

**Special Bulletin for First Presbyterian Church, July 3, 2022**

Lake Park, Iowa      Worship Service 10:30 am  
*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: *Psalm 30:1-12 (read responsively)*

L: <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. <sup>2</sup> LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

**C: <sup>3</sup> You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit. <sup>4</sup> Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.**

L: <sup>5</sup> For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

**C: <sup>7</sup> LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. <sup>8</sup> To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:**

L: <sup>9</sup> "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? <sup>10</sup> Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."

**C: <sup>11</sup> You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, <sup>12</sup> that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.**

Hymn of Praise #809 "God of our Fathers" (stand if able)

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

L: God calls us to worship today.

**C: We are here!**

L: All are invited– the sick, the well, the believer, and the doubter.





**\*\* MONDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup> – USA Independence Day \*\*** the banks and post office will be closed on this day.

**MONDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup> – Arnolds Park Amusement Park Fireworks over West Lake Okoboji**, begins at 10:00 pm.



**THURSDAY, JULY 7 – FOOD PANTRY** at our church, 4:30 – 6:30 pm.

**SUNDAY, JULY 17 – End of the Cherish House “Baby Bottle Campaign”** - please return your donation-filled bottles to the box in the narthex.

\*\* If you wish to donate for this campaign without filling a baby bottle, please put your check in the offering today, payable to “Cherish Center” with “Baby Bottle Campaign” in the memo.

**SUNDAY, JULY 17 – Back-to-School Offering** reminder to bring donations for this offering.

**JULY 2022 – this week’s Birthdays & Anniversaries**

*Birthdays:*

*Anniversaries:*

**C: We are here!**

L: Wash us, O God! May we be cleansed by your holy love.

**C: We are here! (Take a breath) AMEN.**

*Prayer of Confession (Unison, remain standing if able)*

**God of Grace and Glory, We confess that we lose sight of our identities, finding our worth in our status, our demographic, or even our location. Forgive us of our idolatry. Forgive us for placing our worldly identities above your love for us. Forgive us for when we get distracted by elaborate rituals, holding ourselves superior, simply due to our place of birth. You, O God, are the source of our identity. You, O God, call us to love our neighbor. You, O God, challenge us to learn from one another. You, O God, tell us to be different! May we swim in your healing waters, resting in the fullness of being children of God.**

*(Take a breath) Amen.*

*Assurance of Pardon Psalm 66:1-9 (read responsively)*

L: <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to God, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

**C: <sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. <sup>4</sup> All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind! <sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot - come, let us rejoice in him.

**C: <sup>7</sup> He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations - let not the rebellious rise up against him.**

<sup>8</sup> Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; <sup>9</sup> he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

Gloria Patri #812

"Special Music"

Prayer for Illumination (Leader) Page 608

Reading of Scriptures

New Testament: Galatians 6:1-16 (pages 1823-1824)

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (pages 576-577)

Hymn: #799 "America the Beautiful" (remain seated)

Reading of Scriptures

Gospel: John 8:31-36 (page 1663)

**Sermon:** "Free Christians"

Affirmation of Faith (unison) Isaiah 66:10-14

**<sup>10</sup> "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her.**

**<sup>11</sup> For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance."** <sup>12</sup> For this is what the LORD says: "I will extend

**peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."**

**<sup>14</sup> When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.**

Offertory: "God Bless America" Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving (read responsively) Page 810

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #800 "Heal Our Land" (stand if able)

**Have a Happy Independence Day Holiday!!**

**MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Worship Music:**

**Worship Leader:** Al Grigg

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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06/26/2022 - Attendance: 24

*Regular Offering: \$915 ~ Baby Bottles Campaign: \$15.73 ~*

*Church Rental (6/26): \$50 ~ Sponsored Bulletin (7/31): \$15*

*Roof Loan Total: \$810*

**\*Reminder: Per Capita for 2022 is \$43.00; Per Capita 2022 paid: 23**



**From our Presbytery:** Pray for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Carnarvon with no pastor.



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