

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

Worship Service 10:30 am      www.fpclakepark.org  
Sept 18, 2022                      15th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: (read responsively)

L: In the beginning God created all things,

**C: and God saw that they were good.**

L: At our beginning, God created us

**C: unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,**

L: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new

**C: so we seek God in the freshness of this morning.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together.**

Hymn of Praise #3 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" (stand if able)

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

Let us join together in confessing our sins, knowing that our God is merciful and mighty.

Prayer of Confession (Unison, remain standing if able)

**Merciful God, we bow 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 who You would have us to be regardless of 'what we are doing' or 'who we are with'. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us. (Take a breath) AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively)

L: Friends, believe this good news. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free. God forgives and God forgets. Go out into the world and live as free people.

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

**MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Worship Music:**

**Worship Leaders:**

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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09/11/2022 - Attendance: 17

Regular Offering: \$271

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



**From our Presbytery:** Pray for First Presbyterian Church in South Sioux City, the pastor is Rev. Beth Hamilton.

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



**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS** are due Thurs, Sept 22.

**SATURDAY, SEPT 24, at 10:00 am to 3:00 pm** – **The 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the Re-Formation of the Congregation series** will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1416 20th St, Ames, IA 50010. The seminar will also be available via Zoom. Speaker: Rev. Erica MacCreaigh. This session is called "The Dangerous Act of Worship and Its Implication for Faithful Witness". For registration information, see office bulletin board. The event is FREE. Participants will be asked to cover their own lunch for this 3<sup>rd</sup> session.

**REV. SEDAR SHAKO, the new Pastor at United Methodist Churches** in Lake Park & Harris, will be giving a testimony of his journey from Africa and his call to the Ministry. All are welcome! Photo is on the bulletin board.

- **SUNDAY, SEPT 25 at 3:30 PM, UMC LAKE PARK** – an African choir will perform and supper will be served.
- **SUNDAY, OCT 2 at 3:30 PM, UMC HARRIS** – supper will be served.

**One more event** on page 3, first column...

L: Did God leave us to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

**C: No, God entered into a covenant of grace, to deliver us out of the estate of sin and misery and to bring us into an estate of salvation through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Through God's free grace, our sins are pardoned and we are accepted as righteous in God's sight.**

L: What are the benefits of the life God offers us?

**C: The benefits are assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to the end.**

Offertory:                      Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (Leader)

*Lord, let our congregation be a witness to you: immersed in scripture, constant in prayer, joyful in worship, generous in giving. Accept these gifts we offer and use them to further your kingdom on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving (Read responsively)

L: Faithful God, you bless us with the gift of life - we give you thanks.

**C: You guide us and protect us - we give you thanks.**

L: You gave us your Son as our Savior – we give you thanks.

**C: You invite us to love you by loving others – we give you thanks.**

L: You are faithful in your relationship with us – we give you thanks.

**C: You promise us the joys of heaven – we give you thanks.**

**ALL: For all time, you are a Faithful God, and for this - we give you thanks.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #575 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (stand if able)

Gloria Patri #812

"Special Music" - DF: "Somebody Bigger than You and I".

Prayer for Illumination (Leader)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will, discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **ALL: AMEN.**

Reading of Scriptures

New Testament: n/a

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-4 (pgs. 1-2) and 3:1-13 (page 5)

Hymn: #29 "Begin my Tongue some Heavenly Theme" (remain seated)

Reading of Scriptures

Gospel: John 3:16-17 (page 1650)

**Sermon:** "Fig Leaves" (RF)

Affirmation of Faith (Read responsively; from the Westminster Shorter Catechism)

L: What is the chief end of men and women?

**C: Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**

L: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God?

**C: The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us in this.**

L: What special act of providence did God exercise towards men and women?

**C: When God created men and women, God entered into a covenant of life with them, upon condition of perfect obedience.**

L: What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

**C: Their sin was eating the forbidden fruit. This sin brought all men and women into an estate of sin and misery.**

**SAT., SEPT 24 at 9:30 AM – ANNUAL 5K  
WALK/RUN TO REMEMBER – Lakes  
Regional Healthcare’s east patio area.**

This event is to honor those who have passed away and those that are currently in hospice care.

*There is no need to register for the event. The event will be kicked off with an opening ceremony at 9:30 AM. The walk/run will begin at about 10:00 AM from LRH’s east patio.*

**It is not a race or competition**, so participants can take as long as is needed to finish, or to walk/run as far as they are able. Snacks & refreshments will be available upon returning to the east patio. Complimentary shirts will be distributed to the first 50 participants that come to the event.

Contact Jean Johnson with questions at 712-336-8709.

*Hosted by Lakes Regional Hospice, Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home, and Turner Jenness Funeral Home.*

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The next two columns, “*God’s Emergency Numbers*”, can be cut apart to share with others. If you would like more printed, please contact the Office Secretary.

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- When you want to be fruitful –  
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