

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3rd Sunday of Lent

Fort Dodge, Iowa
March 7, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 19:1-4

Heaven is declaring God's glory;

The sky is proclaiming God's handiwork.

One day gushes the news to the next,

And one night informs another what needs to be known.

There is no speech; there are no words;

Their voices cannot be heard by us.

Yet their sound extends throughout the world:

Their words reach the ends of the earth!

GATHERING HYMN #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us for thinking everything depends

On our efforts and power,

For you are the God who made us,

Led us out of slavery,

And brought us into the community of faith.

Help us to depend on you alone

And to rest in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Time of silent reflection and confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters,

In Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again,

We are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness

With God and with one another!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#2108 "O How He Loves You and Me"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR YOUNG LEADERS

The Rev. Rebecca L. Dix

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:6-19

SERMON

"On the Journey Together: Where You Go I'll Go"

The Rev. Dr. Austin D. Hill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in humanity. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men and women are reconciled to God and to one another. He enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, he gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all people.

COMMUNION HYMN

#513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcf>

#210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Prayers for March 7th – 13th

Members of the Congregation:

Starla Lawler, Shelly Sanford, Duane Amhof,
Steve Vance, Connie Lind-Fraher & Glenda Molgaard

Friends of the Church:

Bob Schade (Heather Royster's Father) &
Walt Whitecotton (Steve Pederson's Friend)

Prayer Families:

Karla & Joel Bell (Madison, Olivia)
Robert & Charlene Bellinger
Deanne & Ted Beran
Ronald & Mary Berckhan

Pray for:

 (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

United Presbyterian Church, Traer – Rev. Brice Hoyt &
Emmanuel Baptist Church – Pastor Tompkins

Stewardship News

Attendance on February 28th was 197 (8:45 - 35, 25
Facebook, 24 YouTube, 11:00 – 49, 58 Facebook, 6 YouTube).
The offering on 02/28/21 was \$6,586.00. The amount needed
each week is \$13,850.62. The total contributions through
02/28/21 are \$72,608.63. The amount needed through
02/28/21 is \$110,804.96.

Elder of the day is Aileen Sandell.


Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available outside the office door
and online at: [http://fpcfd.org/information/scholarship-
applications/](http://fpcfd.org/information/scholarship-applications/). Applications are **due by April 1st**.

Holy Week

All services will be in-person and live-streamed on Facebook
and YouTube.

Maundy Thursday (April 1st) 6:00 pm in Sanctuary
Good Friday (April 2nd) 6:00 pm in Sanctuary
Easter Sunday (April 4th) 8:45 am in Sanctuary &
11:00 pm in CLC

This is the bulletin for Sunday, March 7th. Please use this
to follow along while we broadcast the service. Tune in to
our YouTube Channel: FPC Fort Dodge  and our
Facebook page at 8:45 am. You can access both of these
channels from our website by clicking on these icons:



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281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

O How He Loves You and Me 2108

1. O how he loves you and me! _____ O how he
 2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go; _____ his love for

loves you and me! _____ He gave his life. What
 sin - ners to show. _____ What he did there brought

more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he
 hope from de - spair. O how he loves you; O how he

loves me; O how he loves you and me! _____
 loves me; O how he loves you and me! _____

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD 10.10 with refrain African-American spiritual
 Arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988

African-American spiritual

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
 2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)
 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

knees

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun,

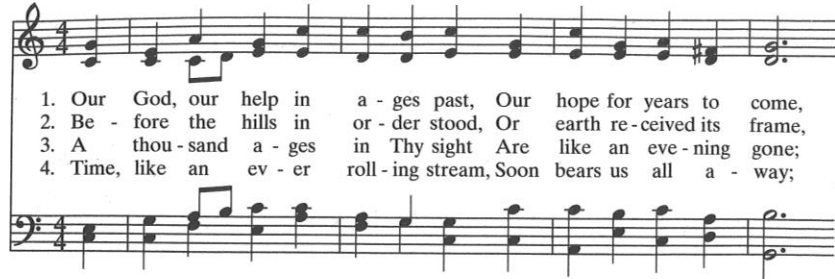
O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past 210

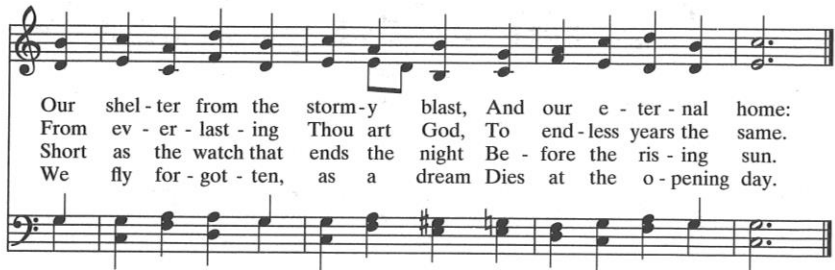
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.