

Passion/Palm Sunday

8:50 a.m.

March 29, 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 Rachelle Gewecke & Eulyn Riemersma
 "Open the Gates of the Temple"

CALL TO WORSHIP --Adapted from Psalm 118

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: This house of worship blesses you, holy God.

Leader: God has sent the Light of the World to us.

People: Let us celebrate God's gift with a procession of palms and shouts of "Hosanna!"

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord. God is good to us!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

* HYMN 89

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

* OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, We praise you for all that your Son said and did on this day long ago and in the last week he was to spend on earth: for his humility, which preferred service to kingship; for his quiet courage before his enemies; for his touching sorrow over the great city he so deeply loved and pitied; for his gifts of bread and wine to be shared in remembrance of the gift of his life; for his complete humanity and

vulnerability in Gethsemane and on Calvary. Loving Father, by the example of your gracious Son, teach us to accept hosannas gratefully but with due skepticism, and to stand by our confessions and convictions bravely when enemies accuse and condemn us. Keep us in such close communion with our Lord that neither undue good fortune nor painful misfortune will be able to dismay us or weaken our loyalty to him who forgave his foes and never let down his friends. In the name of Jesus Christ, the "Man for Others," and our Savior. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

Michael Gewecke

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear our prayers, O Christ, and listen to our hearts' cry...

People: Hymn 599 Jesus Remember Me...

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

(Page 1040 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"Blessed is the King! Hosanna!"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:35-43

(Page 1046 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Clint Loveall

Sooner than you think

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH --Based on The Lord's Prayer

We believe in a gracious God that invites us to call him our heavenly Father.

We believe that his name is holy and his kingdom cannot be stopped. As we wait for that kingdom, we work to make this earth its reflection, and we pray that our God's will can be accomplished in and through us.

We believe that each day is a gift to be used and that God wants to free us from the pains and failures of yesterday and the worries and concerns

of tomorrow.

We believe the path to this freedom is found in grace, and that not only are we forgiven in Christ, but free to forgive in Christ as well.

We believe that sin pursues us and the only way to remain faithful is to be guided by God's own Spirit as we stand against evil in our lives and in our world.

And we believe that God alone is due all the worship, the glory, and the praise we can give, both in this world and the next. Amen

OFFERING

Offertory

Sanborn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

* BENEDICTION

"Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE

Sanborn

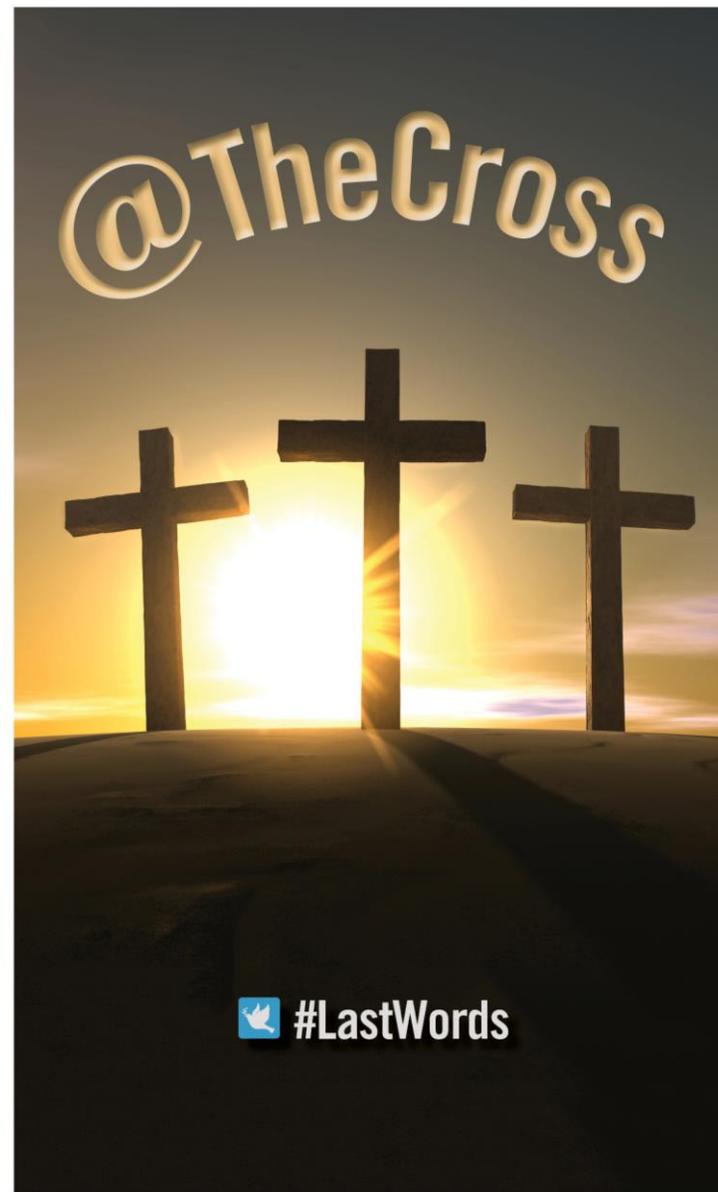
"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

* **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; Blaine Strampe, Liturgist; Rachelle Gewecke, Pianist; Ushers are Lisa Richter & family, Kelly Swancutt & Ron Niebruegge ; Greeters are Jack & Nadine Hough; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Keith Brockmeyer, Video; Laurie Steinkuehler & Hannah Brumley are in charge of the Nursery; Keith & Beryl Marra prepared our coffee. **For the Reforming service** Josh, Dana, Lucas & Leah Bolluyt, Greeters; Kari Bruinsma, Marissa Sill & Bart Duncan, Singers; Heidi DeMuth, Nursery; Tom Ditsworth, Sound; Craig Tillotson, Powerpoint.



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Thank You

Thank you for the cards, calls, support and prayers during and after back surgery. I do appreciate it very much! God bless.
Marge Schneidawind

Sunday School Classes 10:15am

New Member Class ~Clint Loveall

Book Study Running with Horses by Eugene Peterson ~

John & Cindy Knabe

Autobiographies of Grace ~

Various Speakers

80th Birthday Celebration

Don Clauson turned 80 on March 26th. Please join us for a slice of birthday cake during coffee time this morning as we celebrate this milestone event with him. Greetings may be sent to 905 26th St., Spirit Lake. Thank you so much to everyone at First Presbyterian Church for the love and support you provide to our folks.

The Clauson "kids"
Dave, Judi & Kathy

Lent Preaching Series

@The Cross #LastwordsofJesus

This Lent we will explore the seven things Jesus said from the cross. Each week we will look at one of the "last words" and try to hear Jesus' voice again in a new way. We hope you can make it for worship this Lenten season.

3/29 – Today you will be with me in paradise

4/1 – It is finished

Lenten Bible Study

Easter Deconstructed

We often think of Lent as the story of what leads up to Jesus' resurrection, but what about what has happened since. Our Lenten study this year will take a look at some of the major themes of faith through the lens of church history. We will gather each week for a soup supper and fellowship, and then have a chance to think together about a particular theme that has been an important aspect of the Christian faith. Childcare will be provided and there is no cost, so please join us as we explore our beliefs and prepare for Easter together.

The evening begins with a soup supper at 4:30pm and Bible Study from 5:00-6:00pm.

- 3/29 – Whom shall I send? – Christian Missions

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2nd – 7pm

Good Friday Service

April 3rd – 7pm

Easter Sunday Services

April 5th – 8:50am & 11:15am

One Great Hour of Sharing

On Sunday, April 5th, we will be collecting our One Great Hour of Sharing offering during our worship service. One Great Hour of Sharing supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People, enabling them to bring the joy and love of Christ to some of the most vulnerable and desperate people and places around the world. Please give generously.

Sound & Powerpoint Personnel Needed for Easter Sunday

We are in need of help up in the soundbooth for the 2nd (Reforming) service on Easter Sunday. We are looking for one person to run the sound and one person to run the powerpoint for the 11:15am service. Please contact the church office at 336-1649 or Rachele Gewecke at rachele.gewecke@gmail.com.

Easter Lilies

Again this year, the lilies will have even more meaning. The cost of a lily alone is \$10.25, or if you choose to help benefit the Spirit Lake Backpack Program, the cost will be \$15.00. So while we celebrate resurrection, we will also be ministering to those in need. 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. **The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, April 1st.** Thank you.

Calling All Photographers!

We are looking for someone who enjoys photography who would be willing to take some pictures of our different worship services and Sunday school activities that we could later display on our website for potential guests and visitors. If you (or someone you know) is interested, please contact Cheri in the office and let us know.

High School Mission Trip Deadline is Tuesday, March 31st

<http://sentbylove.com/register>

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Meal: Meatball Subs

Meal Crew: Stan & Rhea Sybesma, Merlin Stover,

- 1) Wednesday Night Fellowship is for everyone, not just kids or

families. Everyone is welcome.

- 2) Nursery will be provided as well as a Pre-K/T-K class.
- 3) **Dinner Time Change:** This year dinner will be served from **5:30pm to 6:00pm** so you can eat whenever you arrive.
- 4) Register Online at <http://fpcspiritlake.org/wnf>.

Schedule

- 5:30pm – Dinner begins and will be served until 6:00 (eat as you arrive)
- 6:00pm – Children and adult programming begins
- 6:45pm – Sr. High meal for those who come later
- 7:00pm – Dismissal
- 7:15pm – Sr. High Fellowship begins

Join a Meal Team

To sign up to serve with a group, please contact Cheri in the church office.

Adult Ed Classes

Caring for Elderly Loved Ones
~ Various Speakers

Parenting Adolescents ~ Clint Loveall

Please pick up your pans & bowls from the kitchen...

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 week our snacks were provided by the Peterson family, No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

Showing at Lakeshore Center at Okoboji – March 29th at 6:30

Palm Sunday Movie Night

TIM RICE & ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

All are welcome!

March 29, 2015
Doors open at 6 p.m.
Concessions available for purchase
(Hot dogs, popcorn, candy, Beverages)
Free Movie will begin at 6:30 p.m.

LAKESHORE Center at OKOBOJI
A Ministry of the Protestant Church (PCA)

1864 Highway 86 ~ Milford, Iowa 51351

Rides to and from church for this week is Kelly McKeever ~ (712)209-0303, next week will be Sharma Brockmeyer ~ 330-4423.

Hospital Deacon: Kelly McKeever

Week of April 5

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Bart Duncan

Ushers: Ryan & Erin Davelaar and
Steve & Jan Richards

Greeters: Norm Meinking &
JoAnn Asa

Video: Owen Primavera

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 29

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-80th Birthday Celebration for Don Clauson

10:10am-Sunday School
 10:15am-Adult Ed Classes
 11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service
 4:30pm-Lenten Bible Study
 Monday, March 230
 9:00am-PW Sewing
 Tuesday, March 31
 1:30pm-Women's Bible Study
 Wednesday, April 1
 5:30pm-WNF
 6:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal
 6:30pm-Building & Grounds Mtg
 7:00pm-Handbell practice
 7:15pm-High School
 8:00pm-Chancel Choir practice
 Thursday, April 2
 9:00am-Men's Bible Study
 7:00pm-Maundy Thursday Service
 Friday, April 3
 7:00pm-Good Friday Service
 Sunday, April 5
 8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
 8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service
 10:00am-Coffee and fellowship
 No Sunday School
 No Adult Ed Classes
 11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

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

Don & Deb Breems
 902 12th St., Spirit Lake

Clint, Jane, Bailey & Emma Loveall
 1210 30th 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, Dick Morris, Judy Arens, Jose Reedy, Jacob Connell, Mary Smith, Anita Stockdale, Ardyce Rush, Marian Tadlock, Jamie Nebelsick, Jim Hauck, Barb Hanisch, Amy Webber, Jack & Peg Luhning, Miles Butterworth, Jay Anderson, Bill Estes, Kay Monson, Brock Tuntland, Lois Roghair, Marv & Barb Rohlf, Kathy Huitink, Sharon Caskey, Paul & Sheri Donnenwerth, Pat Dalton, Brian Jones, Donna VanHolland, Gene Kuehn, Dave Bartels, Kathy Hoppe, Connie Hoppe, Larry Smith, Ron Jenkins, Esther Haburn, Jen Watts, Tom Gruber, Bernice Steele, Marj Struthers

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**, 73 Funk St., Ft. Leonardwood, MO 65473, **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 **Military BibleStick Outreach**

Across the USA, churches, radio stations, TV stations, and people like you are standing strong with our military, showing support and spreading God's Word to those in harm's way.

Through Faith Comes by Hearing's Military BibleStick project, our nation's troops are hearing the Word of God while on (or preparing for) deployment. The Military BibleStick is a digital audio player that is pre-loaded with a dramatized recording of the entire New Testament and over 65 minutes of select Psalms.

Chaplains from every branch of the military are flooding Faith Comes by Hearing with requests. More than 409,000 of these Audio Bibles are now in the field. Over 1,420 chaplains use Military BibleSticks in pre-deployment briefings, counseling sessions, Bible studies, weekly chapels and other spiritual services.

About 3.5 inches long and less than an inch thick, these pocket-sized Audio Bibles are field-friendly with a low-key design which reduces visibility for use in low-light situations.

Mustard Seed

Mustard Seed is a sponsorship of Christian Schools through student teachers who take the Gospel back to their tribes, villages and mountain people. Our sponsorships help cover the cost of Teacher training, school, food, clothing, & shelter. The Mustard Seed sponsors many missions throughout S.E. Asia. Each of these missions has its own unique evangelistic ministry: orphanages, schools, bible colleges, seminaries & medical facilities.

Goals include raising up and preparing the next generation to be leaders in spreading the gospel and influencing change in their environment.