

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

Worship Service 10:30 am      www.fpclakepark.org  
Sept 11, 2022                      14th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: (*read responsively*) (Psalm 62:2-3; 6-9)

L: My soul rests in God alone, from whom comes my salvation.

**C: God alone is my rock and salvation; my secure height; I shall never fall.**

L: My soul be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope.

**C: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my secure height; I shall not fall.**

L: My safety and glory are from God, my strong rock and refuge.

**C: Trust God at all times, my people! Pour out your hearts to God our refuge.**

Hymn of Praise #116 "Name of All Majesty" (*stand if able*)

Call to Confession (*read responsively, remain standing if able*)

Merciful God, we stand before You in this hour, grateful for the ways you fill us with Your grace and mercy. You do not leave us or forsake us, even when we've acted ignorantly. So may Your Spirit draw us close to you and to one another. Show us the delight of serving you by serving others. Strengthen us today, and every day, to act out of Your grace and love.

**ALL: (*Take a breath*) AMEN.**

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

**God of mercy and love, we come to you as broken people; YOUR people, who stray from the path of Your glory at times. Help us to see the value You place on us, and to model that value as we look to our neighbors and see the value in them. Forgive us for the times we are stiff-necked, stubborn and ignorant of our own arrogance--for we are all prodigals at times. We ask Your forgiveness for the times**

**MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Worship Music:**

**Worship Leaders:**

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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09/04/2022 - Attendance: 21

*Regular Offering: \$402*

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



**From our Presbytery:** Pray for Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake, 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.

**SESSION WILL NOT MEET in SEPTEMBER 2022.** The next Session Meeting is scheduled for October 11 at 6:30 pm.

**The PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN's (PW) group is starting up again!** Meetings are scheduled for the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, beginning on Sept. 14 at 2:00 pm.** Please also mark your calendars for Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14, 2022 with each meeting to be held at 2:00 pm.

**we have turned our backs on You--the One we should never ignore; and soften our hearts and our stiff necks so we can open up to You with our mind, body and spirit. Forgive us for the times we seem not to know You, and give us a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness. (Take a breath) AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively)

L: Merciful and gracious is the Lord; slow to anger, abounding in kindness; God does not rebuke; nurses no lasting anger; has not dealt with us as our sins merit, nor requited us as our deeds deserve.

**C: As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful. As far as the east is from the west, so far have our sins been removed from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful.**

Gloria Patri #812

"Special Music"

Prayer for Illumination (Leader)

All-knowing and ever-loving Father, we have many thoughts on our hearts and on our minds today as we stand before you, waiting to be fed by Your precious word--Your soothing balm for our aching souls. Come to us--feed us and nourish us with the words of life that come directly from You. Allow them to settle into our souls and rest there, so that we may go out into the world You created--with all the people and things there that You also created--and be custodians of all that is Yours; for You made it all for us. Help us to set aside our distractions of the day so we can hear You clearly.

**ALL: AMEN.**

Reading of Scriptures

New Testament: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (page 1846)

Old Testament: Exodus 32:7-11; 13-14 (page 138)

Hymn: #343 "Amazing Grace" (*remain seated*)

Reading of Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 (pages 1623-1624)

**Sermon**: "GOD THE STRONGHOLD"

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ--Son of God made incarnate through a woman, who became man and was crucified, died and was buried. We believe he rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven--from where he leads his kingdom on earth. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who kindles the fires in our hearts to help us live spiritually and gain the ultimate gift of eternal life in paradise through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(*Take a breath*) **AMEN.**

Offertory;

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (*Leader*)

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving (*read responsively*) (Inspired by 1 Timothy)

L: Go forth, beloved sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus--the grace of God overflows.

**C: We're celebrating because Jesus strengthens all who follow him.**

**We're joy-filled because God's mercy pours out for each and for all.**

L: To God, immortal, invisible, the only God--

**ALL: Be honor and glory forever!**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #799 "America the Beautiful" (*stand if able*)