

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
November 26, 2023 Reign of Christ

Musical Prelude Time to prepare your heart for worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 100 Page #937

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

L: Know the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

C: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

L: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever.

C: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn of Praise "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #139

Call to Confession (Leader) The proof of God's love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Assured already of God's grace and forgiveness, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Gracious God, You are a God who reaches out to us with love and compassion, and You clearly teach us to do likewise. Yet we confess we often do not demonstrate love for our neighbors. We have walked right past people in need, missing opportunities to serve and connect. We also justify our prejudices against others instead of finding reasons to build bridges of conversation and understanding. Have mercy on us, Lord. Restore us to right thinking. Teach us how to be agents of grace once again. May we be restored in this way for Your glory, we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Zephaniah 3:14-15 Pages #1466-1467

L: Sing; shout aloud! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart!

C: The Lord has taken away our punishment; he has turned back our enemy.

L: The Lord is with you; never again will you fear any harm. Believe the good news from the prophets and the gospel.

C: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: #812

Scriptures:

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Pages #1341,1342

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 Page #1542

Sermon: "Shepherding the Flock"

Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #688

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift then up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Great is the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

ALL: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology #815

Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Loving God, we have gathered this offering as a response to your love and good work in our lives. We pray that it would be pleasing in your sight. May you multiply these gifts and use them to bring glory to your name. Amen

Prayers for Joy and Concern

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" #572-573

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Worship Leader: Rev. Sara Sutter

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

11/19/2023 - Attendance: 18 Regular Offering:

Per Capita for 2024 is \$54.00



From our Presbytery: Please pray for First Presbyterian in Sioux City, Rev. Mark Bedford.

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Today-Brayden Perkins

Tuesday, Nov. 28-Bonnie Anderson

Wednesday, Nov. 29-Art Schumacher

THIS WEEK:

Monday, Nov. 27-Monday Morning Coffee Break 9-10 a.m.

Following today's potluck, we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. Everyone is invited to help with the decorating, even if it's just sitting in a pew and telling us how nice everything looks!



We will continue to accept monetary donations for Curtis & Karla Ray until December 17, 2023. Contributions may be dropped off or mailed to the church or to Kurt & Bonnie Anderson.

Please keep the Ray family in your prayers.

Any contributions to help defray the cost of shipping the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes may be mailed or dropped off at the church.