

First Presbyterian Church  
Lake Park, Iowa  
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10:30am

November 12, 2017

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Call to Worship – (Based on Psalm 78)

L/ O people, hear my teaching and heed the commandments of our God

**C/ Tell them to each other and to the children in generations not yet born**

L/ Put your trust in God and do not become rebellious or stubborn in your ways like our ancestors did!

**C/ God saved them from slavery but they put God to the test, calling for food and comfort and more than God had provided.**

L/ They did not follow God's covenant which asks responsibility and sharing with all the community. They created their own gods and their own rules. They justified greed by false religion and their own position. Thus they made poverty and oppression a moral punishment on others and failed to see their own undoing which the prophets warned would bring exile.

**C/ O people hear my teachings and do not be destroyed! Instead follow the Lord who will build his Kingdom on the Holy Hill of Jerusalem.**

Hymn of Praise: # 101 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

(based on Psalm 100)

Prayer of Confession

**All/ We confess Lord that we would rather seek our own comfort and security than follow you. We have cheated and lied to get our way. We have dismissed those we do not like as lazy or undeserving. We have failed to stand up for justice in the name of calm and order. We have bullied and failed to stop others**

**from doing so. We have justified it all by saying we are moral and deserving. Forgive us Lord and give us a heart that looks at others as our own family. Forgive us Lord and remake us to be like your Son. Forgive us Lord.**

L/ Hear these words of scripture: "Peace to you in Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from this evil age." (Galatians 1: 4) 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

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Nehemiah 5: 1-13 *\*pages 756-57*

Canticle: # 403 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 25: 1-13 *\*pages 1540-41*

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/ Heavenly Father, we praise you and rejoice in Your love. Thank you for Jesus Christ who has drawn me out of darkness into God's Kingdom. We affirm now that Jesus's death, and my death with Him in baptism, can defeat the control of sin in my life. We together praise you that in His resurrection we are alive and we accept our walking in the newness of life to the works of good you have for us.

**C/ Heavenly Father we thank you that we can bring the work of our hands to you because you have made us your sons and daughters. You are the owner of all that each of us has and we are but stewards. Teach us to live in covenant and care for all the world, drawing them to you and living filled with the Spirit.**

(Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, 1992)

Sending Hymn: # 690 He Leadeth Me

### Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Terry Wiese & Roger Velishek

Greeters: Ken & Marvel Byers

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

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Attendance 11/5/17: 46

Offering 11/5/17: \$1,291.50

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

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

Furnace Loan: \$10,368.51  
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-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Cooper Boles & Wes McClure on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and to Allyster McClain & Eunice Nebelsick on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Dennis & Cindy VandeHoef on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

-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.

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

-Morning Circle meets this Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

-Afternoon Circle meets this Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

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

-There will be a Session Meeting this Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

-KJIA Christian Radio is sponsoring a Shareathon event "Soup and Sweets Supper" this Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will be at Spirit Lake First Presbyterian Church and will be Free-Will Donation. Complete information is on the flyer in the entryway.....

-We will be packing shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse/ Operation Christmas Child here at the church this Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring donated items (school supplies, fun toys, hygiene items) to the church by Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and put them on the table in the family room next to the Fellowship Hall. Remember – we will need postage in the amount of \$9.00 per box that we send.

-We will be having a COOKIE WALK next Saturday, November 18th from 8 to 11 a.m. here at the church. Every donation of cookies is appreciated, and it is suggested to bring a minimum of 36 cookies of the same variety. If you will be donating cookies, please call Jeanie Hawn at (712) 330-7454 by the end of today. Cookies should be dropped off at the church by Friday evening at 7 p.m. or Saturday morning by 7 a.m. We'll need volunteers that day for a minimum of 1 hour. Money from this delicious fundraiser goes to the General Fund.

---Concordia Lutheran Church of Lake Park will host the annual fall pork feed dinner next **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Park Community Center. The benefit is going towards the Jones family. Supplemented by the Thrivent Action Team

-This year's Joint Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at **5:00 p.m.** at Harris United Methodist Church.

-We will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for Local Food Ministries during this service... We will also accept these donations at our regular Sunday Worship Service. This is November's Mission Focus.

-The "**Planning of the Greening**" meeting will be Sunday, November 26th after morning worship. We will gather in the basement. Anyone who plans to help with the greening of the church and/or has ideas or thoughts about our holiday decorations is encouraged to attend this meeting. The Greening of the Church will be on Saturday, December 2nd.

-**ALL TEAMS NEED TO HAVE THEIR BUDGET REPORTS AND END OF YEAR REPORTS IN TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st. THANK YOU.**

-We are looking for families or groups to light the ADVENT CANDLES for us on Sundays beginning December 3rd. Please call the church if you would like to do this.

-The Osceola Community Express Board is looking for a part-time bus driver. If interested in this position, there is a detailed announcement on the entryway bulletin board.

-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.

-You can still give to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Simply put your donation in an envelope marked "Presbyterian Disaster Relief" and place it in our Sunday collection plate.

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

## **Thought for Today:**

**Dear Veterans,**

**Those of us who have not served  
will never fully understand  
the sacrifices you've made  
both in times of peace and of war.**

**We will never fully understand  
what you were required to do  
or how you were able to do it.**

**We will never fully understand  
the depth of your scars.**

**But what we can offer you is this:**

**We see you.**

**We recognize your humanity.**

**And we send you Love  
that is gentle, patient and healing.**

**With Blessings and Gratitude,  
we ask that you remember you are loved.**

**Thank you.**