

16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m.

September 13, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's glory is on tour in the skies.

People: God's handiwork is exhibited across the horizon.

Leader: Their words aren't heard and their voices aren't recorded.

People: But, their silence fills the earth. Unspoken truth is spoken everywhere.

Leader: Let our voices join the voices of all creation in a thunderous shout to God's holy majesty.

People: From our mouths let worship pour forth.

All: Amen. Let worship begin!

* HYMN 263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

* OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, so often we say the very thing we do not want to say, with words that are angry, thoughtless, self-righteous or mean-spirited. We speak when we should remain silent and we remain silent when we should speak for the sake of love and justice. Our sharp words are often a reflection of our broken hearts, and our judgements on others often a reflection of how little we know of grace. We ask for your forgiveness and for your deliverance. Restore and

redeem us, that our words and our lives might declare the wonder of your grace, the beauty of your creation and the joy of being your forgiven sons and daughters. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Bolluyt

HYMN 398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-31

(Page 999 in the Pew Bibles)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Taylor Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19

(Page 541 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON

Clint Loveall

Joining the proclamation

* 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

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 387

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

* 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; Bart Duncan, Liturgist; Charlene Radcliffe, Organist; Ushers are Dan VanBeek and Jack & Sherryl Jones; Greeters are Ryan & Erin Davelaar; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Dan Vicker, Video; Heather Sprague & June Howatt are in charge of the Nursery; Ray Miller & Janice Clark prepared our coffee.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Jack Luhring on his passing this past week.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Jake & Ruth DeJong on the passing of their sister-in-law, Bernetta (Nettie) DeJong, this past week.



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50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Please join Bob & Lynn Peterson for cake this morning during coffee time and wish them a **Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary**.

Sunday School Kickoff

Make sure to join us for our Sunday School kickoff breakfast at 10:10am this morning. We will share with you more information about these exciting changes, take questions, and celebrate the exciting year that lies ahead of us!

POET Dinner Event

The next POET event will be held at The Clubhouse Restaurant at Boji Bay (behind Perkins) on Monday, September 14th at 7pm. Please RSVP at www.fpcspiritlake.org

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

High School Cookout

All High School students are invited to join Pastor Michael and his family for a cookout and outdoor games from 6-8pm on Saturday, September 19th.



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, Recharge teachers are desperately needed. 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.

Attention Ladies:

Our Annual Presbyterian Ladies Salad Supper will be held on Sept. 17, 2015, 6:00 PM at Lakeshore Center of Okoboji.

You are invited to attend an evening of fellowship, worship and good food hosted by the Mary and Martha Circles. Everyone is encouraged to bring friends. Our speaker is Bonnie Neisess. Bonnie is involved with Stonecroft Ministries. She will share her faith and journey through her topic "Life's Treasures and Teacups". You will be blessed with Bonnie's message.

Sign-up sheets for this event are located in the narthex. There is a place on the sheet to indicate if you are planning to bring a friend, and if you would like to carpool from the church. We will leave the church at 5:30pm. Please sign up by Tuesday, September 15th. Questions, please contact Lori Vicker (515) 249-6684, Sandy Krout 832-3184, Gloria Ditsworth 330-9735 or Sharee DenHerder (712)441-1307.

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.

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 would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Sill for faithfully preparing the Power Point each Sunday for our worship service. Unfortunately, Chris is unable to continue this for us, so we are in need of someone with those skills to continue with those duties. Please contact Clint if you are willing to help.

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to join the Women's Bible Study Group each Tuesday afternoon at 1:30pm beginning on September 15th in the Fireside Room.

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 ICE CREAM OR WHIPPED CREAM PIES!** 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!

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!

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.

Lakeshore Center of Okoboji

"Camp I Believe" is a free Day Camp for children and teens, ages 7-17, grieving from death of a loved one. "Camp I Believe" will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 8:30 am-7pm at Lakeshore Center at Okoboji, 1864 Hwy 86, Milford, IA 51351.

For more info call Sharma at Lakeshore Center at 337-3313.

Rides to and from church for this week is is Bev Pratt ~ (712)253-7415, and next week is Doug Stueven ~ 330-7302.

Hospital Deacon: Bev Pratt

Week of September 20

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Ryan Davelaar

Ushers: Dan Van Beek and Jack & Sherryl Jones

Greeters: Ryan & Erin Davelaar

Video: Milt Nolting

Nursery 1st: Dana Kauffman & Angie Peterson

Nursery 2nd: Milly Tillotson

Coffee: Brent & Sandy Kasson

Parents Connect meets twice a month at Good News Church from 5:30-7:30pm. There is a free meal for the family, childcare for the kids, and an hour of teaching and discussion on parent related topics. We would be glad to include any families in your church or among your connections who are looking for extra support in the parenting journey and gently pointing them to Jesus at Parents Connect.

*Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 13

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-Anniversary Celebration of Bob & Lynn Peterson

10:10am-SS Kickoff Brunch

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

2:45pm-Worship Service at Welcov

Monday, September 14

9:00am-PW Sewing

5:15pm- Stewardship Comm Mtg

6:30pm-Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

7:00pm-Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 16

5:30pm-Recharge (WNF) Kick off

7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal

7:00pm-Adult Handbell practice

7:15pm-High School Kick Off

8:00pm-Chancel Choir practice

8:30am-HS Act II

Thursday, September 17

9:00am-Men's Bible Study

6:00pm-PW Salad Buffet @ Lakeshore Center

Saturday, September 19

6:00pm-HS Cook Out at

Pastor Michael's

Sunday, September 20

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

10:10am-Sunday School

10:15am-Confirmation Parent Mtg

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

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

Les & Marlene Noll

PO Box 152, Spirit Lake

Terry, Bev & Breanna Cother

2370 135th 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 Luhning, 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

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

*Paul and Christy Knudson
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Wheaton, IL 60187*

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Paul is SIM (Society of Int'l Missions) Bolivia Director and is responsible for the vision and leadership of the mission. He is accountable for the ministries and pastoral care of the missionaries. Christy cares for the family, is a teacher at the mission's school, Carachipampa Christian School, and a support to Paul in his role. Paul and Christy have three children. Christy is the daughter of Leonard Phelps, who was pastor of the church from 1975-81. First Presbyterian Church has supported Paul and Christy since 2000.

*Oaxaca Street Children Grassroots
PO Box 29226
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www.oaxacastreetchildrengrassroots.org

This organization provides a link between families who are in extreme poverty and sponsors who have the means to financially assist children. Their goal is to help very poor children with financial and social support which allows them to attend school. Achieving an education is vital to lifting themselves out of poverty.

Working out of a renovated building in Oaxaca, Mexico, southeast of Mexico City, this group provides social services to approximately 600 children including meals, clothing, medical assistance, social programs, shelter where needed and a chapel. Many individual sponsors are located in Dickinson County and are acquainted with Cliff Hinderman, a retired Spirit Lake High School Spanish teacher, who helped organize this group.

Making a difference through education with ethnic diverse children has been and is an unqualified success.