

2nd Sunday of Easter

8:50 a.m.

April 12, 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.

PRELUDE Scholtes
"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is light.

People: In him there is no darkness at all.

Leader: We have been called out of the darkness.

People: As followers of Christ, we have been called to walk in the light.

Leader: We worship the one, Triune God, who has shed the light of grace into our souls.

People: Let us worship God, the risen Christ, the light of the world.

* SONGS Worship Team
"You are Good" & "Risen in Christ"

OPENING PRAYER

Resurrected Lord, standing at the opening of the empty tomb our eyes are wide in amazement. Against all of our earthly experience, the one who had been crucified has overcome the jaws of death and is loose in our world. We, like the disciples of old, tremble with awe and amazement. May the living Savior unsettle our selfishness and pride. May we be convicted of our sin, comforted in our grief, and challenged in our apathy. Grant us the discernment to

see your Spirit at work in our midst and to receive comfort from your love. Set us free from our doubts and fears, so that we might serve the risen Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jan Bolluyt

HYMN 525

"Here I Am, Lord"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:97-106
(Page 610 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir w/Spencer Carlson
"Lord, I Need You"

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 1:1-2:2
(Page 1207 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Michael Gewecke
The Light of Christ, an Invitation to Fellowship

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH --Adapted from Confirmation
students Statements of Faith

We believe in Jesus Christ and will follow him and worship him. God's grace and love means a lot to us. It means that he comforts us, gives us peace, and gives us strength, but most importantly, he forgives our sins. God wants us to trust him, not in ourselves. We have to trust that he is good, that he loves us, and put our faith in him because he is trustworthy and absolutely reliable.

We believe that being a disciple means telling people about Jesus & his word, how he died on the cross for them to forgive their sins against him. When others are doing things that aren't right, usually it's just easier to follow the crowd instead of doing what Christ says to do so that we don't stick out or look weird. It can be hard to choose not to

fall into worldly ways. God's ways will always be better, pure, and clean. We know that following God is best for us even though it's often hard to testify and tell others about the Good News.

We trust in God's grace and love because when we're sad, mad, or have done something wrong we know that he is always in our hearts. God will also always forgive us and we will love him forever. Finally, we believe that we are called be part of the church family where we have a place to go and community of people who we can trust and talk to when we have a problem or if something is bringing us down. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF OUR CONFIRMANDS

OFFERING

Offertory

Wilson

"Just a Closer Walk"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* BENEDICTION

"Benediction"

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; Keith Brockmeyer, Liturgist; Eulyn Riemersma, Organist; Ushers are Ryan & Erin Davelaar and Steve & Jan Richard; Greeters are Norm Meinking & JoAnn Asa; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers, Pat Butler & Roger Rieck, Sound; Dan Vicker, Video; Amy Profit & Katelyn Brockmeyer are in charge of the Nursery; Ray Miller & Janice Clark prepared our coffee.



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No Adult SS Classes ~ 4/12/15

Jonah ~ Clint Loveall on 4/19

Book Study Running with Horses by Eugene Peterson ~

John & Cindy Knabe

Autobiographies of Grace ~

Dave Butterworth

Join us for "Conversations about the Church"

Wednesday Night Fellowships in April – 6:00pm

April 15 – What else can we do?

Join us for a brainstorming session to generate and discuss new possibilities of ministry and outreach for our church. We will consider community needs, church opportunities and new ideas. This will start conversation in hopes that some new directions for ministry and outreach might take shape.

April 22 – Space and building discussion

The entire congregation is invited to hear some discussions that have been happening regarding how we use our building and possible expansion. Everyone will be receiving a letter with details prior to this gathering and then we will have a chance to begin talking about whether this is the right time to consider adding to our facility. Pizza dinner will be provided, for a \$3 fee, through our Wednesday night fellowship, but we will need RSVP's in order to make sure we have enough for everyone.

We hope you can make one or all of these gatherings, especially if you have interest or concerns.

~ 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 Sandy Krout. Next week will be the Winkel family.

Spring Clean Up

Bring your gloves, rakes, clippers, etc and join in on the FPC Spring Clean Up day on Saturday, April 18th from 9-noon. Everyone is invited!!! If rain, April 25th.

Confirmand Reception

We are grateful to celebrate the relationships, faith commitment, and new life that the confirmands bring to our congregation. Congratulations to this year's Confirmands Rian Byers, Allen Grothen, Sophie Hinn, Presten Murray, Joe Parks, Annika Stecker, Madeline Stover & Mackenzie Vos. You are invited to join us following the service for a short time of reception and celebration including refreshments.

Let's Get Together

The next P.O.E.T. (Presbyterians Out Eating Together) Fellowship Dinner will be held at The Lighthouse at 6pm on Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The hope is that this will become a monthly gathering of church families who enjoy the time of fellowship together. We look forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP by April 22nd to www.fpcspiritlake.org, under the NEWS tab, or at the church office.

Youth Sunday on April 19th

Youth Sunday will be held on April 19th. All 7th-12th grade students are invited to participate in the worship service together. Be sure to attend Sunday School and WNF to hear about how you can be involved in this exciting opportunity to lead our church family in worship!

Register for Youth Sunday 7th-12th Sky Zone Trip

All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us following Youth Sunday worship on Sunday April 19th for our annual Spring social event. Starting at 12:15pm we will have a pizza lunch, drive to Sioux Falls, jump for 2 hours at Sky Zone in Sioux Falls, and then spend a few hours in the Sioux Falls mall before returning home to Spirit Lake by 9pm. RSVP & \$15 is required by Wed, April 15th. Pick up paper registration sheets and SkyZone waiver in the office or narthex, or feel free to save time and [register online](#) on the news page. Note that supper in the mall is at your own expense. We hope you can join us!

Upper Des Moines Food Pantry

The congregations of our county take turns supporting the Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry. Long ago it was decided by the churches that the county would be best served by having this pantry. Our congregation has the opportunity to provide to the pantry for the months of April and October. Please consider donating your items during the month of April. Items may be placed in the wagon in the Narthex. Monetary gifts are welcome as well.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Meal: *Fettuccini Alfredo*

Meal Crew: Ray & Marilyn Miller, Jan Bowles, Sandy Krout, Don Clauson, Ron & Ellen Williams

- 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

Adult Ed Classes

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Pictures of Mom

On Sunday, May 10th, we will be honoring all moms for Mother's Day. Please bring us your favorite picture of "Mom" to be presented in a slide show presentation on Mother's Day.

Spirit Lake Music Boosters

The Spirit Lake Music Boosters is holding their annual Omelet Brunch this Sunday, April 12th from 9am-1pm at the Spirit Lake High School Commons.

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

*2015 Upcoming Retreats
& Events*

April 25 Spring Work Day
May 1-2 Women Pastors Retreat

REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP BY APRIL 15 AND RECEIVE A FREE BEACH TOWEL!

For more information and upcoming events: www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org

Rides to and from church for this week is Kelly McKeever ~ (712)209-0303, next week will be Amy Stover ~ 336-9766.

Hospital Deacon: Kelly McKeever

Week of April 19

Reformed (1st) Service

Liturgist: Youth

Video: Milt Nolting

Nursery 1st: Lisa Kraus &
Breanna Cother

Nursery 2nd: Teresa Beck

Coffee: Steve & Jan Richards

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 12

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel
8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service
10:00am-Confirmand Reception
10:10am-Sunday School
No Adult Ed Classes
No Reforming (2nd) Service

Monday, April 13

9:00am-PW Sewing

2:00pm-Membership Comm Mtg

6:30pm-Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

No Women's Bible Study

7:00pm-Mission Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

5:30pm-WNF

7:00pm-Handbell practice

7:15pm-High School

8:00pm-Chancel Choir practice

Thursday, April 16

9:00am-Men's Bible Study

7:00pm-2nd Service Rehearsal

Saturday, April 18

9:00am-FPC Spring Clean-Up

Sunday, April 19

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed (1st) Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

10:10am-Sunday School

10:15am-Adult Ed Classes

11:15am-Reforming (2nd) Service

2:45pm-Worship Service at Welcov

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

Harley & Cindy Broek

15110 215th Ave., #10, Spirit Lake

Mike & Leola Malone

21516 155th 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, Ron Jenkins, Esther Haburn, Tom Gruber, Bernice Steele, Marj Struthers, Lori Johnson, Jim Nygaard, Marj Roseberry

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

*Bob & Sherry Tiede
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Bob's position with Campus Crusade for Christ is Leadership Development where he identifies and develops the next generation of leaders for American Campus Crusade for Christ focusing on 2% of the 7,000 American staff in their 20's to 40's who have been given leadership abilities by the Lord. Bob was previously CEO of Josh McDowell Ministry. He has been with CCC since 1971 serving on campuses for 8 years before joining Josh's staff. Sherry is from Arnolds Park and works part-time in Josh's office. They have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

*Follow Hard Ministries
PO Box 342, Waverly, IA 50677*

As a music and teaching ministry, Follow Hard Ministries is committed to using God's word to disciple and mentor women and children. It encourages people live for the purpose they were created for- to bring glory to God. With a small staff, the ministry provides seminars, retreats, conducts Vacation Bible School leadership, participates in Women's conferences, and writes curriculum information throughout Iowa and the Midwest. They also provide teaching and evangelism training, often with the aid of music.

Over the past 20+ years, the staff has traveled extensively to equip and encourage people to embrace Christ and follow hard after him. They have participated in VBS and a Women's Retreat for our church recently. Clearly, reaching kids and teachers are critical for being grounded in God's word.