

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6th Sunday after Epiphany

Fort Dodge, Iowa
February 13, 2022

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God,

You gave the law to guide our lives.

May we never shrink from your commandments,

but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus,

fulfill the law in perfect love;

through Christ our Lord and Savior,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever.

Amen!

*GATHERING HYMN

#430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess to you the times we have neglected your body, the church. Rather than seeking ways to serve and worship, we wonder what we can get out of our time in the church. We repent of our focus simply on self and ask you to renew our desire for the community as we come before you in confession today.

Time of silent reflection and confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Apostle Paul explains that we are saved by grace through faith not by works. Friends, God's grace for us is a free gift. Accept it today. In Jesus Christ, your sins have been forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Amen.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

"Indescribable"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR YOUNG LEADERS

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#442 "The Church's One Foundation"
(vs. 1, 2, 4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-25 (NIV)

SERMON

"Showing Up to Our Church"
The Rev. Dr. Austin D. Hill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

IMPACT STORY VIDEO

Tony Recker

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

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

#2226 "Bind Us Together"

*Doxology #592

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Prayers for February 13th – 19th

Members of the Congregation:

Jim Zech

Prayer Families:

Tim & Joy Nebel

Devyn & Katlyn Nelson

Kaela & Preston Nerhus

Millie Nordeen

Pray for:

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Dodge

– Rev. Dr. Austin Hill, Rev. Sara Hill & Chris Helton, CP

Stewardship News

Attendance on February 6th was 213 (8:45 – 70, 58 FB, 12 YT; 11:00 – 40, 28 FB, 5 YT). The offering on 02/06/22 was \$16,909.96. The amount needed each week is \$13,112.96. The total contributions through 02/06/22 are \$61,024.96. The amount needed through 02/06/22 is \$65,564.80.

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: 8:45 – Joan Pederson, Judy Sheker; 11:00 – Gary Lauterbach

Elder: Gary Lauterbach

*If you would like to greet and usher at a church service, please call Janelle Groteluschen at 515-570-1817.

Scholarships are Available!

Scholarships are available on the table outside the office door and online at: <http://fpcfd.org/information/scholarship-applications/>. **Scholarships must be in the church office by 1:00 pm on Friday, April 1st.**

Annual Meeting – Next Sunday, February 20th

There will be one service in the sanctuary at 10:00 am with a brunch to follow at 11:00 am in the CLC. The meeting will begin at 11:45 am in the CLC.

Bingo!

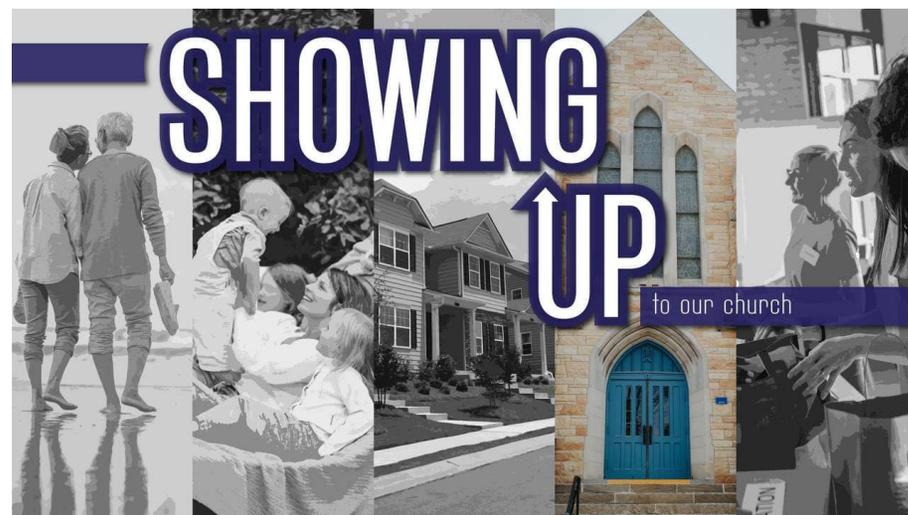
Join us for bingo in the commons on Wednesday, February 23rd! Come at 3:45 pm for refreshments and fellowship. Bingo begins at 4:00 pm and will go until the All-Ages Dinner at 5:00 pm.

Men's Retreat – Becoming Better Men

Lakeshore Center is partnering up with Presbytery of North Central Iowa to bring a unique opportunity for men to rest, reflect, and connect with other men who are interested in pursuing meaningful, purpose-driven lives. Register today by calling 712-337-3313 or online by scanning this QR code:



This is the bulletin for Sunday, February 13th. Please use this to follow along while we broadcast the service. Tune in to our YouTube Channel: FPC Fort Dodge  or our Facebook page at 8:45 am. You can access both channels from our website by clicking on these icons:



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Ruth Hancock January 23, 2022

I grew up attending the First Reformed Church in Prairie City, Iowa, a small town just east of Des Moines. My dad and mom were very active in the church, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and attending the men's Bible Study and ladies' Circle Groups. We attended church services every Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday night church events. As one of eight siblings, we always ended up sitting in the front row of the church. That is where there was the longest row of seats and we were usually one of the last families to get to church each Sunday.

When I graduated from High School and entered the "real" world, I went to a trade school in Minneapolis and then moved back to Des Moines and later Webster City to live and work. I knew right from wrong and didn't feel the need to go to church on a regular basis—at least not until my husband and I took on the full role of guardian for our granddaughter, who came to live with us when she was eight years old.

Because of the urging of someone I worked with, the wonderful youth program the church had and because our neighbor was Rev. Feltman, we decided to visit First Presbyterian Church. We joined the church in 2005. Since joining the church, my husband and I have been answering the call to volunteer usher at the Contemporary Services, I've helped the AV Director during services when needed, I've sung with the of Praise Team. I have served as a table leader for the Wednesday Night Live 5th through 8th grade groups for four years. I've also served on Congregational Life Ministry Team, Technology, and Elder for Property and Finance, and Scholarship Committee. I will begin serving another term as Elder this year.

My First Presbyterian Church family has always been there for me with encouraging words, compassion, and prayers. Looking back over the years I was without a church home, I felt my life was missing something. I didn't feel I had a real purpose. I just existed from day to day, working and doing my own thing. During the time our granddaughter was growing up, I started to

realize what God's main plan was for me. And I have been humbled for the opportunity to show and share with my granddaughter and now with her family the love and grace that God shows us each day.

There is a country gospel song "Me and God," written and sung by Josh Turner that I turn to on days when I need a pick-me-up. The words go like this:

"There's nothing that can't be done
By me and God
Ain't nothing coming in between me and God
One day we'll live together
Where the angels trod
Me and God.

Early in the morning talking it over
Me and God
Late at night, talking it over
Me and God
You could say we're like two peas in a pod
Me and God

I am weak and he is strong
Me and God
He forgives me when I'm wrong
Me and God
He's the one I lean on
When life gets hard
Me and God

He's my father
He's my friend
The beginning
And the end
He rules the world
With a staff and a rod
We're a team
Me and God"

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! 430

Brian Dill, 1988

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.8.8

John Darwall, 1770

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
 3. Let cour-age be our friend, Let wis-dom be our guide,
 4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 Em - power-ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 As we in mis-sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

442 The Church's One Foundation

Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der This world sees her op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schis - ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;

From heaven He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union O happy ones and holy!
 With God the Three in One, Lord, give us grace that we,
 And mystic sweet communion Like them, the meek and lowly,
 With those whose rest is won: May live eternally.

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Bind Us Together



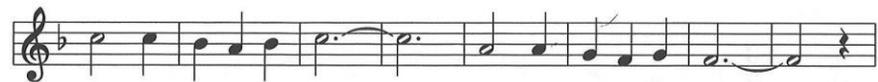
Bind us to- geth- er, Lord, bind us to- geth- er with cords that



can- not be bro - ken. Bind us to- geth- er, Lord,



bind us to- geth- er, Lord, bind us to- geth- er in love. ____



There is on- ly one God, ____ there is on- ly one King; ____



There is on- ly one bod- y, ____ that is why we sing. ____