

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30am

September 1, 2019

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude
Announcements

Passing of the peace

Call to Worship (James Dillet Freeman)

L/ The light of God surrounds me; the love of God enfolds me;

C/ **The power of God protects me; the presence of God watches over me. Wherever I am, God is.**

Hymn of Praise: #63 All Creatures of Our God and King

Prayer of Confession

Amazing God, O God of our lives, we come to ask forgiveness, for we do not always want to be amazed. We like our lives to be ordinary, familiar, and safe. We are reluctant to allow You in for fear that You will do something unpredictable that we cannot control. Forgive us for wanting to be in charge all the time. Forgive us for the times when we merely go through the motions and forget to be in awe of You, of all You have created, and of all You have given us. Forgive us for all the times we forget to look up to You and say THANK YOU! Open our eyes, let us be open to being amazed by Your works and Your wonders. Amen.

Gloria Patri #812

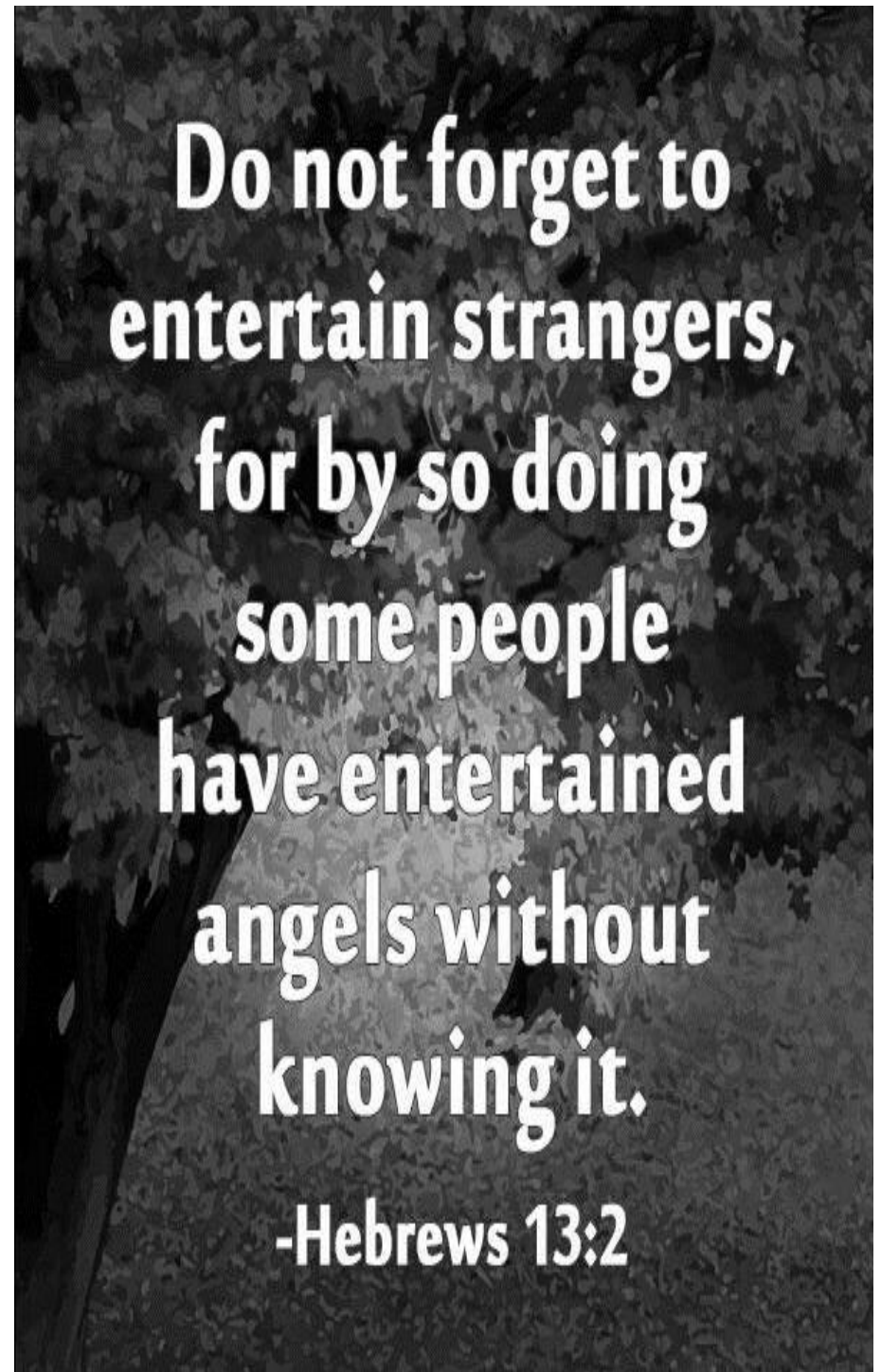
Reading of Scripture

First Lesson – Psalm 81:10-16 **page 921*

Song: #564 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Second Lesson – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 **pages 1878-79*

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 15:22-16:12 **pages 111-112*



Sermon – “Handling Criticism”

Affirmation of Faith (PCUSA, 1983, Sections 4-6):

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. Amen.

Offertory: Doxology #815
Prayer of Dedication Deacons

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Lord’s Prayer (using Debts)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (by Ashley Wiersma, New Mercies)

Heavenly Father...In my uncertainty and in my rock-solid confidence, I say thanks. In my defeat and in my delight, I say thanks. In my humiliations and in my headway, I say thanks. In my frustration and in my contentment, I say thanks. In my fear and in my peace, I say thanks. In my disappointment and in my victory, I say thanks. In my loss and in my gain, I say thanks. In my insecurity and in my safekeeping, I say thanks. In my doubting and in my faith, I say thanks. In my questions and in my assurance, I say thanks. Wherever I may find myself today, I choose to give You thanks. Amen.

Benediction (from “Blessings on Gentle Folk”): May Heaven guard and keep you, cause your grain to prosper, send you nothing that is not good. May you receive from Heaven a hundred boons, may Heaven send down to you blessings so many that the day is not long enough for them all.

C/ Let there be blessings! Let there be blessings!

Closing Hymn: #358 Because He Lives

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Dennis Vande Hoef & Terry Wiese
Greeters: Lynette Ehret Family
Worship Music: Denise Lev
Worship Leader: Jean Volkers
All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

Attendance 8/25/19: 38

Offering 8/25/19: \$960.00

There are 57 paid per capita: \$41 for 2019

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Colin Brons on September 7th.
- HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Lacey & Adam Hoogeterp on September 2nd.
- THANK YOU to those of you that have responded thus far to our goal of paying off our line of credit loan. To date we have received **\$4130.00** towards meeting our goal.
- Newsletters can be picked up after Church from the Deacons.
- Bits & Pieces will meet this Wednesday, September 4th at 9:30 a.m.
- Our next MOBILE FOOD PANTRY will be this Thursday, September 5th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We need volunteers at 12 pm to unload truck, and at 4:30 pm to help with packing and carrying.
- Remember – the books in the front entryway are free for the taking. There are cookbooks, textbooks, children’s books, novels, etc.
- Let us trust God’s timing and come together to support each other as we wait patiently for our new Pastor to be called.
- If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Church Office. If it is an emergency, call (712) 360-0984.
- Bible Study Group continues every Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome.

And let’s always remember our Mission Statement:

**Empowered through the Holy Spirit,
we seek to embrace all people
with the loving arms of Jesus Christ;
by providing worship, fellowship and encouragement.**