

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30am

Attendance 5/20/18: 46
Offering 5/20/18: \$3,915.50
Pentecost Offering 5/20/18: \$119.00
There are 49 paid per capitas: \$37 for 2018

May 27, 2018

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 24)

L/ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. The people also belong to God and serve God's purpose.

C/ Who can go to the Lord's house? The one with a clean heart and a loving soul; the one who worships God and not an idol.

L/ We will receive redemption and a blessing from our God for the Lord brings hope to all who seek Him.

C/ Who then is the King of Glory, the one to whom we should attend? The Lord God is the King of Glory and all praise is due only to God.

L/ Open your hearts and lift the gates of your soul that the King of Glory might enter.

Hymn of Praise: #128 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(based on Psalm 104)

Prayer of Confession

All/ Precious Lord, you call us together to be a community, sharing our resources and talents to build your kingdom. We confess that we do not always act as a community. We bicker and fight. We divide those around us into us and them. We push our own agendas or ways of doing things instead of being a part of the whole. Help us Lord to amend our ways and to follow you, willing to be together and share all that we have. Teach us to count progress toward your Will not by our own riches or peace but the good of all those around us, especially those we struggle with including the most. In the name of Jesus and by the Spirit, make us truly Your people!

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Heather Harmon on May 29th, and to Ruger Kelly on May 30th, and to Gary Hale on May 31st.

-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Paul & Tara Korthals on May 29th.
"I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers, cards, and good well wishes following my surgery and home recovery. Thank you to Pastor Tim for your prayers and telephone calls."

- Dennis Stoltenberg

-Please return bottles for the Cherish Center Baby Bottle Campaign by next Sunday, June 3rd.

-Session calls a Special Congregational Meeting TODAY immediately following worship for the purpose of electing a deacon to a vacated term on the Board of Deacons.

-Please join us after the Congregational Meeting TODAY for a graduation celebration coffee hour hosted by the Merrymacs to honor Pastor Tim who has received his Doctorate of Ministry from the University of Dubuque.

-Memorial Day Service will be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the H-LP High School.

-Lake Park Heritage Square will be having an Open House tomorrow, May 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come tour the Depot Museum and Prairie House and see a Mother-Daughter Art Exhibit and a Bake Sale.

-Please bring Garage Sale items to the church **before this Wednesday, May 30th** and place them in the second Sunday School room south of the Nursery (Room B). Remember – no electronics or broken items, and no clothes.

-Volunteers are needed to make quick cleanup and run-through of the church from June 9th thru June 15th. Please call the church office or Pastor Tim to sign up and to receive brief instructions.

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

L/ Hear these words of scripture: “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.” (Galatians 3:13-14) In the name of Jesus I declare, our sins are forgiven and we are saved!

Gloria Patri #812

Children’s Chat

Special Music

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-18 **pages 671-72*

Canticle: # 534 Learning to Lean (with optional ending)

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 13: 15-21 **page 1879*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith (1983, PCUSA Book of Confessions, 11.3)

All/ In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom we worship and serve. We trust in God whom Jesus called Abba, father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in Gods image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel and hide from God. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate God’s image in ourselves and in others, we accept lies as truth, we exploit our neighbors and the earth, and we threaten the planet entrusted to us by God with war and environmental chaos. Even though we deserve God’s wrath, God acts with justice and mercy and redeems all of

creation through Jesus Christ. Like a mother who will not forsake her children or a father who runs to welcome the prodigal son, so too does God remain faithful to the covenant with us. So with believers of all times and places, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Amen.

Offertory; Doxology #815

Joys and Concerns

Lord’s Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Heritage)

L/ O our God, grant us the grace to seek first the Kingdom of God. Let this quest, this mission be our first thought on waking, our last before sleeping. Let it govern all we think and do, all our plans concerning our children and family, our vocation and place in society. Let it make us a community together.

C/ Let this focus on your kingdom shape our orientation in the world and that of our children. Let it occupy the central space in all things, work or play. Teach us to receive your blessings each day as truly from you and teach us to speak all things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Madame Mirabaud, 1890, French Reformed lay women and author of “Prayers for the Family”)

Benediction

Sending Hymn: # 424 The Servant Song

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Dennis VandeHoef and Nicole McClain

Greeters: Bud & Betty McClure and Teri McClure

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +