

# First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org    Worship Service 10:30 am  
July 30, 2023            9th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

## Announcements

Call to Worship (*Read responsively*)

L: We come today to worship a God who seeks us

**C: O Lord, you have searched me and known me**

L: We come today to worship a God who knows us

**C: O Lord, you are acquainted with all my ways**

L: We come today to worship a God who guides us

**C: O Lord, lead me in the way everlasting**

**All: Let us worship our God together.**

Hymn of Praise #56 *“To God be the Glory”* (stand if able)

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

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

**Merciful God, we come to you with many burdens on our hearts.  
We confess that we have not done what we should have done this  
past week and we have done some things we shouldn't have done.**

(take a moment and confess your personal regrets silently)

**Despite our shortcomings, you are with us, you know us, you call  
us, and you claim us as your own. We thank you for that and ask  
you to lead us in your way of righteousness. We ask this in the  
name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (*Leader*) (*Read Responsively*)

L: To God be the Glory- through God's great mercy, we are forgiven  
and free.

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

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination (*Leader*)

Lord, God, Help Us to Hear Your Holy Word so that we may  
understand your call for us in Our daily life. Amen.

Reading of Scriptures

Psalm 139:1-10, 23-24 (*Read responsively*)

L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

**C: you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: You search out my path and my lying down,

**C: and are acquainted with all my ways.**

L: Even before a word is on my tongue,

**C: O LORD, you know it completely.**

L: You hem me in, behind and before,

**C: and lay your hand upon me.**

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

**C: it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

L: Where can I go from your spirit?

**C: Or where can I flee from your presence?**

L: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

**C: if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

L: If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

**C: and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

L: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**C: test me and know my thoughts.**

L: See if there is any wicked way in me,

**C: and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a (*Pages #43 & 44*)

Hymn: *“We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder”*

Gospel Reading: John 3:16-17 (*Read in Unison*)

**ALL: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

Sermon: "Where's your ladder?" (Robby Flint)

Affirmation of Faith (*Apostles' 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 sits at 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. Amen.**

Call for the Offering (*Leader*)

Offertory

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (*Leader*)

Prayers of Joys and Concerns (*Leader*)

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving

L: God, you have amazing power and goodness.

**C: You bring us hope, even during the toughest times.**

L: You instruct us and support us, so we can walk in your ways.

**C: You know us through and through, and choose us as your own.**

L: Through your great sacrifice, your mercy, and your grace, we have been set free.

**C: You renew our spirits and fill us with your peace and joy.**

**All: Thanks be to you, oh God. Amen.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn #435 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (*stand if able*)

### MINISTRY LEADERS

**Worship Music:** Marian Tuinstra

**Worship Leader:** Robbie & Donna Flint

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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7/23/2023 - Attendance: 19 Regular Offering:

**\*Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 is \$48.00** 2023 Paid: 20



**From our Presbytery:** Please pray for Westlawn, Sioux City.

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 – 11:00 am

### THIS WEEK

#### **Birthdays!!**

**TODAY!**-Caitlyn Manwarren

**July 31-** Bruce Hasara

**August 2-**Karla Ray

**August 3-**Deb Ehret

**August 5-**Brandon Ehret

#### **Anniversaries!**

**TODAY!**-Brian & Jamie Kelly

**August 3-** Merle & Jan Wiese

#### **Activities!**

**Thursday, August 3-** Mobile Food Pantry

