

# First Presbyterian Church

902 S Walnut St, Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641



## Share God's Love

“The motto of the First Presbyterian Church is to Share God’s Love, Shine God’s Light, and Get Shaped as God’s People”

## Second Sunday of Lent



Communion & Children's Moment  
Sunday, March 1, 2026

### Church Staff

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### Worship Icons

The icons below are provided throughout the Order of Worship to encourage participation of all ages and abilities.



**Speaking**



**Music**



**Listen**



**Pray**



**Scripture Reading**



**Offering**



**Holy Communion**

**Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation

\*Asterisk invites all who are able to stand

Purple is the liturgical color that symbolizes royalty and dignity. Purple paraments are used during Advent and Lent.

**The Prelude** calls us to quiet our hearts and minds in preparation for worship. We invite you to keep silence as you open yourself to the Spirit.

### Order of Worship

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship. There is a children's corner with activities in the back of the Sanctuary. If needed, there is a nursery with attendants (end of long hall) available during the service.

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- March Hymn Madness
- PW Spring Service Project - Thursday, March 5 at 9:15 AM
  - Meet at the Fellowship Cup
- Synod School Information Meeting - Sunday, March 15 at 11 AM
- New Upcoming 8-Week Hybrid Class
  - Starts Tuesday, March 17 at 6 PM
- Sign up to help with Fellowship Time
- Meals by Nutrimos - Little Free Pantry Initiative

#### **PRELUDE:**

*Amazing Grace*

arr. by Susan W. Henry



### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God loves you more than you could imagine.**

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.**

One: Tell me something good!

**All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**

One: This is good news indeed!

**All: Let us worship our compassionate God.**



**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**No. 475**



### CALL TO CONFESSION:

One: Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace.

Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given. So join me in the Prayer of Reconciliation. Join me in being transformed.



### PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

**Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book?**

**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go.**

**Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.**



### SILENT PRAYER



**KYRIE:** "In My Life" v. 1

**No. 468**



### PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Faith family, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration:

**All: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.**



### \*GLORIA PATRI

**No. 581**

**"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."**



### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Two Cent-a-Meal Offering

Visit from Kevin Cullum, Camp Bear Creek & Charlie Martin, Camper



**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

**No. 458**

### Prayer of Reconciliation

Confession is our chance to be honest with God so that our relationship may be repaired and our hearts reconciled. We confess the reality of brokenness in personal and communal life.

### Promise of Grace

After confession, we remember how, in baptism, God claims us and names us beloved, commissioning us for lives of service in Christ's name.

### Children's Moment:

All children are invited forward to participate.

### Prayer of Illumination

We pray for the Spirit to be present in the reading and our hearing of Scripture.



**SCRIPTURE:**

**Matthew 25: 31-40**

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**31**“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, **33** and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. **34** Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, **35** for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ **37** Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? **38** And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? **39** And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ **40** And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

One: The Words of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



**WESTMINSTER CHOIR ANTHEM:** *Think of Me and Remember*



**SCRIPTURE:**

**Luke 7:36-50**

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**36** One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee’s house he reclined to dine. **37** And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. **38** She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner.” **40** Jesus spoke up and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” “Teacher,” he replied, “speak.” **41** “A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?” **43** Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And Jesus said to him, “You have judged rightly.” **44** Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. **45** You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. **46** You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. **47** Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” **48** Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” **49** But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” **50** But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

One: The Words of the Lord.


**All: Thanks be to God.**




**LENT SERMON SERIES**

**“The Good News Is: Great Love for God and Neighbor”**

**Rev. Trey Hegar**

 **\*HYMN:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" **No. 525**


 **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
We believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so we believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

We have seen it alive in the world. And even when our hearts aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, we remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.


We remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. We remember that the good news really is good news, for we have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

 **SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

 Our Father/Mother/Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words Jesus Spoke  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup  
Prayer Following Communion

 **GIVING THANKS OVER TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
*At the end of February, the Mission Committee gave \$ 500.00 to Habitat for Humanity for the completion of House #33. The committee also continues to fulfill their monthly pledge of \$ 425.00 to All God's Creatures.*

 **\*CLOSING HYMN:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" v. 1, 3, 4 **No. 700**

 **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE**

Worship Helpers

Morning Building Assistant: **Jeff Epperson** Ushers: **Curt & Ginnie Swarm**  
Financial Secretary: **Ginnie Swarm** Treasurer: **Marvin Bricker**  
Financial Clerk: **Mark Kauffman**

**Synod School Informational Meeting**

**Sunday, March 15 following worship**

Interested in learning more about what Synod School is about? Plan to attend this presentation with Q&A included. Sarah has been attending synod school for 8+ years and is serving her fourth year on the planning committee. This is a week-long conference at the end of July for ALL ages. Come to learn more!

**Holy Communion:** Communion is shared with modified intinction with tables at the front with bread and juice. There is gluten-free bread available at the station closest to the choir loft. To help the flow of traffic, if able, please come forward from the center aisles and return using the outside aisles. If you are unable to come forward, our servers will bring communion to you. You may take the elements as soon as you receive them or once you return to your pew. Please consider this time during communion as an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and meditation.

Code to give online to the church



Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people

## **Week of Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**SUN:** 8:30 **Westminster Choir Practice** - Sanctuary  
9:45 AM **In-Person Worship, YouTube Live with Communion**  
**Fellowship Time to follow in Gathering Space**  
6:30 PM **Scouts** - Fellowship Hall

**MON-THU:** 10:30 AM **Meals on Wheels** (bag pickup/drop off) - Parking Lot

**TUE:** 1-2:30 PM **Caregivers Support Group** - Peter's Room  
6:30 PM **Scouts** - Fellowship Hall  
7 PM **Tri-T** - Gathering Space

**WED:** 10:30 AM **Pastor Trey's Bible Study** - Peter's Room  
3:15-5:15 PM **Re:Creation** - Fellowship Hall & Gathering Space  
5:25-6 PM **Bell Choir: Soul Notes Rehearsal** - Sanctuary  
6:15-7:15 PM **Bell Choir: Sound Appeal Rehearsal** - Sanctuary  
6:15-8 PM **Press On Youth Group** - Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

**THU:** 9:15 AM **PW Spring Service Project** - Fellowship Cup  
11:30 AM **Personnel Meeting** - Peter's Room

## **Prayer Concerns**

- Diane May's mother, Meralene Lee
- Jack Becker's brother, Jerry Becker
- Tara Beauchamp's dad, Doug Cowan
- Leo Clark's stepdad, Raymond Aynes
- Karilyn Bale's granddaughter, Karilyn
- Erica Redgate's mother, Audrey Redgate, uncles, Dave Richardt and Gordon
- Rose Mary Wise's niece, Nancy Hill
- Terry Wasson, Dee Benge, Sandy Memler, Scott Redgate
- Marilyn Vincent's friend, Sandy Crandell
- Kerry Murray, Griffin Manfredi
- Carol Chesnutt's mother, Carolyn Thorsen
- Chaiden Miller
- Barb Parker, nephew Chad, step-sister, Leslye
- Matt Lawler's brother, Ken
- Liz & Terry Wasson's niece, Terrill
- Susan Farnsworth's mother Joyce, brother, Jeff Stanley
- Lois Roth's ,brother, Mark Veldhuizen, sister-in-law, Kim Veldhuizen
- National Guard Troops - 224<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion
- Our shut-ins & those in care centers
- Israel & Palestine; Ukraine; Minneapolis & the United States

## **March Hymn Madness**

### **Competition begins March 1**

During the month of March you are invited to participate in some march madness. But it's not what you think! You will be competing for your favorite hymn to win a bracket style competition. We will begin with a field of 28 hymns. Each week, you will voted either online (via the Weekly Announcements and Facebook) or fill out the forms in the back of the Sanctuary. Competition begins on March 1! The winning hymn will be sung on Easter Sunday on April 5.