

First Presbyterian Church  
Lake Park, Iowa  
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10:30am

September 30, 2018

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

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Special Offering: UDMO/Food Program

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 124)

L/ If God is not on our side then we labor in vain.

**C/ If God is not on our side the flood of our enemies will overcome us! Without God the raging waters flush us away.**

L/ But praised be to God who is with us, who rescues us from the fowler's net.

**C/ Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!**

Hymn of Praise: # 23 The God of Abraham Praise

Prayer of Confession

**All/ Lord, we confess that we sin. We think we are important or that we deserve more than we have. We confess that we put ourselves above you. Teach us by your Spirit to act as family, to love you and our neighbor. Show us your mercy and help us to show others the joys of your grace and love.**

L/ Hear these words of scripture: "I myself will save my people, says the Lord, and then you will know that I am God." (Ezekiel 13: 23b) In the name of Jesus I declare, our sins are forgiven and God's love is proved on the cross!

Gloria Patri

#812

-There will be a Christian Ed Team meeting TODAY after Worship.

-Bits & Pieces will meet this Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

-Our next Mobile Food Pantry will be this Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

-On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> the Merrymacs will be going on an outing. Everyone is to meet in the Church parking lot at 2:45 p.m.

-The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

-Fall Cleanup Day is coming right up at Lakeshore Center!

Everyone is welcome to join in this event on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a good meal served that day for all who come to help. Complete details including RSVP information can be found on the flier in our entryway.

-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!

-We are having another Schwan's Cares fundraiser. For phone orders and online orders of delicious Schwan's food that will be delivered to your door – a percentage of your order will be contributed towards our fundraising goal! You can order online at [schwans-cares.com/c/42214](http://schwans-cares.com/c/42214) or by calling 1-855-870-7208 and giving our Campaign ID 42214. This fundraiser will continue through January 27, 2019.

-There are 75 that have not paid their Per Capita. That translates to \$2,250 that then comes from Operational /General Funds, so it is \$2,250 less to do the work of the Church locally.

Please consider giving to this Mission Fund called Per Capita.

-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.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward." ~ *Mark 9:41*

Children's Chat

Special Music

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 11: 4-17 \*pages 224-25

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

New Testament Lesson: Mark 9: 33-41 \*page 1569

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

Lord's Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Heritage)

L/ I am a Christian. Fortify my spirit against temptation. I am baptized into the one Body with all your faithful Lord, oh let me be assimilated to them and truly be a part of the communion of saints with them.

**C/ Lord let the strength of communion, both the sacrament and my incorporation into the communion that is your Body the church, be upon my heart, that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, my soul might now walk in the newness of Life! Here I am and I am wholly thine not by myself but as part of the Body. Act in me Lord and by your Spirit bring me into the Kingdom of which I am but a newborn.** (Oliver Heywood, 1694, Presbyterian Puritan pastor)

Benediction

Sending Hymn: #221 All Praise to our Redeeming Lord

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Rhoda Brunz & Ann McClain

Greeters: Ashley & Dan Delaney

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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Attendance 9/23/18: 33

Offering 9/23/18: \$1,779.01

There are 55 paid per capitas: \$37 for 2018  
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-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Cindy Vande Hoef & Andy Clark TODAY and to Morgan Eggers on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and to Kelsey Ehret on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and to Betty McClure on October 5<sup>th</sup>, and to Marilyn Kessler on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

-**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Children of all ages are welcome!

-**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to and/or helped with our annual **Fall Festival**. Always a fun and festive event!

