

# First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org    Worship Service 10:30 am  
November 5, 2023    23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude    Time to prepare your heart for worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Psalm 107: 1-9, 33-43*)

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say this—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.**

L: Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

**C: They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.**

L: Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

**C: He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.**

L: Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

**C: He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground, and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.**

L: He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs;

**C: there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.**

L: They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest;

**C: he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.**

L: Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow;

**C: he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste.**

L: But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

**C: The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths.**

L: Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the Lord.

Opening Hymn "Ask Ye What Great Things I Know " #535

Call to confession

Confession requires a humble heart. Let us bow before our God to honestly confess our sins.

Prayer of confession (*Prayer of Martin Luther*)

**God our teacher, we often exalt ourselves while evaluating and judging others. We assume too much and don't invest enough in listening, learning, and seeking to understand. You call us to humility, yet we resist, puffing ourselves up with prideful arrogance and rigid certainty. Forgive us, soften our hearts and open our minds to all we have yet to learn. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

"Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." (*Isaiah 6:7*)

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen

"Gloria Patri" #812

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

You call us through your Word read and proclaimed, Holy God. May our eyes be opened and our hearts willing to follow wherever your Spirit leads. Amen.

Hymn: "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" #665

Scriptures:

First Lesson: Joshua 3: 7-17 Page #334-335

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Page #1838

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 1-14 Page #1534-1535

Sermon: "The Wedding Invitation"

Affirmation of Faith

**ALL: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

Call for the Offering:

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for Joy and Concern

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: You are my God, and I will praise You;

**C: You are my God and I will exalt You.**

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

**ALL: We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn: “Jesus Is All The World To Me” #512

**MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Worship Music:** Denise Lev

**Worship Leader:** Al Grigg

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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10/29/2023 - Attendance: 19 Regular Offering: \$530.00

**\*Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 is \$48.00** 2023 Paid: 21



**From our Presbytery:** Please pray for the retired pastors in Prospect Hill.

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

**Celebrations this Week**

Today-Rian Byers-Birthday

Monday, November 6-Diane Byers-Birthday

**Activities this Week**

**Monday, November 6-** Monday Morning Coffee Break 9-10 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 7-VOTE**

**Wednesday, November 8-PW** 2:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 9-**Soup & Sweets at SL First Presbyterian Church 4:30-7:00

**Saturday, November 11-**Veterans Day

**Sunday, November 12-**Refreshments after church to honor our Veterans

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Shoeboxes are available from the office. Please have your box returned to the church by November 16.

