

First Presbyterian Church

Mission Sunday

July 18, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude *[A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.]*
“I Am Thine, O Lord” *by Doane*

Welcome and Announcements
Ringling Our Historic Church Bells

Opening Hymn # 446 “We’ve A Story to Tell to the Nations”

The Call to Worship *(responsive)*

L: Come: sit at Jesus’ feet.

P: We come to learn of God’s ways.

L: Come: know that you are welcome.

P: We come to celebrate God’s presence.

L: Come: take a rest, and bask in the love of God.

P: We come to experience renewal.

L: Come: let us worship God.

The Anthem: “Go Down, Moses” *by Jeff Cobb*

Prayer of Confession *(unison)* **When we judge the ministry and discipleship of others, forgive us. When we reject the choice of others to listen when we think they should act, give us the grace to trust their own wisdom and needs. When we ourselves need time to step away from the world and be present for you — listening, learning, and being refreshed — grant us the grace to do that. When we are on the verge of burnout from doing, doing, doing — help us to stop and smell the roses. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon
Gloria Patri #812

The Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Sermon [No Children’s Church today]

Offertory As a tangible expression of our gratitude to God, we joyfully offer our monetary gifts to financially support God’s work at First Presbyterian Church

Offertory Music “The Plans I Have For You” *by Jeff Cobb*
***Doxology # 815**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Illumination

First Readings of Scripture Is. 6: 2-8 *(p. 635 OT)*

***Hymn of Preparation # 589** “Here I Am, Lord”

Second Reading *Acts 1: 2-10* *(p. 118 NT)*
Sermon “Be My Witness”. *Mrs. Veeda Javaid*

Affirmation of Faith *(unison)* **We believe that--“The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity.”** *(Confession of 1967, 9.37)*

***The Closing Hymn # 448** “I’ll Tell the World That I’m a Christian”

***Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

***The Pastoral Benediction**

The Postlude “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” *arr. by Torrans*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY, July 18

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study

MONDAY, July 19

- 12:00 p.m. Newsletter Articles Due
- 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Outreach
- 3:00 p.m. Personnel MT
- 5:00 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 6:30 p.m. PNC

TUESDAY, July 20

WEDNESDAY, July 21

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, July 22

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRIDAY, July 23

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUN., July 25

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group @ Dam Beach

MON., July 26

- 6:30 p.m. PNC

TUE., July 27

- 8:30 a.m. Building Comm. in MP
- 10:00 a.m. Garden Club
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

WED., July 28

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Session

THU., July 29

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRI., July 30

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
- 9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del

SAT, July 31

- 6 p.m. Praise & Worship @ LH

GREETERS 8:30

GREETERS 10:00

USHERS 8:30

USHERS 10:00

We are still experiencing some difficulty with our church's email (info@erfpc.org) through our website. Please continue using slake@fpc-elkrapids.org for all church email. Thank you!

CHANCEL FLOWERS: The yellow roses are placed by Gary Fangboner to celebrate the life of Joyce Steiner Fangboner.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Shirley Goddard

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY to Peggy Bushnell and family on the death of her mother, Helen Panter, on Sunday, July 11, 2010. The funeral service will be held Wednesday, July 21 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Please keep Peggy and her family in your prayers.

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Kaitlin Eberle, Amy Russell and Dave Bellingham are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Katie DeRoshia is scheduled to assist next week.

PARISH NURSES will be taking blood pressures TODAY between the two services and after the 10:00 service in the library. Come and get your blood pressure taken!

THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS, GREETERS, COFFEE CENTRAL HOSTS, AND TELLERS: We truly appreciate those men and women who volunteer to faithfully serve as ushers and greeters for our Sunday morning worship services. Thank you to those who come early for Coffee Central. Also, to the tellers who come in every Monday morning to count. Your faithfulness to this ministry is greatly appreciated. Please take time to thank these men and women for their important service to our church family and please consider volunteering. We need you!

GIFT CARD PROGRAM: The Outreach Ministry Team has created a Gift Card Program that allows you to send a greeting to a loved one and at the same time send a gift to a local agency. A Gift Card Board, located by the water fountain at the north end of the Narthex, explains how to make a gift and how to use the card.

Paul & Vi Patchen

Henry & Barb Schantz

Ron & Micky Kuite

Mel & Judy Matchett

Lloyd Butler & Hilda Vasseliou

Marcia Drake & Marge Weitschat

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

*Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;
Deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;
Demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world*

NURSERY LOCATION

Toddlers (18 – 36 months)

Nursery Lower Level

NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH TODAY

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY: During the month of July, all money placed in the Loose Change container will benefit the Antrim County Commission on Aging. Thank you for your support.

“VEGGIE TALES” CHILDREN’S CHURCH HELP NEEDED: We are still in need of volunteers to lead Children’s Church on the following Sundays: July 25; August 1, 15, 22 or 29; September 5 or 12. A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. Any questions please call Pam at 264-8167.

IF YOU ARE AN ELDER and would like to perform an important service for our church, here is an opportunity for you to do so. Our church is allowed to send two (2) Elder Commissioners to Presbytery. It is a great experience to attend a Presbytery meeting and our votes are very important. Two Elder Commissioners gives us two votes in important matters that pertain to the Presbyterian Church. If you are interested and would like more information, contact Sue Cook, Clerk of Session, at sukay@charter.net.

A NOTE OF THANKS AND A GENTLE REMINDER: Thank you for remembering that the expenses of our church continue even when you cannot be present for worship on a particular Sunday. Thank you for keeping this in mind before you leave or when you return. Your faithfulness is important and very much appreciated.

THE SILENT AUCTION WHICH IS HELD AT THE HARVEST DINNER IS COMING UP! If you have an item or service to donate please call Connie Riddell at 264-5732 as soon as possible. All donations need to be identified by August 30. The event will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010, in our Narthex. **Ideas:** computer skills, boat rides, maintenance help, dinner, brunch, or cooking class.

CONTINUOUS, ONGOING, YOUTH FUND RAISER: You can donate your returnable (only) bottles and cans to help fund scholarships for mission trips and retreats for our Youth.

BUDGET REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2010

INCOME THROUGH JUNE.....	\$222,532
EXPENSES THROUGH JUNE.....	\$220,311
BUDGET THROUGH JUNE.....	\$237,007

REMINDER: August Newsletter articles are due, Monday, July 19 by noon.

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL PICNIC IN THE PARK – AUGUST 2 AT 6 PM, MEMORIAL PARK: What could be more delightful than a community-wide church service and potluck in beautiful Memorial Park on a lovely summer evening? Join with neighbors and friends in this meaningful annual event. This year’s picnic will take place on Monday, August 2 (Harbor Days Week) at 6 p.m. Bring your spiritual and physical appetites, and a favorite dish to pass...and leave fully satisfied with delectable “food for thought,” friendly fellowship, and the wonderful home cooking of our community.
Fellowship Ministry Team

DO YOU LIKE ICE CREAM? DO YOU LIKE FREE ICE CREAM? WHAT FLAVOR DO YOU LIKE? Tonight at 7:30 p.m., in our Fellowship Hall, Veeda Javaid will present a program about life in Pakistan, followed by discussion. Join Mrs. Javaid and the Outreach Ministry Team for an evening of learning and ice cream sundaes.

WELCOMING VISITORS: One of the goals of the Worship Ministry Team is to make guests at our worship services feel welcome. With that in mind, we have placed name tags in the red attendance books for anyone without a name tag to fill in and wear. You, too, can help by making a special effort to greet anyone you do not know before, during or after our church service.
Thanks, the Worship Ministry Team

PIANO AVAILABLE: Do you know of a group or church who could use a piano? We have one downstairs, where the choir practiced, that the church would like to donate. Whoever would like it must pick it up. Any questions please contact Wayne Shuler or our church office.

Saturday Night Praise Service

WHEN: Saturday, July 31

TIME: 6-7 p.m.

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church
at the Lighthouse
508 Elm Street

Come and join us for

*songs of praise and worship,
led by our own band

*a short inspirational message

*a time of fellowship with one another
as we worship our Lord!

