

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30am

November 26, 2017

Christ the King

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Call to Worship – (Based on Revelation 22)

L/ The Lord is a great God who says, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

C/ Come let us worship the King!

Hymn of Praise: # 370 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Prayer of Confession

All/ Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him and are slow to acknowledge his Kingship over us! We give allegiance to the powers of this world: greed, lust, despair, power, wealth, and self-centeredness. We fail to be governed by Love and Justice. In your mercy forgive us and make us your loyal ambassadors, bringing all the world to your throne.

L/ Hear these words of scripture: “Salvation does not therefore depend on a man’s desire or effort but on God’s mercy” (Romans 9: 16) 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

Special Music

Children’s Chat

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 22-24 **pages 1341-42*

Canticle: # 403 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 1: 15-23 **page 1818*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967 —PCUSA Book of Confessions, 9.44, 9.46)

All/ God has created all peoples of the earth to be one universal family in God’s household. In God’s reconciling love, the barriers between us are broken down and with them every type of discrimination based on racial, ethnic, political, or economic difference. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold each other as persons no matter their relationship to us. Inequity in power or economic poverty is intolerable to the stewardship of God’s good creation. Because Jesus identified with the oppressed, the marginalized, and the poor, the church must stand with Him and take up their cause. Whether poverty and injustice are the result of unjust social structures, exploitation and greed, lack of resources shared in the world, absence of educational and technological opportunities, or expansion and unwarranted outstripping of natural resources and capacity, the church cannot condone it. We are each called to use our abilities, gifts, possessions, and the fruits of our technology and living standards, given by God, to the benefit of the human family and the advancement of the common welfare. A church which is indifferent to economic responsibility and poverty, which is only open to one social class or ethnic makeup, or expects gratitude in exchange for its benevolence and help is a mockery to God’s reconciliation in Christ and offers no acceptable worship to God!

Offertory;

Doxology

#815

Joys and Concerns

Lord’s Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ O Lord Jesus, thou only art the sun from whose beams I receive light. Thou art my head from whom I must get the Life of the Spirit. Thou art the root from whom I receive sap and growth.

**C/ Thou art the fountain from which I must draw living water.
Thou art the treasure from which I obtain the riches of grace!**
(John Willison, 1732, Scottish Pastor)

Sending Hymn: # 377 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Terry Wiese & Roger Velishek

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

Attendance 11/19/17: 49

Offering 11/19/17: \$3,792.71

Reminder-- there are 70 unpaid per capita- \$33 for 2017

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

Furnace Loan: \$10,368.51

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Braydan Perkins TODAY, and to Bonnie Anderson on November 28th, and to Art Schumacher on November 29th, and to Kedric Wunder on December 5th, and to Ann McClain on December 7th, and to Kyla Byers on December 9th.

-THANK YOU to all who have given above and beyond to celebrate our church's 125 years – in traditional ways all at once or more creative ways like \$12.50 a week. Five gifts of \$125.00 and Six gifts of \$12.50 have been received in honor of our 125 years celebration.

-THANK YOU to everyone who generously gave to the UDMO Food Pantry. A total of \$141.00 was collected.

-THANK YOU AGAIN to everyone who helped with the Cookie Walk which raised \$283.00 for the General Fund.

-THANK YOU to the teams that have turned in their budget reports and end of year reports. We are still waiting for a few and are REALLY hoping to have them all turned in to the office by this Friday, December 1st.

-The “**Planning of the Greening**” meeting will be today after morning worship in the basement for anyone who has ideas or thoughts about our holiday decorations. The Greening of the Church will be next Saturday, December 2nd.

-The Presbyterian Women of Spirit Lake invite the women of our church to their Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 7th at 12:30 p.m. This will be at First Presbyterian Church of Spirit Lake and will feature program presenter Kristle Davis.

-We will be having our MOBILE FOOD PANTRY here at the Church on Thursday, December 7th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will need volunteers at 12:00 p.m. to unload truck, and at 4:30 p.m. to help with packing and carrying.

-We are looking forward to beautiful poinsettias surrounding our altar again this year. You may bring them in any time after December 10th, and please remember to let the church office know if yours is In Honor of or In Memory of someone special. If anyone has a change of address or phone number that should go in the Church Directory, please notify the office by December 17th so this can all be updated.

-There is a mitten tree at the care center for the residents' Christmas gifts if anyone is interested in adopting a resident or two for the holiday season. Mittens are available until all adopted, and gifts need to be returned to the care center by December 18th. We greatly appreciate everyone's generosity in helping to make the season a little brighter for everyone at Pearl Valley Rehab and Nursing.

-It is that time of year again for the Nominating Team to be looking for leaders in our church. The search will be for Team Members, Elders, Deacons, and a Church Treasurer.

-Friday morning Bible Study continues every Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book of Matthew.