

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

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Worship Service 10:30 am

Jan. 22, 2023 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 147:12-20) (stand if able)

L: Extol the Lord, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion.

C: He strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people within you.

L: He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

C: He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

L: He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.

C: He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast?

L: He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

C: He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to Israel.

ALL: He has done this for no other nation; they do not know his laws. Praise the Lord.

Hymn of Praise: "Alleluia" #91 (remain standing if able)

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

As we enter this new year, let us pause to confess our old ways of sin and embrace each new opportunity Christ presents us. Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (Unison, remain standing if able)

Christ our Savior, you have empowered us to become children of God, but we doubt our power and our ability to create change. We excuse ourselves from necessary action citing priorities that are not yours. We deny the gifts and talents with which you have



Food Bank: Our monthly community Food Bank in January served 49 families, with a total of 107 people. The Food Bank is the first Thursday of each month at our church and February's will be on the 2nd. Service to others is why we are here!

CITY OF LAKE PARK – HELP WANTED: City of Lake Park is accepting applications for a part-time cleaning position. This will primarily be the Community Center with the possibility of other locations.

Application period open until position filled. Applications may be mailed/picked up at City Hall, 217 Market Street, Lake Park, IA 51347, emailed to city@lakepark.us, or call 712-832-3527 to have one sent.

Library News: The Lake Park Public Library now has jigsaw puzzles and specialty cake pans available for check out.



SOUPer Bowl Party: Watch for further details for this fundraiser on Sunday Feb 20th following worship service. Jeanie Hawn is heading and will be needing helpers to support this wonderful service project.

Sunday thought to Ponder

To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring. - George Santayana -

Especially this year, wouldn't you say? Better to find beauty in all this snow this year than to let it steal our joy until spring decides to arrive. Maybe the quote above could go hand in hand with this Bible Verse:

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven...
- Ecclesiastes 3:1 -



L: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, on your people gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. By your Spirit make us one body in Christ, one in mission and ministry to the world. Nourish us in faith, hope, and love, and strengthen us for service, until we feast with you in glory.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

ALL: All praise and honor and glory are yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. (take a breath) Amen.

End of Communion

Affirmation of Faith: (Unison) The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. (Take a breath) Amen.

Offertory: Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (Leader)

L: Accept these gifts we offer, Lord, and use them to further your work here on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior

C: Amen

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving Psalm 147:2-11 (read responsively)

Leader: The Lord builds Jerusalem; He gathers the exiles of Israel.

C: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

L: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

C: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.

L: The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

C: Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.

L: He covers the sky with clouds; He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

C: He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

L: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

C: The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" #664 (stand if able)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Music: Denise Lev **Worship Leader:** Rev Mark Volkers
+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

1/15/23 - Attendance: 20

Regular Offering: \$480

***Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 - \$48.00; Per Capita 2023 Pd: 6**

From our Presbytery: Pray for the congregation at First Prebyterian Church in Manning and Vickie Steffes, Moderator.



If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Church Office 712-832-3401. The church office will now be open 8 – 11 AM on the mornings of Mon, Wed, and Fri.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **TODAY Sun Jan 22, 2023: ANNUAL MEETING**
Our Annual Congregational meeting with election of officers and ordination of elders will take place immediately following service, as well as a re-affirmation and voting for 1 new church member
- **Jan 18-Jan 25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
Handouts for daily prayer devotion available on desk in Narthex
- **Fri Jan 27, 2023: H-LP Home Basketball Game**
H-LP High School gym 4:30 pm Girls JV, 6:00 pm Varsity girls, then boys to follow, against Akron-Westfield
- **Sun Jan 30, 2023: Sunday Worship Service**
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am Worship Leader – Al Grigg
- **Thu Feb 2, 2023: Food Pantry**
First Presbyterian Church, 4:30-6:30 PM

Birthdays to Remember:

River Kelly – Today January 22nd
Jeanne Gross – January 30th

ATTENTION:



UPDATE for Walkers: The church is available for walking weekly Mon, Wed, and Fri from 8:00 – 10:00 AM thru March. The Fireside room can be used for breaks, cool down, or fellowship. Any weather-related schedule changes will be relayed by phone.

Church Staff Update: Due to a full-time job offer with benefits, our current church secretary's last day was Friday, Jan 20th. The session is working on filling the position and will have updates following the Feb session meeting. Please note, new church office days have moved to Mon, Wed, and Fri, and hours will remain from 8am to 11am. For clarification purposes, the Treasurer Position remains filled with no change. Contact a session member with questions or for further info.

blesed us to embody love and work for justice. Forgive us. Merciful God, remind us how much we have to offer. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (Luke 6:37)

L: "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." Friends in Christ, please know, you are forgiven. **All: (take a breath) Amen**

Gloria Patri # 812

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

L: Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. **All: (take a breath) Amen.**

Hymn: "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" # 564 (remain seated)

Reading of Scriptures: (stand if able)

I Corinthians 11:28 page #1785

Philippians 4:8 page #1830

Sermon: A Time to Reflect and Renew

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Blessing and Sharing of the Elements (Leader) (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

L: ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.