

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
www.fpclakepark.org
10:30am

The mission statement of Lake Park Presbyterian is:

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

September 15, 2019

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Passing of the peace

Special Offering – UDMO Food Pantry

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 14)

L/The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

C/The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

L/Will evildoers never learn – those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the Lord? There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

C/Oh, what salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Hymn of Praise: #426 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

–There will be a meeting in the Fireside Room after morning worship to discuss the future of our Church Choir. Anyone with ideas and/or an interest in the future of our Church Choir is welcome to attend this discussion.

–Worship Leader next Sunday, Sept. 22nd, will be Aleene Turner.

–Our annual Fall Festival is coming right up on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 8 a.m. til noon. There’s a sign-up sheet in the entryway for workers for that day and for cash donations. See you there!

–Grace Lutheran Church of rural Worthington will be having their annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday, September 29th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a flyer in the entryway with detailed information.

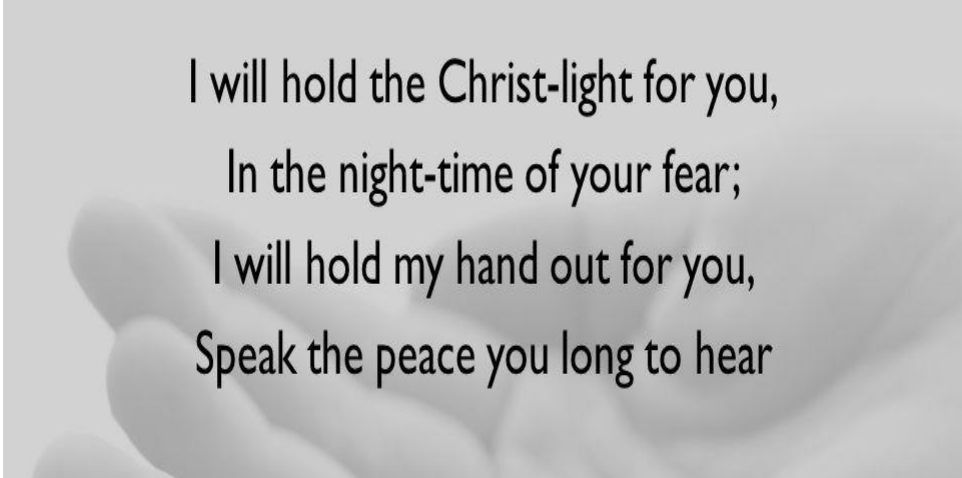
–A reminder that our next Communion Service will be Sunday, October 6th, World Communion Sunday, with Rev. Marshall Brown.

–If you are interested in being a reader during Sunday morning Worship services, please call the Church office.

–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, and someone will assist you or direct you to someone who can. 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 to join our changing group. Bring your own Bible, or we have several you can use while you are here.



I will hold the Christ-light for you,
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out for you,
Speak the peace you long to hear

Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our... world. Remind us to be good Christians regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us close as we build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth. Humbly we pray. Amen.

Gloria Patri #812

Reading of Scripture

First Lesson – 1 Timothy 1:12-17 **page 1846*

Song: #344 Grace Greater than Our Sin

Second Lesson – Luke 15:1-10 **pages 1623-24*

Sermon – “Lost and Alone, But Not For Long”

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God who made the world, loves it and smiles upon it. We believe in Jesus Christ, who has shown us the human face of God, and a love that refused to be limited. We believe in the Holy Spirit through whom God reaches us, surprising, prompting and questioning us; who is the life-breath of creation, and the source of nurture, humor and hope. We believe in ourselves, as people made in the likeness of God, capable of great creativity and great destruction but called to choose between them. We believe that Christ leads us now, calling us to resist evil and to create and protect love, justice, freedom, and peace. We believe in God’s mysterious presence; with us in Church and home, with us in hugs and handshakes, with us ALWAYS. Let us remember, and let us rejoice! Amen.

Offertory:

Prayer of Dedication

Doxology

Deacons

#815

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Lord’s Prayer (using Debts)

Special Music – Mark Byers

Benediction (Romans 15:13): May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

C/ Let us abound in hope! Let us abound in hope!

Closing Hymn: #424 The Servant Song

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Dennis Vande Hoef & Terry Wiese

Greeters: Kurt & Bonnie Anderson

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian McMullen

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

Attendance 9/8/19: 23

Offering 9/8/19: \$386.00

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

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Barry Boles on September 17th, and to Diane O’Hern on Sept. 18th, and to Merel Clark on Sept. 20th.
- HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Ken & Marvel Byers TODAY, and to Daniel & Ashley Delaney TOMORROW, and to Bruce & Inez Hasara on September 18th.
- 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.
- Please join us for coffee, snacks, and fellowship after morning worship today.