

# CELEBRATING IN WORSHIP

March 7, 2010 – 10:30 a.m.

## Gathering

Silent Meditation

Welcome and Announcements (Please sign Friendship Register and pass it down the pew)

Centering Song                      *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*                      STF# 2119  
**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.  
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;  
there is light and life,  
there is help and power in the spirit,  
in the Spirit of the Lord.**

### Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

**People: my flesh faints for you in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, I will lift up my hands and call upon your name.**

\*Opening Hymn                      *All Who Hunger*                      STF#2126

Personal Confession (in silence)

### A Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**O Lord, fountain of life, we have drunk from dusty wells of our own making. Bread of heaven, we have set our table with the meager fruits of our own labors. Treasure of all, we have sought riches in bankrupt storehouses of our own building. Forgive us, Lord, for turning away from your generous grace. Satisfy our hunger with your bounty, that we may praise you joyfully, cling to you only, seek you wholly, and tell of your goodness gladly. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God grants us strength to overcome temptation and offers us a second chance to produce the fruits of repentance. Receive these gifts from God who is faithful; in covenant with us and all people.

**People: We open ourselves to the continued guidance of the Holy One, for God's steadfast love is better than life.**

Leader: God's mercy is abundant; God's provision for us is extravagant.

**People: We praise God with joyful lips for we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God.**

\*Response of Praise                      *Glorify Thy Name*                      STF# 2016

1. **Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.**

**Refrain: Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.**

2. **Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth. (Refrain)**

3. **Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth. (Refrain)**

\*The Peace

### The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament                      *Psalms 63: 1-8*                      P. 527

New Testament                      *Luke 13:1-9*                      P. 76

Sacrament of Baptism                      Lucas William Dennis Hestbeck

Affirmation of Parents                      Nicole and Eric Hestbeck

1. Do you reaffirm your own faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?
2. Do you receive God's covenant promises on Lucas' behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly promise, in humble reliance upon God's grace, to set before Lucas an example of the new life in Christ?

4. Do you promise to pray with and for Lucas and to bring him up in the knowledge and love of God?

Affirmation of the Congregation

1. Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with Nicole & Eric the Christian nurture of Lucas so that in due time he may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
2. Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen Lucas' family ties with the household of God?

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Act of Baptism

Sermon

**We Respond**

\*Hymn of Response      *When We are Tempted to Deny Your Son*      #86

\*Affirmation of Faith      *The Apostles' Creed*      (p. 14 in the front of the hymnal)

Offering

Offertory      *Kyrie Elison*      Ray

Doxology      #592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Offertory Prayer of Dedication

**We worship you, O God, through these gifts and our lives. May they be used to nourish others with grace and mercy. May the fruit of your Spirit be evident in all we do and say as followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Lord's Supper

\*Hymn of Preparation      *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*      #521

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

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

Leader: It is right that we give you our thanks and praise, O God...

Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

**Sending**

\*Hymn      *What Wondrous Love is This?*      # 85

\*Benediction

\*Response      *The Lord Bless and Keep You*      STF # 2280

Postlude

\*All who are able please stand

**Liturgist: LuAnn Buehre**

**Offering Steward: LuAnn Buehre**

## **Announcements**

### **Flowers for the Worship Service**

You are invited to give flowers to brighten our worship. Choose a date to honor someone special, and sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office. For information or questions, call Grace Covey (233-4691), Mary Skalet (236-5559), Marion DeJong (233-3041) or Ruth Mathews (233-4469). Thank you!

### **Midweek**

Please join us for supper and fellowship on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Menu for March 10<sup>th</sup>: barbecued spare ribs, baked potato, sauerkraut and salad, strawberry shortcake and milk. Choir and youth group (gr. 8-12) will meet at 7 pm.

St. Patrick's Day: Join us for a touch of Ireland on Wednesday, March 17th. Supper will be Irish Stew, Biscuits/Breads, Pea Salad, Shamrock Cookies & Ice Cream, Milk. If you haven't been coming to Midweek this would be a good time to start! You're always welcome -- e'en if you aren't Irish -- and that's no blarney!

### **Youth Group (Gr. 4-7)**

We will be meeting at the church at 4 pm this afternoon. We will go swimming at the AmericInn so bring a suit, towel and any pool games. Invite a friend! We will be back at the church by 5:30 pm.

### **Youth Group (Gr. 8-12)**

Next Wednesday, March 10, we will be doing preparation for painting the youth room.

### **New Life presents Theater Night**

You are invited to attend "Barely Heirs" being performed March 19, 7:30 at the Harwood Prairie Playhouse located on the grounds of Bonanzaville in West Fargo. Written by David Lasig and directed by Troy Brewster "Barely Heirs", is an original comical farce. The cost is only \$10; invite your friends and join us. Sign up sheets are located in fellowship hall or contact Gerry VanAmburg.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

As we hear the stories and see images of the destruction, loss, and despair in Haiti and Chile we pray that these people might once again know hope and wholeness. Well, you can do more than pray. You can help contribute to their recovery by supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. This annual offering supports the efforts of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) throughout the world. PDA supported us during the flood of 2009 and we can now support PDA as it helps others recovering from these disasters. Pick up a fish bank outside the sanctuary and use this to collect your family's gifts over the next month. Drop in your spare change at the end of the day. Put a portion of your allowance in the bank. Do extra chores to earn money for OGHS. Then bring your filled fish bank to worship on Easter. In addition to Disaster Assistance, OGHS donations also support Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program . "It's remarkable what your gift can do".

### **Give a little...Give a lot!**

You know that our Session has urged each of us to increase our giving to the Church, has even asked us to revise our pledges to show an increase of at least 10% for this year, 2010. This was announced at the Annual Meeting on January 31. To date we have received 20 revised pledges (out of 60 pledging units, 33%) indicating an increased amount of \$7658. or 6%. That indicates that we have a long way to go to avoid cutting staff, cutting programs or further cuts in Mission Giving.

We look to not only pledged giving but also free contributions from you members and friends of First Presbyterian who don't pledge on a regular basis. Jump in and contribute...a little...or a lot.

Tom Dowdell, Treasurer  
Stewardship/Finance Committee

**Welcome LaVonne Langord!** Our new office administrator began working with us this week. Please take the opportunity to call or stop by and welcome LaVonne. Office hours will continue to be M-F from 9-noon.

## Worship Notes

### Flowers

Flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God, in memory of Steve Johnson from his family.

Please sign the Friendship Register, and pass it down the pew. Record yourself and all members of your family at church. Welcome visitors! Whether you are here from out of town or looking for a community in which to worship regularly, we hope that you feel God's presence in our midst. We would be happy to provide more information about our congregation. Please feel free to talk with our pastor or provide your contact information in the Friendship Register.

Large print hymnals, bulletins and hearing devices are available. Ask an usher for assistance, and please return them to the narthex table.

Name Tags -- We would like to encourage all of our members and regular participants to wear nametags on Sundays.

Childcare is available for young children through four years of age in the church nursery from 9:15 am-11:30 a.m.

Children's Worship Activity Bags are available for children to borrow during worship. The bags can be found on the table in the narthex. Children ages 4 years through grade 2 are dismissed from the worship service following the children's sermon to attend Children's Worship in room 2. This is a time of developmentally appropriate worship activities for young children.

Some of the Liturgies for this service have been based on the work of Lavon Baylor: *Gathered by Love* and Moira B. Laidlow.

### Sunday-March 7

9:15 am Church School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Fellowship  
12 - 4 pm Korean Fellowship  
4 pm Youth Group (Gr. 4-7)

### Monday- March 8

9 am-noon Office Hours

### Tuesday - March 9

9 am-noon Office Hours  
7:00 pm Deacons  
7:00 pm Session (special night)

### Wednesday - March 10

9 am-Noon Office Hours  
9:00 am Circle One  
1:00 pm Circle Two  
5:30 pm Children's Activities  
6:30 pm Supper  
7 pm Youth Group (gr. 8-12)  
7 pm Choir

### Thursday - March 11

9 am-Noon Office Hours  
12 Noon Yarn Club at Caribou Coffee

### Friday - March 12

9 am-Noon Office Hours

### Sunday- March 14

9:15 am Christian Education  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Fellowship  
2 - 4 pm Korean Fellowship

