

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:50 a.m. November 18, 2018

Welcome members, friends and visitors to our service this morning. We would ask you all to complete the friendship pad located in your pew. Thank you for your help. Welcome Packets for our visitors and guests are available at the Visitor Center.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

PRELUDE Manz  
*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

CALL TO WORSHIP Emma Jenness

Leader: As God's children, we are called from "out there" with all its fears and loneliness...

**People: And we are called "in here" to God's unending peace and acceptance.**

Leader: The world "out there" clamours for our time and attention.

**People: This house of prayer "in here" invites us to turn our hearts upward to God and outward to one another.**

Leader: So let us lay aside all of the burdens we have carried to this place.

**People: Let us lay them aside and let us worship God!**

\* OPENING SONGS Chancel Choir & Praise Team  
*"Come as You Are", "We Fall Down/ Holy, Holy, Holy"*

\* OPENING PRAYER Cole Brumley  
**Father God, you have called us your little children and you have instructed us to love one another just as you have loved us. Yet, we confess that we have strayed from the path of love and allowed our many sins to divide us. Our covetousness drives us to compete, our pride keeps us from admitting our needs, our anger drives us to recklessness, and our gossip destroys our friendships. Purge our sin sick souls. Speak your words of forgiveness and grace and help us hear. Transform us by the power of your love and unite us together in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM Rainbow Bells  
*"Deep and Wide"*

CHILDREN'S TIME Ellen Williams

HYMN 304  
*"Jesus Loves Me!"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS Emma Loveall

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
PRAYER RESPONSE Adult Handbell Choir  
*"The Lord's Prayer"*

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1 Rian Byers  
(Page 431 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir & Praise Team  
*"O Come To Set Us Free"*

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:16-24  
(Page 987 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Michael Gewecke  
*My Little Children...Abide*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Brice Pratt  
~taken from 2018 Confirmation Student's Statements of Faith

**I personally believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, there are no others that I shall worship except for him. I believe that Jesus came to earth in human form but was still God and I also believe that Jesus died to save me from my sins, and that he rose again on the third day.**

**We are loved by God so much because even though we didn't know him as infants, he already knew everything about us and who we would become someday. I can trust in God knowing he will get me through all the challenging times in life and I personally trust in God's grace and love because, even if I mess up, he will always love me. If I ask for his forgiveness I know that he will always forgive me.**

**When God forgives my sins it is like a huge weight has been lifted off my shoulders, and yet, God's love is so**

great that he has given me guidelines by which to live my life. It's sometimes hard to be a disciple of Jesus. We're expected to love even our enemies and those who don't agree with our beliefs and he gave his life so that we can help and care for others.

Being part of the church means that I am part of this church family. They will be there for me, and I will be there for them. I believe that it makes me feel a part of something big, bigger than anything else I've ever been a part of and that no matter what I will always be welcome. That is my hope, and I will strive to continue my relationship with Jesus and grow in my faith. Amen.

#### CONFIRMATION PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

OFFERING Grace Radcliffe  
Offertory Adult Handbell Choir  
*"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"*

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication Annika Stecker

\* HYMN 376

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

\* BENEDICTION ~~Back cover of Hymnal  
*"Go Now In Peace"*

POSTLUDE Praise Band  
*"Rescuer"*

\* **Those who are able** are invited to stand.

#### **Nursery Available for Pre-K and under**

- **Large print "BULLETINS AND HYMNALS" are available from an Usher-**
- **Busy Bags available in the Narthex**
- **Coffee is served immediately following the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.**

**Participating in this morning's Reformed service are:** Clint Loveall & Michael Gewecke, Pastors; High School Youth, Liturgists; Rachelle Gewecke, Pianist; Phyllis Attema, Organist; Carol Ayres Stueven, Chancel Choir Director; Barbara Mendenhall, Adult Handbell Choir Director; Kari Bruinsma, Serena Lynch, Kaycee Arrowood, Dave Graanstra, Gary Lambert, Praise Team; Ushers are Daryl & Elaine Doorenbos, Sandy Krout & Deb Ditsworth; Greeters are Art & Phyllis Attema; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers & Tom Ditsworth, Sound; Milt Nolting, Video; Amy Webber is in charge of the Nursery; Ron Jenkins, Tom & Deb Ditsworth prepared our coffee.

**Congratulations to** Meghan Humphrey on the birth of her daughter, Kendyl, on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:48. Kendyl weighed 6 lbs 10 oz and was 19" long.



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## Thank You

To my church family,

Thanks for all the prayers and support from my church family during my recent knee replacement surgery and the process of recovery. Thanks for the prayers, cards, visits, food, etc., etc. It helps to know you are prayed for, thought of, missed and loved! Recovery is slower than I'd hoped, but getting there. Jack Burrell

We are thrilled to announce that our Congregation packed 24, 650 meals for Kids Against Hunger! A special "Thank you" to the Mission Committee and all other monetary donors, the packing volunteers and the Congregational Life Committee for putting our lunch together.

## High School

Can you help us pie or a baked your calendars festivities! We this year's youth you won't want to miss). Thank you for helping us to raise funds to make these life changing experiences possible for our students. See you there!



## Pie Auction

fund-raise for this year's mission trip by making a goodie? Be sure to mark down the Pie Auction on for November 18th so that you don't miss all of the are excited to share some of the early details about mission trip (along with an exciting announcement

## Sunday Morning Adult Ed

*The Book of Genesis:* A look at where it all began. Led by Pastor Clint



Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

**NO RECHARGE**

**Happy Thanksgiving!!**

## Congregational Meeting "Date Change"

Our Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following our Reformed Worship Service on Sunday, November 25th at 10am for the election of new officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Ushers/Greeters Needed

We are in need of Ushers/Greeters for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Service. Responsibilities include distributing bulletins and greeting worshippers at the center sanctuary doors as well as taking a head count of worshippers (including praise and worship team and those in the nursery. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Sign up for one week or whatever works with your schedule.

## Recharge Craft supply requests

- Fiber fill (for a pillow project)

Please leave supplies in the craft room. Thanks!

Jill Jennings

## Congregational Life trip to Algona

The Congregational Life Committee would like to invite you to visit the Algona P.O.W. museum and nativity Saturday, December 15th. We will leave the church parking lot at 2pm. We should arrive at the museum about 3:30. After about an hour at the museum we will go and see the nativity scene constructed by the German P.O.W.'s while they were held at Camp Algona during WWII. Viewing of the nativity scene will be followed by dinner and fellowship at Emerald's restaurant in Algona. Admission to the museum is \$3 per person and the restaurant pricing is similar to Minerva's. Please RSVP in the church office or to [tonyjill.jennings@gmail.com](mailto:tonyjill.jennings@gmail.com) so we can let Emerald's know how many to expect.

## Attention Sewers

The children's and lap quilts are now in the fellowship hall and ready for completion. Please take them home and complete one or as many as you like. These quilts have been given in the past to CAASA, Dickinson County Public Health for the "New Moms" program, Lakes Regional Healthcare for the new babies, Gentiva Hospice and Hilltop Care Center. Your help with this project provides warmth to many members of our community and beyond.



## Youth Christmas Program

Save the date for our Youth Christmas Program set for Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> during our Reforming (2<sup>nd</sup>) Worship Service at 11:15am.

## Sound, Audio & Video Volunteers

If you are interested in learning more about our new system or are currently volunteering, please contact Tom Ditsworth at 336-1649 or [tom@fpcspiritlake.org](mailto:tom@fpcspiritlake.org) for information on upcoming training sessions on the new system.

## Advent Poinsettias

This year we will be supporting the Cherish Center as our Mission Project. If you are willing to share a poinsettia with us and donate to the Cherish Center, the cost is \$15. For a poinsettia only \$11.75. Please contact Cheri in the office at 336-1649 and let her know if this poinsettia is in memory of, or honoring someone.

## Ladies of the Church

Mark your calendar for our Annual Christmas Luncheon scheduled for Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, please invite all your friends. Also, we are in need of bakers of Christmas cookies and candy. If you are interested in baking 2 dozen treats for this event, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

## SHARE YOUR GIFTS . . .

One of the most rewarding opportunities is having a positive impact on others. Interested in one of these opportunities? Consider being a House Staff member at the Cherish House in Spirit Lake. Shifts are approximately 3-4 days and include overnights. To learn more, please contact the Cherish Center at 712-338-3333, or email [info@cherishcenter.org](mailto:info@cherishcenter.org).

Rides to and from church for this week is Pat Thomson ~ 330-4675, next week is Jay Anderson ~ 339-5878.

Hospital Deacon: Pat Thomson

**Week of November 25th**  
**Reformed Worship Service**

**Liturgist:** Ryan Davelaar  
**Ushers:** Daryl & Elaine Doorenbos, Sandy Krout & Deb Ditsworth  
**Greeters:** Art & Phyllis Attema  
**Nursery:** Amy Profit & Coral Sweeney  
**Video:** Keith Brockmeyer  
**Sound:** T Ditsworth, J Jenkins, & M Reekers  
**Coffee:** Ron Jenkins, Jim & Mary Quitno

**Reforming Worship Service**

**Praise Team:** Brianna Pratt, Kaycee Arrowood, Serena Lynch, Gary Lambert, Kevin Grems, Rachelle Gewecke, Daniel Hoerichs  
**Usher/Greeter:** Paul Johnson  
**Nursery:** Teresa Beck  
**Sound & Power Point:** Pratt family

**Upcoming Events**

Sunday, November 18

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel  
8:50am-Combined Worship Service  
10:00am-Breakfast & HS Pie & Silent Auction  
10:15am-Sunday School  
No Confirmation Class  
No Adult Ed  
No Reforming Worship Service

Monday, November 19

9am-PW Sewing  
5:15pm-Stewardship Committee Mtg

Tuesday, November 20

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study  
7pm-Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 21

No Weekly Prayer  
No Recharge  
No Handbell Practice  
No HS Youth Group  
No Choir Practice

Thursday, November 22

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Office Closed**

Sunday, November 25

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel  
8:50am- Reformed Worship Service  
10:00am-Congregational Meeting  
No Sunday School  
No Confirmation Class  
No Adult Ed  
11:15am-Reforming Worship Service

hear ye! hear ye!

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**Each week we remember  
First Pres families in prayer,  
this week please pray for  
Ken & Marcia Eckerman  
2133 140<sup>th</sup> St., Spirit Lake  
Marj Roseberry  
2704 Breezy Heights Dr., Milford**

**Please pray for our members and friends of this church family who are facing various health concerns:** Maddie DeWitt, Chris Koehler, Jody Ferguson, Judy Arens, Mary Smith, Barb Hanisch, Pat Dalton, Lori Johnson, Pat Kelly, Mike Wiley, Marj Roseberry, Kathy Huitink, Denice (Wiersma), Bart Duncan, Laurie Phillips, Nan Woods, Travis Sweissburger, Rod Johnson, Laura Fagen's Mom, Pat, Tomy Norman, Margaret Plunkett, Heath Huberg, Reba Williams, Kevin Grems mother, Vicki, John Knabe's nephew, Dietrich, Kathy Nygaard, Wilma Clauson, Steve Thompson, Blake Smith, Mandi Rodger, Larry Gearke, Jim Watts, Sr., John Heim, Jan Richards, Macy Jennings, Elaine DenHerder, Paul Ostendorf, Jennie Heathcote, Jim Gayle, Derrick Drinovsky, Melody Peyton, Dave Fagen, Peter Knabe, Brenda Wilson, Adam Dreeszen, Kristen Martin, Brent Kasson, Marty Jenkins, Patti Meyer, Dorothy Fiala, Marcia Hill, Bill Kramer, Gary Eaton, Chuck Dunn, Jack Burrell, Pauly Eaton, Beth Primavera, Gloria Ditsworth, Jim Ellingson, Gary Hansen, Bev Quail, Dave Bartels, Keith Swancutt, Craig Cobb, Scott & Elaine Greer, Connie Rohlk, Sherry Fuhrman, Pat Lamoroux

**Please pray for our members and friends** who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1<sup>st</sup> LT **Whitney Lewis**, 7017 Arnold Ave., Unit A, JBER, AK 99506; SFC **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040; 1<sup>st</sup> Class PO **Billy Joe Travis**, 8583 Aero Drive, Apt 2043, San Diego, CA 92123; PFC; **Colton Petersen**, 1<sup>st</sup> LT **James Fliss**, , CPL **Kenten Murray**, MSG Detachment, Unit 6010, Box 10, DPO AB 09825-6010  
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Erol is the Leader Led Movement Aegean Region Director with Campus Crusade for Christ International. In Leader Led Movement ministry, Erol and Seren are reaching out to Young Professionals and effective leaders in the city to develop leaders who will build ministry teams to disciple and evangelize in their ministry. Erol and Seren have 3 children. Seren was on the CCC OLC(5) intercessory prayer team with Dave Butterworth in Izmir, Turkey in 2012. First Presbyterian has supported Erol and Gulseren since 2013.

### **Military BibleStick Outreach**

Across the USA, churches, radio stations, TV stations, and people like you are standing strong with our military, showing support and spreading God's Word to those in harm's way.

Through Faith Comes by Hearing's Military BibleStick project, our nation's troops are hearing the Word of God while on (or preparing for) deployment. The Military BibleStick is a digital audio player that is pre-loaded with a dramatized recording of the entire New Testament and over 65 minutes of select Psalms.

Chaplains from every branch of the military are flooding Faith Comes by Hearing with requests. More than 409,000 of these Audio Bibles are now in the field. Over 1,420 chaplains use Military BibleSticks in pre-deployment briefings, counseling sessions, Bible studies, weekly chapels and other spiritual services.

About 3.5 inches long and less than an inch thick, these pocket-sized Audio Bibles are field-friendly with a low-key design which reduces visibility for use in low-light situations.