

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30am

October 15, 2017

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

125th Anniversary Celebration of First Presbyterian Church

Musical Prelude - Lisa Joynt

Choral Introit

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Call to Worship – (Based on Psalm 122)

L/ I rejoiced when I heard them say, “Let us go to the House of the Lord!”

C/ Our feet are standing in your gates O Jerusalem.

L/ Jerusalem is a city built closely. It is where all the tribes go to praise God’s name.

C/ It is where the thrones of judgment and the throne of David stand. Pray for the peace of God’s Holy City!

L/ May there be peace within these walls and security behind the citadel.

C/ For our family’s sake I say, “Peace be with you!”

L/ I rejoiced when I heard them say, “Let us go to the House of the Lord!”

Hymn of Praise: #401 The Church’s One Foundation

Prayer of Confession

All/ Gracious Father you have called us together. We confess that at times we have forgotten that we are for you and not about our own desires. At times we have worked against each other. At times we have acted selfishly instead of worked together to bring you glory. Forgive us and renew your call to us, a call to love and praise you and bring that love to this whole community.

L/ Hear these words of scripture: The Lord says, “I love you with an everlasting love, and I have made you with loving kindness. I myself will rebuild you!” (Jeremiah 31: 3) I declare by the Name of Jesus that God has forgiven us and we are saved in Jesus’ blood and remade by the Spirit!

Gloria Patri

#812

Children’s Chat

Special Music - Choir

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 29: 11-14 **page 1221-22*

Canticle: # 561 I Would Be Like Jesus

New Testament Lesson: John 1: 35-50 **page 1647-48*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith Renewal of Baptismal Promises

L/ Know that God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and is steadfast in love with those who keep God’s commandments! (Deuteronomy 7:9). Sisters and brothers, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin and of our being grafted into the Body of Christ, the church. We are united to Christ’s life, death, and resurrection which broke our bondage to sin and gained for us Eternal Life. Through our baptism we are made citizens of the Kingdom. Baptism is the start of all the ministries and the Life that is the church. Let us celebrate our freedom and bonding in Christ by renewing the promises we made at our baptism.

Trusting in the grace of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil?

C/ We do

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

C/ We do

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying the Word and showing his love to all the world?

C/ I will, with God's help

L/ trusting in Christ, let us confess our faith with the whole church:

All/ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there Jesus will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

L/ We thank you Lord for the brave and believing people who brought your message to this place. We remember today all those who have been and those who still are members and disciples in this congregation. By their energies your church has gathered in Lake Park for 125 years, by your elders and pastors order has been given to its Life, by your deacons compassion and service has been given to this whole community, and by your people the Word has been proclaimed and fellowship has been extended. Bless those who have taught, served, eaten, prayed, laughed, cried, and lived here. Bless us who continue to be your church here. Make us faithful to your call and bind us with the Presbytery and our sister congregations that together we might bring your truth and show your love to all the world. Fill us with your Spirit, Lord, that we might be witnesses to the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord for all the days you have called of First Presbyterian in the years ahead.

Offertory; Doxology #815

Prayer of Dedication by the Deacons

Joys and Concerns

Lord's Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ O God our eternal hope: we thank you for providing us a map in our search for the Kingdom. Help us not be so fascinated by the map that we forget our goal; nor be so obsessed by the excitement of exploring that we become lost or go astray; nor to be overwhelmed by hardships and obstacles that we lose hope and abandon our mission.

C/ Even when we face failure and discouragement, increase our faith. Give us a sense of joy and peace even if we experience change and loss. Grant us humility and keep us servants of Jesus. Help us to say with conviction: we are but instruments of the King and it is always our duty and delight to serve you and give you the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen! (Hui-chin Loh and I-to Loh, Presbyterian church of Taiwan, 2001)

Sending Hymn: # 779 I'll Fly Away

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Jim Kessler & Roger Velishek

Greeters: Ken & Marvel Byers

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

Attendance 10/8/17: 40

Offering 10/8/17: \$2,407.12

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

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

Furnace Loan: \$10,368.51

This bulletin is sponsored
In Honor of Joe & Erma Thorn
And their Anniversary
By their family

-TODAY WE CELEBRATE 125 YEARS! We will enjoy a potluck dinner and hymn sing after worship. Stay and celebrate with us!

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Zachary Ehret & Tina McClure TOMORROW, and to Fran Jungjohan & Dennis Stoltenberg on October 18th.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated to, worked at, supported, and/or attended our Harvest Festival 2017.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Lynette Ehret for all her hard work and good leadership as the chairperson.

-THANK YOU to whomever recently donated paper products. We always appreciate donations of the necessities!

-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 will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

-There will be a Come & Go Bridal Shower for Kortney Tuinstra, Bride-to-Be of Kevin Winters next Saturday, October 21st from 10 a.m. to Noon. There is a detailed announcement on the bulletin board in the entryway.

-The Lake Park United Methodist Church will be having a Fall Fiesta taco bar lunch next Sunday, October 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is a free will donation.

-This year's Halloween Party will be here on Sunday, October 29th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donations of bags of candy will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the church office by Friday, October 27th. THANK YOU!!

-The YMCA Kinship Reading Program is again looking for volunteers to be Reading Buddies. Please call the church office if you would like more information.

-TURKEY SUPPER 2017 is coming right up! The date will be Saturday, November 4th. Sign-up sheets are in the entryway.

-We will have a COOKIE WALK on Saturday, November 18th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. This will be a General Fund fundraiser.

-Looking ahead...Please think about saving ahead for Operation Shoebox. We have some shoeboxes here at the church. Please contact Loretta McClain if you want one.

-You can still give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with the hurricanes—give to the congregation or send to: *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)- P.O. Box 643700 - Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700*

Gifts can be designated to DR000194 which goes to both Irma and Maria Relief (Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

Support for ongoing Harvey relief should be directed to DR000169-Harvey.

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

125 years of gathering with family and friends;
125 years of blessings that flow from the Love that never ends.

125 years of praying together for a world that's falling apart;
125 years of reminders of how VERY great Thou art.

125 years of “Who’s making the coffee?”
(and “Who’s washing all those cups??”);
125 is a lot of years of a lot of downs and ups.

125 years of babies and grace;
125 years of gathering in our Holy place.

125 years of “Who’s in charge of the flowers, the music, the tables, the chairs, the pews, the lawn, and the snow?”;
125 years of knowing we have somewhere warm and safe to go.

125 years of remembering all of the years before;
125 years to celebrate,

And here’s to many, many more!