 8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:50am-Reformed Service
- 10am-Coffee and fellowship
- 10:15am-Sunday School Kickoff
- 10:15am-Confirmation Parent Meeting
- 10:30am-Adult Ed Classes
- 11:15am-Reforming Service
- 2pm-Worship Service at Hawkeye

Monday, September 18

- 9am-PW Sewing
- 5:15pm-Stewardship Comm Mtg

Tuesday, September 19

- 1:30pm-Tues Women's Bible Study
- 7pm-session Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

- 4:45pm-Weekly Prayer
- 5:30pm-Recharge
- 6:45pm-High School Youth Group
- 7pm-Adult Handbell rehearsal
- 7:15pm-2nd Service rehearsal
- 8pm-Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

- 8:30am-Ladies Coffee Break
- 9am-Men's Bible Study
- 11:20am-ACT II at the High School office

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- 8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
- 8:50am-Reformed Service
- 10am-Coffee and fellowship
- 10:15am-Sunday School
- 10:15am-Confirmation Kickoff
- 10:30am-Adult Ed Classes
- 11:15am-Reforming Service

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

JoAnn Asa
2300 Country Club Dr., #1, Okoboji
Matt, Amber, Ava, Elle & Eden Lippon
2803 Delia Lane, Milford

Bruce & Kari Nelson
5584 S. Lansing Ct.
Englewood, CO 80111

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Bruce is a Ministry Partner Development Coach/Trainer/Shepherd with Campus Crusade. He serves as a coach/shepherd to new and senior staff who serve internationally in 193 countries. He also debriefs their American Staff members who return to the States for furlough and works with them in further training and development as leaders. Bruce and Kari have 2 children. First Presbyterian Church has supported Bruce and Kari since 1990.

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, Tom Gruber, Lori Johnson, Mitchell Elmquist, Pat Kelly, Tammy (Bartels) Martin, Judy Stueven, Bennett Stecker, Kenny Beck, Eric Avery, Mike Wiley, Marj Roseberry, Lee Struthers, Katy Kline, Cheri Gibler, Karl Kiilsholm, Finley Brunsvold, Paul Karmeyer, Darla Ubben, Kathy Huitink, Denice (Wiersma), Hilary Vicker, Bart Duncan, Laurie Phillips, Cindy Phillips, John Mayne, Jennifer Ryker, Travis Sweissburger, Feets Heitritter, Audrey Wiersma, Ivan Kleeve, Lawrence Lupkes, Helen Gerth, Nan Woods, Toni Ostendorf, Colleen Bomgaars, Paul Shamburg, Mike Reekers, Jen Watts niece, Ellie, Roxie Moriston, Karen Clark, Leona Koele, Phil DenHerder, Linnea Lambert, Mark Goetsch, Jared Lewis, Lewis Johnson, Dave Dau, Kelly Swancutt, Jan Richards, Steve Kwikkel, Ken Westergard, Ruth DeJong, Dave Radcliffe

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; SFC **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

Mark and Betsy Davidhizar
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Mark is the Executive Director and Betsy is the Special Project Coordinator/Staff Encourager at Camp Beechpoint, Inc. Camp Beechpoint has been a Christian Children's Camp since 1959. Mark and Betsy began their ministry there in 1987. Beechpoint's mission is to serve urban and under-resourced youth from Chicago and urban and rural areas of Michigan. Four years ago, they began a camp partnership with a ministry in NE India to train local Bible College students to use the tool of camping in reaching and evangelizing children in India. They also assist the students in running a week of camp for children in a rural (mainly Muslim) community. They are sending another team to train the students and expand with another camp location in India. Betsy is the granddaughter of Earl and Fleeta Rose, long-time members of Spirit Lake First Presbyterian Church. We have supported Mark and Betsy since 1993.