

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
www.fpclakepark.org
10:30am

September 17, 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Call to Worship – (Based on Psalm 130)

L/ O Lord, to you I cry for I have sinned. Show us your mercy!

C/ If you O Lord keep record of sins, who could stand before you? But with you is forgiveness!

L/ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for the Lord and in God's Word is my hope!

C/ O Israel put your hope in the Lord our God! For our God is unfailing in love and full of redemption!

L/ God will take our sins upon Himself and God will save all His people from their sins!

Hymn of Praise: # 479 Softly and Tenderly

Prayer of Confession

All/ Lord Jesus, you love us despite our sinning. We confess that we have put ourselves before other people, that we have been violent to others in action or thought, and that we think of ourselves as better than others. Convict us Lord of our wrong doing and bind us together with our brothers and sisters in your name. Make of us one people, forgiven, remade, and strengthened by your Spirit to the Father's glory!

L/ Hear these words of scripture: "You dear children are from God and have overcome the forces of evil, because the One living inside of you is greater than the one who is in the world!" (1 John 4: 4) I declare by the Name of Jesus that God has forgiven us and we are saved in His blood and remade by the Spirit!

Gloria Patri

#812

Special Music Ken Byers

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 7: 18-20 **page 1450*

Canticle: #349 O How He Loves You and Me

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 18: 21-35 **pages 1527-28*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism (1562—Book of Confessions 4.070)

L/ Question 70: What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

ALL/ To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross.

To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

Offertory;

Doxology

#815

Joys and Concerns

Lord's Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ The covenant seal of Baptism is a covenant of grace. My soul was adopted by the Father and now I am His and He is mine! My soul takes encouragement from my baptism to plead for pardon and grace, for I have violated my vow and given my ways to sin, greed, hatred, gossip, slander, arrogance, and all other forms of disgrace.

C/ I come therefore and today renew my vows and accept your rule in my heart. I am a Christian. Fortify my spirit against temptation Lord. I am baptized into this body of believers—oh let me be assimilated into them and have communion with them in Your Spirit. Lord, make the desire of my heart to be to follow

the Lamb, Jesus, even if uncomfortable or dangerous, to do what Jesus declares and to disavow my own thoughts and ways. Act through me and guide me to establish with the Spirit your Kingdom. (Oliver Heywood, 1689, English Presbyterian minister)

Sending Hymn: # 590 I'll Live for Him

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Ann McClain & Nicole McClain

Greeters: Dennis & Donna Stoltenberg

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

Attendance 9/10/17: 32

Offering 9/10/17: \$507.00

Reminder– there are 74 unpaid per capita- \$33 for 2017

Commercial (Manse) Loan Balance: \$12,704.37

Furnace Loan: \$10,368.51

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Barry Boles TODAY, and to Diane O'Hern TOMORROW, and to Merel Clark on September 20th, and to Tara Korthals on September 21st.

-“Thank you for all the prayers, concerns, and help while I battle this foot injury.” - Pastor Tim

-Evening Circle will meet this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

-There will be a Session Meeting this Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.

-Wednesday evening Bible Study meets at the church every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The Friday morning Bible Study continues every Friday at 10:00 a.m. We are studying the book of Matthew.

-CHOIR meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come sing with us!

-REMINDER – the Schwan's fundraiser is still going until the end of **September**. Go to www.schwans-cares.com/c/32322 or call 855-870-7208 and give them the ID: 32322. Thank you, and we appreciate your continued participation.

-Deadline for October Newsletter items in next Tuesday, September 26th.

-We look forward to **CELEBRATING 125 YEARS** on October 15th! Please have your written memories to the church office by September 27th.

-Harvest Festival is coming right up! **Saturday, September 30th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Lynette Ehret is in charge of this event, and there are sign-up sheets in the church entryway. Please bring bake sale & craft items to the church by Friday, September 29th. If you have new items to donate for the Silent Auction, please contact Jean Delaney or Lesleigh Wiese.

-Grace Lutheran Church of rural Worthington will be having their Harvest Dinner next Sunday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the entryway with full information.

-Please remember to save your postage stamps and bring them to the box in the choir room for Stamp Ministry through Bits & Pieces.

-Remember – if you have an announcement for the Sunday bulletin, please call or notify the office before 10 a.m. on the previous Thursday.

May the **Lord bless you**
and **protect you.**

May the Lord **smile on you**
and be **gracious to you.**

May the Lord **show you His favor**
and **give you His peace.**

Numbers 6:24-26