

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

September 24, 2017

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Special Music - The Jammins

Call to Worship – (Based on Psalm 105)

L/ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name, make known the story to all the earth!

C/ Look to the Lord and seek God's face always!

L/ Remember all God has done—God has saved us from Egypt, brought us through the sea, given us manna and quail, led us though we grumbled and loved us though we sinned.

C/ Look to the Lord and seek God's face always!

L/ God has remembered the promise to Abraham, God knows those who are chosen and God calls them to keep the commandments.

Give Praise to the Lord all the earth!

C/ Look to the Lord and seek God's face always!

Hymn of Praise: #389 Spirit of the Living God

Prayer of Confession

All/ Holy Father, you call us and equip us and love us in this life. We confess that we take that for granted. We might live in fear of you, but we still often decide to ignore you and choose to care about ourselves first. We are greedy. We fail to stand for the right but choose money and politics over justice. We shun those you send to us and we refuse to put ourselves on the line for truth. We fail to keep our promises. But you Lord are always faithful! Teach our hearts to trust your promises and to reform our lives. Teach us to follow Your Son Jesus!

L/ Hear these words of scripture: “For God has allowed all men to be given to disobedience in order that God might show the truth of Mercy!” (Romans 11: 32) 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

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Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 24: 14-15 **page 369*

Canticle: #349 O How He Loves You and Me

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 1: 27-30 **page 1827*

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/ Jesus, Just and Holy One, You lift up the weak and weep with those who weep, and share joys as well like at Cana! You bring life!

C/ And what of me? My eyes turn toward heaven, but I often pass those who cry out and my lack of compassion and indifference can make others accuse Your doctrine of drying up the heart and causing death! Change us Your people Lord that in our hearts we will show gratitude and be renewed in Your deep, deep love! (Andre Walther, 1871, French Pietist and Feminist)

Sending Anthem – “Til the Answer Comes” - The Jammins

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Ann McClain & Nicole McClain

Greeters: Steve & Lori Eggers

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

Attendance 9/17/17: 42

Offering 9/17/17: \$1,382.00

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 Rita Doeden TODAY, and to Lisa Aboamera TOMORROW, and to Daniel Delaney on September 28th, and to Kiley Perkins on September 29th, and to Andy Clark and Cindy Vande Hoef on Sept. 30th.

-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Philip & Alex Crooks and to Steve & Lori Eggers TODAY.

-There will be a Membership Team meeting today after the worship service in the Fireside Room.

-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!

-PW Women Fall Gathering for the Presbytery will be at Memorial Presbyterian in Cherokee on September 25 at 8:45am. Registration is \$7.00. All women are welcome to attend. Please see Marilyn or Marcia S. for more information.

-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 is Tuesday, September 26th.

-Reminder – Our next Mobile Food Pantry will be Thursday, October 5th.

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

-Harvest Festival is coming right up! **NEXT 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 or a **themed basket** 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 TODAY from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the entryway with full information.

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