

1st Sunday of Advent

8:50 a.m. December 2, 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 Eulyn Riemersma & Arla Stover
"Carol of the Bells"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE ~Johnson family

* HYMN 478
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, in this messy world, you are our hope. Amidst the struggles and trials of our lives, your grace is a beacon that calls us on and gives us light. As we gather in worship, give us the gift of patience to wait expectantly for the always-new promise of your arrival in the Christ and your work among your people. We are not yet who we are called to be, but in this service and this season, guide us to take a step in the right direction. May our hearts and our worship glorify you and strengthen us as we turn toward the gift of the Messiah. In his name we ask. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI 579

CHILDREN'S TIME Doug Stueven

HYMN 2
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:1-7
(Page 559-560 in the Pew Bibles)

ANTHEM Chancel Choir w/ Jada Duis,
clarinet, Nathan Strohmman, bass, Carley Wells, drums
"O Come To Set Us Free"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-23
(Page 783 in the Pew Bibles)

SERMON Clint Loveall
Waiting for something...

* 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 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 the saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

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

**People: It is right to give God our thanks
and praise...**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

OFFERING

Offertory 8th Grade Handbell Choir
"The Little Drummer Boy"

* Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* BENEDICTION ~~Back cover of Hymnal

"Go Now In Peace"

POSTLUDE

* **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; Kelly Swancutt, Liturgist; Eulyn Riemersma, Organist; Carol Ayres Stueven, Chancel Choir Director, Barb Mendenhall, Lincoln Larsen & Jada Duis, 8th Grade Handbell Directors; Ushers are Ron Niebruegge, Gene Ringsdorf, Bob Peterson & Doug Johnson; Greeters are Warren & Barb Jager; Jackie Jenkins, Mike Reekers & Tom Ditsworth, Sound; Wes Farmer, Video; Laurie Steinkuehler is in charge of the Nursery; Ron Jenkins, Edna VanderWolde & Jan Bowles prepared our coffee.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of JoAnn Asa on the passing of her sister, Alvina Beerstead, this past week.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Don & Jean Goodenow on the passing of Don's brother, Bruce, this past week.

Our sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Dave Rowlands on his passing this past week. A memorial service will be held for Dave at Turner Jenness Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 5th at 11am.



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Thank You's

Thank you for your thoughts, cards and prayers during Brent's recent radiation treatments. We would also appreciate your continued prayers as Brent will be having valve replacement surgery on December 5th.

Brent & Sandy Kasson

I would like to thank Pastor Clint, Pastor Michael and the Deacons for making our Thanksgiving a blessed time.

Gary & Pauly Eaton

Thank you to my church family for your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls and meals after my surgery. I appreciated your thoughtfulness. Donna Rieck

A special "Thank You" goes out to Dave Dau for his help with the installation of the new video screens.

Advent Sermon Series

The Music and Message of Christmas

This year we will be letting some favorite songs of Christmas guide our advent journey. Each week, we will use a song that highlights a particular part of the Christmas story and tie it to the part of the Bible that inspired the music. Hopefully, not only will it mean you get to hear and sing your favorite Christmas Hymn, we also get to learn something from the scene it describes. Hope you can join us as we begin our path toward the manger.

Dec. 2nd – Waiting for a King – "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Dec. 9th – Looking for Christmas – "We 3 Kings"

Dec. 16th – A Christmas you didn't expect – "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Dec 23rd – Everyone's Invited – "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Dec 24th – What happens when Christmas arrives? – "Silent Night"

Hanging of the Greens

You won't want to miss our Annual Hanging of the Greens on Wednesday, December 12th at 4pm. See you there.

Progressive Nativity

You and your family are invited to experience the story of the Nativity in a new way. Start by driving to Calvary Methodist Church in Arnolds Park and then make your way through 3 other churches including FPC and experience scenes from the story of Advent. The Nativity will include inter-active story-telling and songs from local congregations. Please join us for the Progressive Nativity December 16th, 5-6:30pm.

High School Hockey Outing

All High School students are invited to join us for a trip to Sioux City on December 8th to watch the Sioux City Musketeers take on the Sioux Falls Stampede. We will be leaving First Presbyterian Church at 2:00pm leaving plenty of time to browse the Sioux City mall and eat your choice of dinner in the food court. We will go to the game at 7:05pm and return immediately following. The cost for transportation and the game is \$10, supper and any shopping at the mall is your own expense. RSVPs must be submitted to Pastor Michael to attend the trip by Wednesday Dec. 5th. We hope you will join us for this exciting winter fellowship event!

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 a nice restaurant in Algona. Each person will pay for their own dinner and admission to the museum is \$3 per person. Please RSVP in the church office or to tonyjill.jennings@gmail.com so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.



Youth Christmas Program

The Christmas program featuring students from PreK-8th grade will be held during the second worship service (at 11:15am) on December 16th. The Christmas celebration will be held throughout the entire service of worship and will feature the full Adult Chancel Choir, student led music and much more. We sincerely hope that you and your family will join us for this Christmas celebration!

Christmas Goodies Await You!

Congregational Life invites you to a Christmas Fellowship, Sunday, December 16th at 10 between services. Enjoy a Hot Chocolate Bar, Apple Cider, Christmas Goodies, music and of course, coffee! This fellowship will be while the youth are preparing to bring us their Christmas message at the 11:15 a.m. service. Thanks for joining us!



Wednesday, December 5th

Meal: Potatoes & Ham

Meal Crew: **Meal Crew Helpers Needed**

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed

We are still in need of 2 Ushers on Christmas Eve at the 6pm Candlelight Service. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Advent Reader Needed

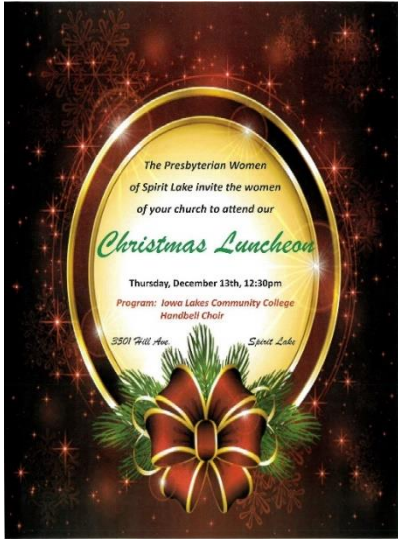
We are looking for an Advent reader and candle lighter for our Advent service on Monday, December 24th at 4pm. If you and your family would like to participate in the advent wreath during this service, please let us know. Thank you.

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 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 13th at 12:30pm. Please invite all your friends. **Also, we are in need of bakers of Christmas cookies and candy and preparation workers. If you are interested in baking 2 dozen treats, or helping prepare for the event, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.**

ILCC Holiday Handbell Concert

You won't want to miss the ILCC Holiday Handbell Concert, being held on Thursday, December 13th at 7:30pm at First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. The concert will feature a handbell ensemble as well as a brass ensemble, community handbell group, and area pianist.

WellLife 10th Annual Christmas Tea

Please join us at our 10th Annual Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 8th from 1:30-3pm where we showcase Nativity Sets. Residents, family members or friends may bring nativity sets to display. The nativity sets can be set-up any time before December 8th and taken home after the tea.

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.

Recharge Craft supply requests

- Fiber fill (for a pillow project)

Please leave supplies in the craft room. Thanks!

Jill Jennings

2nd Service Ushers/Greeters Needed

We are in need of Ushers/Greeters for our 2nd 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.

Rides to and from church for this week is Lori Vicker ~ .(515)249-6684, next week is Sharon Ringsdorf ~ 330-2540.

Hospital Deacon: Lori Vicker
Week of December 9

Reformed Worship Service

Liturgist: Youth Sunday

Ushers: Ron Niebruegge, Gene Ringsdorf, Bob Peterson & Doug Johnson

Greeters: Warren & Barb Jager

Nursery: Angie Peterson

Video: Dan Vicker

Sound: T Ditsworth, J Jenkins, & M Reekers

Coffee: Ron Jenkins, Larry & Sharee DenHerder

Reforming Worship Service

Praise Team: Kari Bruinsma, Adrie Stecker, Kaycee Arrowood, Liz Steiner, Dave Graanstra, Dave Boon, Gary Lambert, Rachelle Gewecke

Nursery: Lindsay VanderWolde

Sound & Power Point: Pratt family

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 2

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am-Reformed Worship Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

10:15am-Sunday School

10:15am-Confirmation Class

10:30am-Adult Ed

11:15am-Reforming Worship Service

Monday, December 3

9am-PW Sewing

Tuesday, December 4

1:30pm-Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 5

4:45pm-Weekly Prayer

5:30pm-Recharge

7pm-Handbell Practice

7:15pm-HS Youth Group

8pm-Choir Practice

Thursday, December 6

9am-Men's Bible

11:53am-ACT II

4:30pm-PW Coordinating Team Mtg

Saturday, December 8

2pm-High School Hockey Outing

Sunday, December 9

8:15am-Prayer in the Chapel

8:50am- Reformed Worship Service

10:00am-Coffee and fellowship

10:15am-Sunday School

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**Each week we remember
First Pres families in prayer,
this week please pray for**
Cheryl Eichelberger
12989 253rd Ave., Spirit Lake
Duane Rost & June LaValleur
70349 476th Ave., Jackson

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, Denise (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, Melody Peyton, Dave Fagen, Peter Knabe, Brenda Wilson, Adam Dreeszen, Kristen Martin, Brent Kasson, Marty Jenkins, Patti Meyer, Dorothy Fiala, Marcia Hill, Bill Cramer, Gary Eaton, 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 Fuhman, Pat Lamoroux, Jay Anderson, Donna Rieck, Jeri Lowry

Please pray for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces: Staff SGT **Jamie Lewis**, 1st LT **Whitney Lewis**, 7017 Arnold Ave., Unit A, JBER, AK 99506; SFC **Frederick, Jesse**, 975 Culverson Ct., Clarksville, TN 37040; 1st Class PO **Billy Joe Travis**, 8583 Aero Drive, Apt 2043, San Diego, CA 92123; PFC; **Colton Petersen**, 1st LT **James Fliss**, , CPL **Kenten Murray**, MSG Detachment, Unit 6010, Box 10, DPO AB 09825-6010

Missionaries

Lakeshore Center on Okoboji
1864 Hwy 86
Milford, IA 51351

Lakeshore Center on Okoboji (Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji) has been supported by First Presbyterian Church as they serve over 480 campers in a summer.

In a time of increasing development and technology it is great to have a place for God's children of all ages to come and experience God.

Our church has been a supporter of the growing ministry and the construction of a new Retreat Center. The Retreat Center gives the camp the ability to minister on a year-round basis to adults as well as children.

Our church member volunteers remain active in improving and maintaining building and grounds at the camp.

*Upper Des Moines Opportunity
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Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. (UDMO) is one of 17 community action agencies (CAAs) in Iowa and one of approximately 1,000 community action agencies across the United States. CAAs are nonprofit private and public organizations established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America's War on Poverty.

UDMO promotes self-sufficiency by providing a variety of programs to fight poverty, improve health and increase educational attainment for family members of all ages. During the 2014 fiscal year, UDMO served 20,364 individuals in 8,367 households in Northwest and North Central Iowa (12 counties). Of those households, 63% had incomes below 100% of the federal poverty level.