

17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m. September 20, 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 McCluskey

"Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We call now all the people of God to come -- men, women and children...

People: Wealthy and needy, comfortable and confused, healthy and sick, saints and sinners

Leader: Come and worship your king! Fill this place with song!

People: Let us give glory to the one true God who is over all, and in all and through all!

All: Let us worship our amazing God!

* HYMN 278

"Our God, to Whom We Turn"

* OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we want our lives to matter. We want our time on this earth to count for something -- something meaningful, something important, something eternal. We do not want to lead shallow lives, squandering our time and energies on that which ultimately counts for nothing. And so, we come in humility, asking you in Christ's name to remake us. Reorder our lives that we may truly delight in your word. Grant us wisdom to seek you above all else. Prune what is withered and lifeless in us. Most of all, give us your living water that we may grow and bear fruit for your kingdom. In the

name of Christ we pray. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME Ellen Williams

HYMN 316 (vs 1-3)
"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1
(Page 532 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
"All The People Said Amen!"

SCRIPTURE READING James 3:1-12
(Page 1197 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Clint Loveall
Cursing and blessing

* 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

Ahle

"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 301

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

* **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; Ryan Davelaar, Liturgist; Eulyn Riemersma, Organist; Ushers are Dan VanBeek and Jack & Sherryl Jones; Greeters are Ryan & Erin Davelaar; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Milt Nolting, Video; Dana Kauffman & Angie Peterson are in charge of the Nursery; Brent & Sandy Kasson prepared our coffee.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Lois Roghair on her passing this past week.



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SLHS Football Breakfasts

First Presbyterian Church is 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 about 75 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, please call 336-1649, check the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or check our website at www.fpcspiritlake.org



Recharge Meal Servers & Teachers

Needed

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex and ready for you to sign up to help set tables, serve and clean up for our weekly meals at Recharge (formerly WNF).

In addition, we are in need of 6th Grade Recharge teachers. Please contact Pastor Michael if you would be able to serve in this important ministry.

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.

Funeral Luncheon Coordinator Needed

First Presbyterian is in need of a PW member to fill the position of Funeral Luncheon Coordinator.

The Funeral Luncheon Coordinator duties include:

1) Visits with family about food they would like served for main dish and purchasing it.

2) Assigns one of the 4 service groups to: secure workers, call for salads and cake or bars, set up, serve, and clean up for a funeral.

If interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the church office or call Charlene Radcliffe at 330-6668.

Serve At The Banquet

The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex to serve the noon meal at The Banquet on Saturday, September 26th. If you have never done this please consider volunteering. It is a well-run Christian ministry with helpful leadership to guide volunteers through the process. It is also a very rewarding experience. Please note departure times and dress code on the sign-up sheet. If you have questions please call the church office.

Ladies...Mark

your

calendars!

The fourth annual Fall Women's Retreat will be held Saturday, November 7, at Lakeshore Center. Becky Linn with Follow Hard Ministries will guide an inspiring get-away day for women of all ages. This year's theme is Identity Restored—Who I Am In Christ. Watch for more details!

Mission Trip to New Zealand

In less than two weeks Dave Butterworth will leave for his sixth prayer trip, this time to New Zealand, to serve with the intercessory prayer team for Campus Crusade's 2015 operations conference. On the international trips, he blogged his experiences and will again in "Auckland 2015." You are invited to follow the blog and to join him on this prayer journey if you are interested. You can reach the blog by going to <http://davebutterworth2015.blogspot.com>. You can sign up to receive new post notification e-mails by going to the blog and entering your e-mail on the left side of the blog home page, clicking submit, and then completing the process with the follow-up email you will receive.

Interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian?

On Sunday, October 11, there will be a New Members' Recognition for those of you who have recently joined the church but have not been publicly recognized. If you have decided to join the church, but have not yet completed the necessary paperwork, we invite you to stop in the church office and complete the required forms so that we can include you in the October 11 recognition. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

Power Point People Needed

We are looking for someone with power point skills to put together our Power Point presentation for our Worship Service. Please contact Clint if you are willing to help.

Turkey Supper Time

It's time to sign up if you are willing to furnish 2 pies and pick your favorite job for the October 22nd Turkey Supper. Again this year we are asking for you to specify what kind of pies you will be bringing, and **PLEASE NO PIES NEEDING REFRIGERATION!** This is a huge and exciting event that takes many hands. Signing up in advance saves many hours of calling to solicit the pies that are needed. Thank you!

With the Turkey Supper right around the corner, please remember to take home your pans and bowls.

FPC Fall Clean Up

On Saturday, October 10th from 9:00am until ????, we will be doing fall clean-up here at the church. Please bring your hedge trimmers, rakes and pick-ups for hauling debris, or any other tool that you think would be helpful. See you there!

FPC Borrowed Items

Anyone who has borrowed items from the church recently, please double-check to see that you have returned them. We are missing 4 white tablecloths. Please return them at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Fall Festival

All are invited to the Fall Festival at First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park. Saturday, September 26th begin your day with coffee and rolls at 8:30am, bake sale, and a Silent Auction through Sunday at noon. A homemade bread and soup dinner will be served from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

10th Annual Buddy Walk

The walk will be held at Arnolds Park Amusement Park and Lake Okoboji on Sunday, September 27th. The celebration begins with a delicious pancake breakfast from Chris Cakes from 9-noon (suggested donation of \$5 per person) followed by the walk registration and silent auction. The fun family walk will begin at 1pm on the bike/walk trails alongside the part at Lake Okoboji and will be followed by an ice cream social at the Nutty Bar Stand. Rides at the Park will be open and Queen II is offering a FREE cruise on beautiful West Lake Okoboji. It promises to be a fun filled family day and support people in NW Iowa walking in the shoes of Down Syndrome.

Rides to and from church for this week is Doug Stueven ~ 330-7302, and next week is Kirk Huisenga ~ 330-9825.

Hospital Deacon: Doug Stueven

Week of September 27

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Erin Davelaar

Ushers: Dan Van Beek and Jack & Sherryl Jones

Greeters: Ryan & Erin Davelaar

Video: Keith Brockmeyer

Nursery 1st: Jodi Smith &

Amy Profit

Nursery 2nd: Amber Lippon

Coffee: Kent & Jill Stensland

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 20

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

10:10am-Sunday School

10:15-Confirmation Parent Meeting

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

Monday, September 21

9:00am-PW Sewing

2:00pm-Membership Comm Mtg

Tuesday, September 22

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 23

5:30pm-Recharge

7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal

7:00pm-Adult Handbell practice

7:15pm-High School

8:00pm-Chancel Choir practice

8:30am-HS Act II

Thursday, September 24

9:00am-Men's Bible Study

Sunday, September 27

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

10:10am-Sunday School

10:15am-Confirmation Kick Off

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

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

David Croft

6613 Lakeshore Dr., Okoboji

Milt & Ruth Nolting

716 7th St., 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, Jim & Judy Arens, Jose Reedy, Mary Smith, Anita Stockdale, Jamie Nebelsick, Barb Hanisch, Peg Luhring, Jay Anderson, Bill Estes, Kay Monson, Marv & Barb Rohlf, Sharon Caskey, Paul Donnenwerth, Pat Dalton, Brian Jones, Donna VanHolland, Gene Kuehn, Kathy Hoppe, Connie Hoppe, Tom Gruber, Marj Struthers, Lori Johnson, Marj Roseberry, Marcia Andersen, Mitchell Elmquist, David & Michele Swanson, Melinda Gustafson, Dolly Kooima, Talia Patton, Velma Ashburn, Martha Woodard, Ben Kelly, Connor Rowley, Betty Elgin, Betty Lamer

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**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040, **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

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The Reverend Sid V Rice, President

Literacy and Evangelism International (LEI) missionaries are following in the footsteps of Jesus. Across Latin America, LEI missionaries and partners are equipping the church to share the message of Jesus through the gift of reading, and in doing so, they are opening the eyes of those who were once blind to God's word.

What a horrible feeling to wake up each day seeing fine but feeling blind. Illiteracy is a form of spiritual blindness as one is effectively cut off from reading, studying, meditation, and praying back the Scriptures. Jesus declared that He would give "recovery of sight to the blind" (Luke 4:18) and He challenges us to do the same for those who can't read His story.

Those who were blind are now able to see and read the truths that are found in the scriptures.

Eyes are being opened through the efforts of dedicated LEI missionaries.