

**First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa**

Worship Service 10:30 am      www.fpclakepark.org  
July 31, 2022                      Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: (read responsively)

L: Come worship the God who inhabits our world and dwells in our lives. We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:

**C: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.**

L: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life,

**C: the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

**All: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who dwells in our lives.**

Hymn of Praise #90 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (stand if able)

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

Henry Van Dyke wrote the words to this hymn. He also wrote "I'm not an optimist, there's too much evil in the world and in me. Nor am I a pessimist; there is too much good in the world and in God. I believe that God wills to make the world better, and I am trying to do my bit to help and wishing that it were more." Trusting in the goodness of God, let us together confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (Unison, remain standing if able)

**Lord God, we sometimes wonder why our lives take the paths they do. We seem to find ourselves in all sorts of situations we had never envisioned, we find ourselves failing to do those things we know you would have us do and doing things we know we should not do. We wonder sometimes why you don't just walk away from us in frustration. Keep close to us, guide us, we pray, and give us the faith to trust You. Then, in Your providence, show us more of Your glory**

**MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Worship Music:** ; **Worship Leaders:** Donna & Robby Flint  
All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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07/24/2022 - Attendance: 20

*Regular Offering: \$427 ~ Church Use: \$50*

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

**From our Presbytery:** Pray for Westlawn Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, no pastor.



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



**THIS TUESDAY, AUGUST 2** – The Session meets at 6:30 pm at our church.

**Today's bulletin is sponsored by D.L.**  
*in memory of her husband, Ron.*



**THURSDAY, AUG. 4 at 4:30 – 6:30 pm – FOOD PANTRY** in Lake Park at our church.

**FARMER APPRECIATION DAYS – AUG. 5, 6 & 7:** Exciting events including a Parade, Mud Volleyball, Great Food, Music, Tractor Pull, Tractor / Lawn Mower Ride in the country! More details can be found on the City of Lake Park website:  
<https://lakeparkia.com/our-town/farmers-appreciation-days>

**and grace, so that we may be encouraged, and praise You forever: (take a breath) Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (read responsively)

L: Our God fulfills his promises and is true to his word. We have confessed our sins. God has forgiven us, because Christ died for us.

**C: Thanks be to God.** (Take a breath) **Amen.**

Gloria Patri #812

“Special Music”

Prayer for Illumination (Leader)

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. **Amen.**

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament Prophets: Hosea 11:1-11 (pages 1407-1408)

Old Testament Poetry: Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (pages 947, 949)

Hymn: #788 “Now Thank We all our God” (remain seated)

Reading of Scriptures

New Testament Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11 (pages 1834)

**Sermon:** “Can you feel the love?”

Affirmation of Faith (unison) (from the Scots Confession of 1560)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

Offertory:

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (Leader)

Gracious God, we give freely, for there is nothing we can give that matches your glory and majesty, and the great gift of your son Jesus Christ. All we have is yours, Father, and we ask that you use us and all we have as you will. Amen.

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving (read responsively)

L: Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose love is everlasting.

**C: Let us praise God joyfully and come to God giving thanks.**

L: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together;

**C: for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;**

**ALL: We thank you, God.**

L: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;

**C: For preserving us in temptation and danger;**

**ALL: We thank you, God.**

L: For the church into which we have been called;

**C: For our life together in the Lord;**

**ALL: We praise you, God.**

L: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;

**C: Who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;**

**ALL: We praise you, God.**

L: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;

**C: for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;**

**ALL: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #592 "Jesus Calls Us"

(stand if able)