

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

Worship Service 10:30 am www.fpclakepark.org

April 3, 2022

5th Sunday in Lent

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

DEAR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF JEANNE GROSS: The church received an updated letter on her status with address and phone number. Please read the entire letter (front & back), which is on the bulletin board by the office.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) – collect money from your family, friends, and neighbors. *Donations due Sunday, April 17.* In case you missed last Sunday, the details about OGHS can be found on page 6 of this bulletin. If you need more pamphlets to hand out, there are more on the credenza in the narthex.

Call to Worship:

L/ Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

C/ As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

L/ In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

C/ As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

L/ Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

C/ As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

Opening Prayer:

Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts, which could so easily have distracted you from your task, your mission, your vision. Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done, despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless. We too live in stressful times. Demands are made of our time that leave so little for the important

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) – *due April 17, 2022.* This is an annual Presbyterian mission, helping people in the US and globally. More information can be found online at: www.pcusa.org/give-oghs. From now until April 17, collect monetary donations from your family, friends, and neighbors. Payment method instructions are below. The donation envelope will be in the bulletin on April 10. If you need the donation envelope before April 10, please stop by the office during office hours.

Donations by Cash or Check:

- If donating by check, please have the *donors write the check payable to the “First Presbyterian Church Lake Park” (FPC Lake Park)* with “OGHS” in the memo field.
- Do not write check payable to OGHS. *They will not accept checks as donation payment.*

Donations by Credit or Debit Card:

- If donating by credit or debit card, donors can use their smartphone or computer via:
 - PCUSA.org website URL: pcusa.org/give-oghs
 - OR**
 - Text OGHS to 91999. You will receive a text reply with: “Thanks for supporting PC(USA). Click here to complete:” with a link to click/tap to open PCUSA’s website “app.mobilecause.com”.
- Select donation amount; Type your name, address and credit card info into the appropriate fields and submit your donation.
- *Both the text # and website URL are on back page of pamphlet to show your donors, if they want to donate by credit card.*

Before returning your envelope, containing collected donations, to FPC, write your name &/or regular offering envelope number on the OGHS envelope. If you are done collecting donations, seal up the envelope with tape so the donations do not fall out.

Before or on Sunday, April 17, bring your OGHS taped envelope of donations to any worship service and put your envelope into the offering plate. You may also drop off your donation envelope to the office secretary during office hours, no later than Friday, April 15.



PRESBY. WOMEN'S SENIOR TEA – Tuesday, April 5
at 1:30 PM at our church.

FOOD PANTRY – Thursday, April 7, 4:30-6:30 PM at our church.

JOINED-EASTER SERVICES – the following Easter worship services will be held at the United Methodist Churches in Lake Park & Harris.

Pastor Emmanuel Naweji will be leading these joined-services as follows:

- Good Friday, April 15 at 7:00 PM at Lake Park UMC.
- Easter Sunrise, Sunday, April 17 at 6:30 AM at Harris UMC, with breakfast following the service.

FPC LP ONLY - HOLY WEEK SERVICES – for those services being held *only at our church* during Holy Week (i.e. not combined with other churches), mark your calendars for:

- Palm Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 AM at our church.
- Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10:30 AM with Communion at our church.

*** Thursday, April 14 - No Maundy Thursday service at our church. ***

IT'S A SHOWER – A Cleaning Products Shower, that is!



The Session and the Janitor are having a shower of cleaning products for our church. We need Clorox toilet bowl cleaner, disinfecting wipes, scrubbing sponges, good strong garbage bags in both the 4 gallon and 13 gallon sizes, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, etc.

To help dust our sanctuary, the Janitor would appreciate it if someone could purchase a Swiffer

Duster Heavy Duty Super Extendable Handle Dusting kit, and also some extra pads for the Swiffer duster.

Please bring your items and place them in the fellowship hall on the table along the north wall.

Thank you to those who have donated!

things of life.

We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives, by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread, leap from mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth. We listen to the voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so.

Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted from our task. Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all men, and fail to be anything to anyone, Amen.

Hymn of Praise: #539 “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” (*stand if able*)

Call to Confession (*Leader*) (*remain standing if able*)

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us, Christ even prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession, but simply draw near to our maker in candor.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison, remain standing, based on Psalm 51*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Assurance of Pardon

L/ The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners.

C/ Brothers and sisters, believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri #812

“Special Music”

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 (Page 1127)

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:4-14 (Pages 1834-1835)

Hymn: # 479 “Softly and Tenderly” (*remain seated*)

Reading of Scripture

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8 (Pages 1670-1671)

Sermon: "Jesus' Love for Us"

Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*)

We confess that Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The church is the congregation in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As pardoned sinners, we testify in the midst of a sinful world, with the church's faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, and that it loves and wants to live solely from his comfort and his direction at the expectation of his appearance.

Offertory:

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Psalm 103)

L/ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

C/ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all the benefits God bestows on God's people: Forgiveness, healing, redemption and Life.

L/ God crowns us all with His steadfast love and mercy.

C/ Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #730 “Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus” (*stand if able*)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Music: Denise Lev **Worship Leader:** Mark Volkers

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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03/27/2022: Attendance: 19

Regular Offering: \$422.00

Ukraine Support Offering Total: \$255.00

Roof Loan Offering Total: \$710.00

***Reminder: Per Capita for 2022 is \$43.00**

Per Capita for 2022 paid: 18



From our Presbytery: Pray for the congregation at the Associated Church of Hawarden in Hawarden and Rev. Erma Wolf.

This week's Birthdays (80+ Club)

1 – Brady Nissen

Anniversaries

None



If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Church Office: 712-832-3401 during our Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM.