

First Presbyterian Church  
Lake Park, Iowa  
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10:30am

September 16, 2018

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

L/ The heavens declare the glory of the Lord and the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

**C/ Day by day all creation pours forth knowledge that we might gain the wisdom of God.**

L/ The Law and teachings of the Lord are perfect; they revive the soul!

**C/ The wisdom of God is more precious than silver or gold, sweeter than honey and full of truth.**

L/ By your Words, O God, we your servants learn and are kept innocent; may meditation on them be pleasing in your sight.

Hymn of Praise: #343 Amazing Grace

Prayer of Confession

**All/ We think we know and we are rigid in our knowledge. We ignore the Spirit which calls us to explore the joys of creation and gain understanding to care for it all. We think we know how people should be or what is right, but we choose that which is familiar or comfortable for us. Teach us to listen to Your wisdom, O Christ, and follow Your Spirit.**

L/ Hear these words of scripture: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." (Romans 1: 16) In the name of Jesus I declare, our sins are forgiven and God's love is proved on the cross!

-THANK YOU to everyone who gave to the Cherish Center Baby Bottle Campaign this last summer. Together we gave a total of \$163.96 to help support their wonderful ministry!

-THANK YOU to everyone who donated cleaning supplies and paper products for our church. Always much appreciated!

-Deadline for October Newsletter items is next Tuesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

-Mission Opportunity—The Youth Group is helping the international students at Iowa Lakes Comm. College through the Spencer Campus Winter Clothing Drive, many of whom arrive with inadequate winter gear and little spending money. They are collecting hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, canned goods, granola bars, soap, and shampoo. All items must be brought to church by Wednesday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping.

-The annual Fall Festival is coming right up on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lynette Ehret is our chairperson again this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entryway. Arts and crafts items to donate may be brought to the church anytime. **Silent Auction** items, including themed baskets, can be brought to the church office anytime. Any questions about **Silent Auction** items can go to Lesleigh Wiese or Jeanie Hawn.

-Grace Lutheran Church of rural Worthington will be having their Harvest Dinner on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the entryway with details.

-Our annual Turkey Supper will be Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to watch your bulletins and the October Newsletter for more details on this deliciously exciting event!

-Looking ahead: Operation Christmas Child and the filling of the shoeboxes is coming up later this fall. We will soon have a list of suggested items and more information available for everyone.

-**Our First Presbyterian Church Choir** practices every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Come sing with us!

-Friday morning Bible Study continues every Friday at 10:00 a.m. We are studying the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome.

***"Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.  
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy."***

- Psalm 96:12

Children’s Chat

Special Music - CHOIR

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 1: 20-31 *\*page 985-86*

Canticle: #386 (in blue hymnal) O for a World

New Testament Lesson: James 3: 1-13 *\*page 1883*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: Confession of 1967 (PCUA Book of Confession, 9.53-9.56)

**All/ God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the entirety of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment even as all these are exploited and corrupted by sin. It is the will of God and the purpose of human life that all shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and that all evil shall be banished from creation. With the urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the Kingdom of God nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond partial achievement to the final triumph of God. So we pray—Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations. Amen.**

Offertory; Doxology #815  
Prayer of Dedication Deacons

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Heritage)

L/ Almighty and ever living God, who is beyond the grasp of our highest thought but within reach of our frailest trust: come in the beauty of this morning’s light to reveal Yourself to us. Enrich our quest for wisdom in scholarly and artistic pursuits by saints and seers into whose faith traditions we are also entered.

**C/ Quicken our hearts and minds to the insights we gain and the revelation of Jesus in Truth, that we may possess your Truth found yesterday, partake in the Truth found today, and serve Your Truth in making a better tomorrow, through Jesus Christ the Lord of all Wisdom.** (Henry Sloan Coffin, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the US and Union Seminary President, 1945).

Benediction

Sending Hymn: # 563 Open My Eyes that I May See (based on Psalm 119)

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Rhoda Brunz & Ann McClain

Greeters: Bruce & Inez Hasara

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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Attendance 9/9/18: 33

Offering 9/9/18: \$1,068.00

There are 55 paid per capita: \$37 for 2018  
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-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Barry Boles TOMORROW, and to Diane O’Hern on September 18<sup>th</sup>, and to Merel Clark on September 20<sup>th</sup>, and to Tara Korthals on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Daniel & Ashley Delaney TODAY.

-**Sunday School** resumes TODAY at regular time – 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Children of all ages are welcome!

