

## Announcements

**Adult Education** - Please join us for our adult education series. The book "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton will be the focus of this 5-week study, where we will search for the **whole truth** by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in scripture. The class meets in the Chapel following fellowship at approximately 11:20 a.m. Feel free to bring your coffee and donuts.

**Pen Pals** - Our annual Pen Pal program will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and run through Easter, April 21. If you would like to correspond by mail with a child from our congregation through the season of Lent, please contact Paula Zavitz, [paula@fpcrc.org](mailto:paula@fpcrc.org).

**Pancake Feed** - The youth group's annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed fundraiser will be March 5 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We enjoy making new and different flavors, and of course also have the classics. Free will donations support the youth attending the Presbyterian Youth Rally as well as other youth events throughout the year. Bring a friend!

**Ash Wednesday Service** - Wednesday, March 6 we will have our Ash Wednesday Service in our social room. Soup will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**VBS** - Save the date for 2019 Vacation Bible School. This summer, VBS will be here at First Presbyterian Church from Sunday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 5, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served each evening at 5:30. The theme is "Power Up! Raise Your Game!".

If you are visiting, we challenge you to "Hang 5" in the new year; worship with us for five Sundays as you consider making First Presbyterian your church home.

## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today:	Wired Word	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
	Adult Class & Youth/Children Fellowship	11:20 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday:	Sew & Sews	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday:	Mission Meal	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Sanctuary Bells	6:00 p.m.
	Praise Team	6:00 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Friday:	Don Wickler Funeral	11:00 a.m.
	Church Office Closed	
Saturday:	Men's Fellowship	7:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Wired Word	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
	Adult Class & Youth/Children Fellowship	11:20 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



*Seeking Christ and serving others until all things are made new.*

**February 24, 2019**

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

## Celebration of Worship

Welcome and Announcements (Seated) Melissa Bumbach

Prelude (Seated)  
"Spring Time" Louis Verroust

*Ethan Young, clarinet*

*The Acolytes carry in the flame and light the candles at the beginning of the service. Since ancient times, light and fire have reminded people that God is here with us, so this morning, the lighting of the candles represents the Holy Spirit coming into the presence of the worship community.*

Call to Worship (Standing) Pastor Jeff Kintner

Leader: The Christ child is born!  
**People:** All you who would find him,  
 Leader: prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi.  
**People:** All you who would praise him,  
 Leader: come with the faith to follow but a star.  
**People:** All you who would worship him,  
 Leader: come with humility to the child  
 who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.

Contemporary Song (Standing)  
"Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)"

*Praise Team*

*Sheet music for this song is available in the Narthex (entryway).*

CCLI Song # 7072572; CCLI License # 954124

### Upcoming Events

- ◇ Mar. 5 - Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- ◇ Mar. 6 - Ash Wednesday - soup served at 5:30 p.m., service at 6:00 p.m.
- ◇ Mar. 24 - Painting Bowls @ Pottery 2 Paint
- ◇ Mar. 29-31 - Youth Rally in Pierre

### Prayer Requests

Audrey Hamm  
 Pauline Manus  
 Scott Kirchmann & Family

### First Presbyterian Church Staff

Jeff Kintner	Pastor
Diane Janssen-Hemmen	Program Coordinator
Paul Robinson	Director of Worship Arts/Organist
Shelly Tupper	Office Coordinator/Accompanist
Melissa Bumbach	Connections Coordinator
Martha Robinson	Director of Youth Ministry
Paula Zavitz	Director of Children's Ministry

### Serving This Week

Lector - Caleb Kintner  
 Acolyte - Youth  
 Greeter - Leo Hamm  
 Ushers - Michael & Kathy Berry,  
 Melissa Treinen,  
 Dave & Diann Habicht  
 Godly Play - Paula Zavitz &  
 Caleb Kintner  
 AV - Lenny Young & Ivan Kundel  
 Tami Lindquist - Video  
 Coffee Servers - Helene Siekman &  
 Karen Mulder

### Serving Next Week

Lector - Avis Tellinghuisen  
 Acolyte - Youth  
 Greeter - Dave & Patsy True  
 Ushers - Henry & Ethel Cordes,  
 Glee & Karen Mulder  
 Godly Play - No Godly Play  
 AV - Ron Bischoff & Ivan Kundel  
 Tami Lindquist - Video  
 Coffee Servers - Kathy Berry &  
 Helene Siekman

### First Presbyterian Church

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[www.fpcrc.org/donate](http://www.fpcrc.org/donate)

**Prayer of Confession** (Seated) Caleb Kintner

Leader: The light has come into the world,  
but people loved darkness rather than light.  
Let us confess our sin to God.

*—based on John 3:19, NRSV*

**People: God of grace,  
you have given us Jesus,  
the light of the world,  
but we choose darkness  
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.  
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.  
Baptize us with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may preach your Word to the nations  
and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and our light forever. Amen.**  
*(Silence for Reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon** (Seated) Caleb Kintner

Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone  
was coming into the world.  
To all who have received him,  
to those who believe in his name,  
he gave the right to become children of God.  
You are forgiven and you belong to God.

*—from John 1:9, 12, NIV*

**Passing of the Peace** (Standing) Caleb Kintner

Leader: God’s light leads us to the place of peace.  
Please take a moment to pass the peace of Christ  
as we greet each other this morning.

*The congregation offers one another signs of welcome, peace and reconciliation.*

**Congregational Response #447** (Standing)

“We Are Forgiven”

**Children’s Message** (Seated) Paula Zavitz

*Following the message, children are dismissed to Children’s Worship downstairs.*

**The First Lesson** (Seated) Caleb Kintner

Luke 6:27-38

Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem** (Seated) Arr. Paul Robinson

“Beside the Great Cathedrals”  
*Chancel Choir*

Beside the great cathedrals we huddle in the rain,  
or underneath the bridges till busy folks complain.  
We seek a little shelter, a coin to buy some bread,  
and Jesus waits here with us. He shares our stony bed.

He sings on city sidewalks, he sits on curbs alone,  
he holds a sign and listens for footsteps on the stone.  
He sings down by the river, a spiritual, a blues,  
with mothers and with fathers who pay no union dues.

Friend, have you seen him naked, in prison, or in pain,  
and have you seen him shivering with us out in the rain?  
Friend, have you seen him sleeping outside cathedral doors,  
and have you heard him singing with those the world ignores?

Sit down with us and listen to stories we can tell  
of death and resurrection, of heaven and of hell.  
Then strive to love the beggars who gather at your door,  
and see in us our Savior, the rabbi of the poor.

*Text and tune by Daniel Charles Damon*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** (Seated)

**Hymn #445** (Standing)

“God, How Can We Forgive”

**The Second Lesson** (Seated)

1 Corinthians 15:35-38; 42-50

Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Message** (Seated)

“The Merciful”

**Affirmation of Faith** (Standing)

**All: Out of Israel,  
God in due time raised up Jesus.  
His faith and obedience  
were the response of the perfect child of God.  
He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel,  
the beginning of the new creation,  
and the pioneer of the new humanity.  
He gave history its meaning and direction  
and called the church to be his servant  
for the reconciliation of the world.**

*Confession of 1967, 9.19*

**Connection Cards** (Seated)

**Gathering of Tithes, Offerings and Connection Cards** (Seated)

**Offertory** (Seated)

“My Life Must Be Christ’s Broken Bread” Paul S. Jones  
*John Ter Beest, tenor*

My life must be Christ’s broken bread, my love His outpoured wine,  
a cup o’erfilled, a table spread beneath His name and sign.  
That other souls, refreshed and fed, may share His life through mine.

My all is in the Master’s hands for Him to bless and break;  
beyond the brook His winepress stands and thence my way I take,  
resolved the whole of love’s demands to give for His dear sake.

Lord, let me share that grace of Thine wherewith Thou didst sustain  
the burden of the fruitful vine, the gift of buried grain.  
Who dies with Thee, O Word divine, shall rise and live again.

*Text by Albert Orsborn*

**Doxology #606** (Standing)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayer of Dedication** (Standing)

**Hymn #231** (Standing)

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

*Stanza 1, Solo*

*Stanza 1-3, All*

**Charge and Benediction** (Standing)

Pastor Jeff Kintner

Leader: May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in our hearts, transform our lives,  
and brighten the world.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you always. **Amen.**

**Postlude**

*As the Acolytes carry the flame out of the sanctuary at the end of the service, we are reminded that  
God remains with us in all places at all times. We take God’s light with us as we leave the church,  
and it stays with us during the week ahead.*

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*When bulletins are waved during worship at FPC, it is a sign of appreciation for the music or other  
contribution to the service. It is an action which Pastor Jeff learned from New York Avenue Presbyteri-  
an Church in Washington, D.C. while on sabbatical during the summer of 2018 as an alternative to  
clapping. For the wavers, it is an expression of joy in the moment and our connections with sisters and  
brothers in faith.*

*A note on hymnody:*

The author Ruth Duck notes that “God, How Can We Forgive” was born out of  
her own struggle to deal with a deep hurt, and the candor of her engagement with this issue  
will resonate with anyone who has dealt with similar issues. One of the fascinating features  
of this text is that it begins, as so many people do in such circumstances, with an effort to  
deal with matters on human terms. Gradually it becomes clear that the only true source of  
healing and forgiveness is God.

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers” is a text both reflective and challenging.  
It begins on a remorseful note about the failure of human beings to believe and trust in  
Christ. In our own ways, we have been doubters and deniers like Thomas and Peter. So the  
cosmos is summoned to proclaim the Resurrection. The second stanza is a catalog of those  
for whom Christ has risen, a welcome change from the customary hymnic attention to  
those for whom Christ died. The final stanza adds to this list the remarkable lines about “all  
whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.” And why would Christ  
do such a thing? To make us, like him, “evidence of transformation in which God is known  
and seen.” It is hard to imagine a better explication of what it means to be a Christian, liter-  
ally “a little Christ.”

*—from “Glory to God: A Companion” by Carl P. Daw Jr.*