

18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m. September 27, 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

Bock

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

CALL TO WORSHIP WORSHIP --Based on Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Come and worship the Lord with gladness.

Leader: Come into the presence of the Lord with singing.

People: Know that the Lord is God.

Leader: It is he that made us.

People: And we are his, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God and bless his holy name.

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and his faithfulness is to all generations.

All: Come, let us worship our Lord, Christ the King!

* HYMN 455 (vs 1,2,6)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

* OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your way of working in our world is often beyond our ability to comprehend. You continually surprise us by loving the unlovable, choosing the outcast and forgiving the sinners among us. Your kingdom is a place where the first are last, the youngest gets picked ahead of the eldest and

children are held up as role models. You specialize in the impossible -- impossible people, impossible tasks, impossible situations. The truth is, Lord, we just don't "get it." We don't get your time line, and we don't get your methods. Yet, we are grateful for that. For you can redeem what seems beyond repair to us. You can transform what seems hopeless. You can bring life out of death, and for that we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michael Gewecke

HYMN 304

"Jesus Loves Me!"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE

Adult Handbell Choir

"The Lord's Prayer"

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 1:18-25

(Page 1128 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Adult Handbell Choir

"Exuberant Joy"

SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 21:10-15

(Page 284 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Clint Loveall

"A Church full of crazy people"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH --Selections from a poem

When I say..." I am a Christian"

by Carol Wimmer

I'm not shouting "I am saved"

I'm whispering "I get lost"

"That is why I chose this way"

When I say..."I am a Christian"

I'm not trying to be strong

I'm professing that I'm weak

and pray for strength to carry on

When I say..."I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting I have failed
and cannot ever pay the debt

When I say..."I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartaches
which is why I seek His name

When I say..."I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority
I only know I'm loved.

OFFERING

Offertory

Labenske

"Going Home"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 442 (vs 1,2,5)

"The Church's One Foundation"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

Bock

"Blessed Assurance"

* **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; Erin Davelaar, Liturgist; Rachelle Gewecke, Pianist; Ushers are Dan VanBeek and Jack & Sherryl Jones; Greeters are Ryan & Erin Davelaar; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Keith Brockmeyer, Video; Jodi Smith & Amy Profit are in charge of the Nursery; Kent & Jill Stensland prepared our coffee.



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Congratulations to Justin & Heather Sprague on the birth of their son, Elijah Lee. Elijah was born on September 24th at 3:42am weighing 7 lbs 6 oz and was 21 inches long.

Thank You

The family of Shirley Morris would like to thank Pastor Clint and the loving congregation for helping celebrate the life of our mother/wife. She will be deeply missed by all.

The acts of kindness shared during her transition will never be forgotten. And the sympathy and tenderness expressed upon her passing will be remembered always.

Dick Morris & family

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

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.



Wednesday, September 30th

Meal: *Baked Potato Bar*

Meal Crew: *Vernice Wahl, Joan Baird, Karey Winkel & Lisa Richter*

Adult Classes

- **True Spirituality by Chip Ingram** ~ led by Pam DenHerder
- **A Modern Girl's Guide to Bible Study: A Refreshingly Unique Look at God's Word by Jen Hatmaker** ~ led by Rachelle Gewecke
- **Seven Men: And the Secret of their Greatness** by Eric Metaxas ~ led by Pastor Clint

Recharge Meal Servers 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).

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. This morning our snacks were provided by Marcia VanRoekel, next week will be ??????

Adult Sunday School Classes

- *Songs of Faith and the Stories behind Them* ~ Carol Stueven
- *Wisdom from the Proverbs* ~ Clint Loveall

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.

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!

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.

7th/8th Dodgeball Tournament

Think you have what it takes to win an all out dodgeball tournament? Time to bring your A game! We will provide the balls, the bracket, the referees, and you just need to come ready to have a great time! All 7th-8th grade students are invited to join us for our dodgeball tournament on Saturday October 10th from 7-9pm. The cost is \$5 per person, unless you bring a friend. If you bring a friend you both get in free! See you on October 10th.

Turkey Supper Time

FPC is hosting their Annual Turkey Supper, Thursday, October 22nd from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Carry out also begins at 4:30pm. This is an all church event and we need many helping hands to make this a success. Tickets are being sold by members of Presbyterian Women, you may purchase them at the door, or contact the office at 336-1649. On October 11th & 18th we will sell tickets after the 1st worship service. Cost for the tickets are adults—\$10.00, Children 5-10—\$5.00, 4 yr and under are free. **Just a few more pies are needed and please take a Turkey Supper poster to post in the community!**

*Sign up for Turkey
Supper jobs!!*

With the Turkey Supper right around the corner, please remember to take home your pans and bowls located on the table in the narthex.

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!

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

We have a few events coming up at Lakeshore Center that will require extra hands in the kitchen and possibly cleaning rooms. If you have time and would be willing to help out, please contact Beth at 337-3313 to let her know which date (s) work best for you.

- October 24—Cleaning of rooms at 11am
- October 27—10am to help with kitchen duties, dishes, etc.
- November 10—10am to help with kitchen duties, dishes, etc.

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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 27

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service
10:00am-Coffee and fellowship
10:10am-Sunday School
10:15-Confirmation Kick Off
11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

Monday, September 28

9:00am-PW Sewing

Tuesday, September 29

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 30

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, October 1

9:00am-Men's Bible Study
5:30pm-PWCT Meeting

Sunday, October 4

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service
10:00am-Coffee and fellowship
10:10am-Sunday School
10:15am-Confirmation
11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

Rides to and from church for this week is Kirk Huisenga ~ 330-9825, and next week is Bev Pratt ~ (712)253-7415.

Hospital Deacon: Kirk Huisenga

Week of October 4

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Pam DenHerder

Ushers: Darin & Erin Radcliffe & family & Tom & Deb Ditsworth

Greeters: Steve & Karrey Lindeberg

Video: Owen Primavera

Nursery 1st: Laurie Steinkuehler & Katelyn Brockmeyer

Nursery 2nd: Lindsay VanderWolde

Coffee: Keith & Beryl Marra

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

Jean Croft
6613 Lakeshore Dr., Okoboji
Jim & Kathy Nygaard
1676 310th Ave., 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, Lori Johnson, Marj Roseberry, Marcia Andersen, Mitchell Elmquist, David & Michele Swanson, Melinda Gustafson, Talia Patton, Velma Ashburn, Martha Woodard, Connor Rowley, Betty Elgin, Betty Lamer, Roberta Carlson

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

Dennis and Lisa Brockman
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Dennis is the Marketing and Communication Director with Campus Crusade. His responsibilities are: build and lead a marketing and communications (MarCom) team that supports Global Advancement in its mission to build capacity globally and to affirm and inspire ministry partners. He also gives strategic, creative, and innovative direction to global messaging and the marketing of the global brand promise.

Dennis and Lisa have 5 children. Dennis is the son of Jeanette Brockman. First Presbyterian Church has supported Dennis and Lisa since 1998.

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.