

First Presbyterian Church  
Lake Park, Iowa  
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10:30am

February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Exchange of Peace

Call to Worship -- based on Lamentations 1: 18-22

L/ The Lord is righteous but we have rebelled! Listen and know about the suffering of Jerusalem. Old and young alike have rebelled against the Lord.

**C/ The hearts of the people cry out to God—Save us O Lord!**

L/ See O Lord, my heart is distressed because I know the truth. I delude myself with reasons, but the truth is I have been the unfaithful one. I sought my own peace and rest. It has brought only pain and death.

**C/ The hearts of the people cry out to God—Save us O Lord!**

L/ The Lord in His justice will set it right. The Day of the Lord will come and all of us will get our due. Even our enemies will be dealt with according to justice. Rebellion and sinfulness will be wiped out.

**C/ The hearts of the people cry out to God—Save us O Lord!**

Hymn of Praise: #309 I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Intercessions

L/ Jesus, hear our intercessions today. For your church around the world, we ask new life.

*Deacons/ For those who carry out ministry in your church we ask for grace and wisdom.*

*Elders/ For those of your people who undertake spiritual disciplines and practice their faith, give inspiration.*

## Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Nicole McClain & Ann McClain

Greeters: Angie & Barry Boles

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

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Attendance 2/11/18: 40

Offering 2/11/18: \$996.00

There are 35 paid per capitas: \$37 for 2018

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Today's Bulletin is sponsored  
In Memory of Don Hamann

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Merle Wiese & Carl Ingwersen TODAY, and to Mary Byers & Bryce Perkins on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Dennis & Donna Stoltenberg on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Joint Lenten Service at 5:00 p.m. TODAY here at First Presbyterian Church. There is a schedule of Lenten Services on the bulletin board in the entryway and also in our February Newsletter.

-This Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, is the deadline for March Newsletter items.

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

-We will be having a Baked Potato Bar fundraiser next month on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and in our March Newsletter.

-The Prayer Chain is currently being updated. If you would like to be added or would like more information, please call Lynette in the office. An updated Prayer Chain will be distributed later this month.

-It is time to have a toilet paper shower for our church. If you are able to donate toilet paper – please drop it off at the church.

-Friday morning Bible Study continues every Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book of Luke, and everyone is welcome.

Affirmation of Faith (Belhar Confession—worship edition)

**C/ It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed. We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. God conquers divisions, hatred and bitterness. As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

**We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation--servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.**

*Edited and prepared by Barbara Hedges-Goettl for PCUSA*

Offertory; Doxology #815  
Joys and Concerns

Lord's Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ Most gracious God, there are times when we hope you have the capacity to laugh and see humor because we humans get ourselves in situations that can only be survived with humor or else life is really a tragedy without hope.

**C/ Help us to laugh at ourselves instead of hold grudges or think ourselves less. Help us to realize we are not permanent monuments to your temple but in a line of temporary servants. Give us understanding of the mysteries that sustain us and help us to be of service to all those seeking your will. And keep us from thinking we know the final answers for that is only for you! Amen.** (James Andrews, Stated clerk of PC(USA) from 1973 to 1996)

Sending Hymn: # 564 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Men/ For Christians of every land, we ask unity.

Women/ *For those who do not believe, we ask your faithful love.*

Pastor/ For politicians and leaders in this land we ask guidance.

**C/ For all who suffer in body or mind or spirit, we ask healing and peace.**

L/ Let us remember our sins before Christ... (silence) Holy God, your Word Jesus spoke peace to a sinful world and asked us to repent and be made one again with you. By his suffering and death, Jesus reconnected us to your love. Teach us who bear the name of Christ to follow in His example. May our faith, hope, and love shine into this world and bring it to Life in Him.

**C/ O God we are heartily sorry for having offended you, in our thoughts and words and deeds, by our actions and inactions. We publically declare that we have sinned. We hear your call from the cross Lord and ask your forgiveness and your healing. Turn our hearts again to you and wash us clean as snow.**

L/ We are forgiven and freed from sin in Christ. We are loved and made new in his blood and resurrection. We are empowered to now show the world His love and grace in the ascension and coming of the Spirit. We are Christ's own!

Gloria Patri #812

Children's Chat

Special Music - Choir

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 1: 1-16 *\*pages 1440-42*

Canticle: # 486 Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

New Testament Lesson: Mark 1: 35-39 *\*page 1553*

Sermon