

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

Worship Service 10:30 am www.fpclakepark.org
Nov. 6, 2022 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 98: 1-9 (pages 935-936) (*read responsively*)

Hymn of Praise #390 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" (*stand if able*)

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

Leader: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

C: Alive is the alcoholic, tired of being worn out by whiskey and wine. Alive is the drug addict, hearing a fresh call to "come and dine."

Leader: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

C: Alive is the woman used, abused, and misused by a loved one, needing someone's compassion and care. Alive is the man castrated by the pressures of society, needing divine power and prayer. Alive is the child searching for what can be, when everyone has told him or her what he or she would never be.

Leader: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

C: Yes, alive is the immigrant looking for a fair and just place to call home. Alive is the descendant of slaves, whose fight for common justice is very well known. Alive is the progeny that still hopes, planting fresh seeds to be sown.

Leader: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

C: Yes, alive is the poor man struggling for health care. Alive is the hungry woman seeking a job paying a good fare. Alive is the youth who will not quit, the one fashioned to dream and taught to dare.



**** UPDATE ****

****Shoebboxes ARE available for "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD":** *More info can be found on the credenza in the narthex.*

If you have questions, please contact Dick M.

- **Purchase small gifts** for boys and girls. One shoebox goes to one child. In each gender, age categories are:
 - 2-4 years old;
 - 5-9 years old;
 - 10-14 years old.
- **** Pack your gifts** in the green & red shoeboxes provided by Samaritan's Purse. Boxes can be found by the credenza in the narthex. You may also use your own shoe box and wrap the lid and box separately, if you wish.
- **By Sunday, Nov. 13**, bring your filled shoeboxes or monetary donations to a worship service or to the office during office hours.
- ****Include a note or label** with the age group and child's gender on the box, to ensure your gift will be delivered to the correct gender / age group. *Put label on either end of the lid; not in the middle.*
- **Monetary donations** are also accepted:
 - Make your check payable to FPC with "Operation Xmas Child" in memo line.
 - *You can put this in Sunday's offering through Nov. 13.*
- **Website for more info:** samaritanspurse.org/occ
- *Nov. 14-21 is National Collection Week, the week our gifts & donations will be delivered to a drop site in the area.*

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at First Presbyterian Church Lake Park; Date: **Wed., Nov. 23**, Time: **TBD**

Update: We are meeting with the new UMC minister to discuss event information this week. Watch our Sunday bulletins for updated info pertaining to this service. We apologize for any inconvenience.

-- Worship Team

Registration is now open for “Re-formation of the Congregation: Session 4”. This session meets on Saturday, November 19, at 10am to 3pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Ames, IA or you can watch it live online using the Zoom website.

- You can register online at the Prospect Hill Presbytery website at <https://prospecthillpresby.org/re-formation-of-the-congregation-session-4-registration/> OR
- Call the Prospect Hill Presbytery office at 319.233.1747.

Topic: In this fourth session we will be discussing “The Cost of Discipleship – The Radical Nature of Following Jesus”. What does it mean to follow Jesus, to be disciples of Jesus? What does it mean to be the sent ones to our society?

Speakers: Rev. Clint Loveall and Rev. Michael Gewecke (our Session moderator) from First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake.

Leader: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

ALL: We come this morning, feeling a little dead; even with little energy for journey ahead. But you are God, and in you, we are not dead. For to you, all of us are alive! Help us strive; ready us to thrive. Yes, we are alive!! In the name of Jesus, we are alive! Amen.

Prayer of Confession (*read responsively; remain standing, if able*)

Leader: God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, we confess to you that we are frequently slow to believe what you have promised through your prophets and in your Son Jesus. We succumb to fears of death as if it were the end of everything - and all too often we live as if there is nothing to live for beyond death. Forgive us, Lord: forgive us our doubts, our disbelief, and our deafness to the witness of other believers, and our silence when we could give witness to the faith which we have...

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord of mercy, God of the living, grant that we might see beyond the ruins that lie about us; that we might take to heart the lessons of Scripture which testify to your willingness and ability to bring new life to dry bones. Give to those who despair a vision of the resurrection which awaits all those who believe, all those you have chosen. Help them to order their lives by the principles of your everlasting kingdom—that kingdom in which faith, hope, and love transfigure all that they touch...

C: Lord, hear our prayer...

Leader: Father, help us be a people who are prepared for the journey which lies ahead. Take from us all evil desire; remove from us any refusal we have to forgive others; lift from us any reluctance we have to love our enemies and to bless, in your name, those who curse us. Send unto us the desire to love one another as Jesus loves us, the yearning to bring your saving word to those who hunger, the longing to reach out and touch another person with your love and to speak to

others—and to ourselves—your truth. Help us to be ones who are prepared; help us to be ones who live Christ-like lives...

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask all these things not in our name, but in the name of Jesus Christ—he who taught us to pray to you for ourselves and for the coming of your kingdom.

ALL: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 145: 8-21 (page 979-980) (*read responsively*)

Gloria Patri #812

"Special Music"

Prayer for Illumination (Leader) #388 "By His Spirit"

Reading of Scriptures

New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 (page 1844)

Old Testament: Isaiah 65: 17-25 (pages 1164-1165)

Hymn: #389 "Spirit Of the Living God" (*remain seated*)

Reading of Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19 (pages 1635)

Sermon: "Witness"

Affirmation of Faith #388 "By His Spirit" (*Unison*)

Offertory:

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving #397 "The Spirit of Truth" (*read responsively*)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #410 "Standing on The Promises" (*stand if able*)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Music: DL; **Worship Leader:** Al Grigg

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

10/30/2022 - Attendance: 23

Regular Offering: \$604; Turkey Dinner (Total): \$400

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



From our Presbytery: Pray for the honorably retired pastors in the Presbytery of Prospect Hill (not currently serving churches): Rev. Peg Brinck, Rev. Marshall

Brown, Rev. Ken Fells, Rev. Richard Francis, Rev. Kevin Freese, Rev. Donald Gibson, Rev. Donald Johnson, Rev. Dale Lint, Rev. Marvin Miller, Rev. William Moore, Rev. Dr. Thomas Murray, Rev. Duane Queen, Rev. Stephen Saville, Rev. B. J. Ukena, Rev. Rex Wentzel.

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



THIS WEEK'S DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Tues. Nov. 8:**
 - **ELECTION DAY** – Vote at LP Community Center
 - **SESSION MEETING** at 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Wed. Nov. 9: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Fri. Nov. 11: VETERANS DAY PROGRAM:** HLP High School Auditorium at 12:55pm.