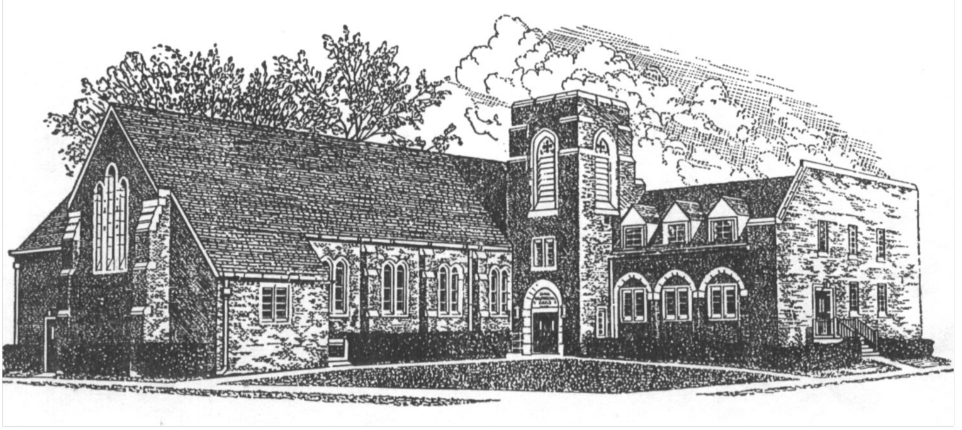


# UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Donald Freeman, Pastor



## OUR MISSION

*Growing in faith in Jesus Christ  
and guided by the Holy Spirit,  
we seek to share God's love  
and teach others Christ's way.*

## OUR VISION

*To be a growing community of believers that  
enthusiastically reflects the character of Jesus Christ;  
a place where people encounter the Living God,  
are nurtured within the Church family,  
are equipped to grow into the image of Christ, and  
seek to bring others into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

August 13, 2017

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Worship 10:30 a.m.     August 13, 2017

*We welcome all who worship with us and invite you to have a cup of coffee and share in the fellowship time following the worship service.*

**Large-print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Hearing assistance** is available; ask Ben Clayton for assistance.

**Children of all ages are always welcome in worship services**, but **a staffed nursery** is available for infants and preschool children on the second floor during the worship service for those who need it.

## PREPARATION AND MEDITATION

Lord, we come here this morning to worship you. Help to quiet our minds, still our hearts, and listen for your word for us today. We pray we will find you in the words spoken, music heard, and fellowship we feel. Prepare us to feel your spirit move in us so that we can take your word with us into the world this coming week. Amen.

## THE WORSHIP SERVICE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!

People: **Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

People: **Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**

Leader: For the Lord *is* the great God,

People: **And the great King above all gods.**

Leader: Come Let us worship our God:

\*HYMN #469

*Morning Has Broken*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we come to you a broken people. We know our faults, the times we have held back from you, the times we have justified our actions knowing well they were wrong. Lord, we seek you in the wonders of nature, the security of our finances, and the need for power. Forgive us for not trusting you in the daily happenings of our lives. Forgive us when we tell the small lie, twist your word to our own understanding, and ignore the true meaning of your word. Lord, hear our silent prayers expressing our shortcomings and personal faults. (Silent Confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*THE GLORIA #579

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

Offertory

\*Doxology (#592)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #339

*Be Thou My Vision*

OLD TESTAMENT page 556

I Kings 18:9-14

NEW TESTAMENT page 1527

Luke 16:1-14

THE MESSAGE

Title: "The God of Littles"

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN #267

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

\*POSTLUDE

\*Congregation Please Stand

*SECOND SUNDAY LOOSE-CHANGE* — all undesignated loose change in today's offering will go to the Deacon's Fund.

*60TH ANNIVERSARY* – You are invited to join their family in celebrating the 60th wedding anniversary of Marvin and Margery Potter in the fellowship hall today following the worship service.

*JOINT CHOIR*—Dear fellow downtown Newton churches - Once again we plan to convene a choir for our joint worship service on August 27th. I will be directing the choir this year, and I hope we will enjoy the same excellent participation as in past years. If you enjoy singing, this is a great opportunity to join with others in making music for the worship of God. I plan to have one rehearsal, on Wednesday, August 23rd, at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. I look forward to seeing you there! Call me if you have any questions. Larry Anderson, Choir director, First Presbyterian Church, 641-521-1337

*ICE CREAM SOCIAL*—The Congregational Life Committee, with the help of Jill Hook, will host an ice cream social at the church on August 27th at 3:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall. Please bring cookies, cake, or bars to share.

*BIBLES* will be presented to Aliviah Ross, Rilyn Titus, and Nikelle Birech on September 10th.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES* are taking a summer break, and will resume September 10th. Watch for announcements of special events during the summer, and mark your calendar for the fall kick-off!

*SINCERE CONDOLENCES* to the families of Marjorie Freeman (Pastor Don's Mom), who passed away July 27th, and Sandie Pearson (Phil's wife), who passed away August 2nd.

*FOOD PANTRY NEEDS* for August are peanut butter and jelly. September needs will be pancake mix and syrup. Donations can be left in the fellowship hall. Your donations are appreciated.

*CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE SUMMER* (through August) will be 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays (closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays). This is when the secretary will be out of the office. The pastor will be in his office during regular hours, although he is gone now for his mother's funeral.

*CARPET* – The session has been made aware of the deteriorating condition of the carpet in the hallway between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. The seams are coming apart in several locations, and, besides being unattractive this constitutes a possible tripping hazard. We have been given an estimate from the Floor Store in Newton to replace the hallway carpet and also the carpet on the landings and stairs going downstairs. The estimate for this project is \$7,250. As you know, we had several major projects last year (roof and tuckpointing), which depleted our building and major maintenance fund. The session would like your input to determine if the congregation feels this is a worthwhile project, and if you would be willing to support it financially. Please contact any session member with your input on this project. Thank you. Gary Marshall, Property and Finance Committee

*WE NEED YOUR HELP!* Please consider adding your name to the sign-up list on the table in the front of the fellowship hall. Volunteer lawn mowers can save the church about \$1,000 if we have enough people willing and able to mow our lawn each week this year. Thanks!

*IF YOU KNOW OF A HOSPITALIZED PERSON* who would like for the church family to be notified, please contact Linda at the church office. Those reported to the church office will be listed in the bulletin and newsletter.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

August 13th.....Janet Nichols  
17th .....Pat Clayton  
18th .....Paul Ellis  
19th.....Cynthia Poots

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

August 14th .....Tom & Erica Kitt

*If your special day is omitted from the birthdays and anniversaries,  
please contact the church office.*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*In Thanks:*  
the resurrection,  
blessings of health,  
of family, of friends,  
Pastor Don & family,  
those who serve  
others in many ways;

*For Health:*  
J.D. Wood,  
Jeff Brittain,  
Mildred Swalwell,  
Barbara Hartgers,  
Pat Clayton,  
Janet Nichols,  
Lois Blumeyer,

Ruth Hill,  
Martha Hill,  
Betty Hanbeck,  
Marcia Harrington,  
Leo Harrington,  
Alice Beatty,  
Phil Pearson,  
Fran Caldwell;

*For Protection:*  
Those who serve us  
(law enforcement,  
EMTs, firefighters,  
military);

*For Comfort:*  
The families of  
Marjorie Freeman  
(Pastor Don's Mom)  
and Sandie Pearson  
(Phil Pearson's wife);

*General:*  
Pastor Don & family,  
wisdom for leaders of  
our community, state,  
and nation.

The church office requests your help  
in keeping this prayer request list updated.

If there is a need that should be added or deleted,  
please call Linda at 792-4158, leave a note in the secretary's box,  
e-mail [unitedpres@iowatelecom.net](mailto:unitedpres@iowatelecom.net), or stop into the office  
and leave your message in person. Thanks!

JULY 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Operating Income Year-To-Date: \$76,065  
General Operating Expenses Year-To-Date: \$75,400  
Missions Support Year-To-Date: \$7,139

*Radio, Building Major Maintenance, and other non-general-operating funds are not included in this report.*

*Note from Linda:*

*This income figure includes per capita apportionment receipts to date; the expense figure includes two of four 2017 per capita payments.*

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

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USHERS	Don Perkins Jerry & Cynthia Poots
SCRIPTURE BEARER	Mara Prihoda
ACOLYTES	Garret Beerends Alyssa Beerends
LITURGIST	Deb Zieman
GREETERS	Paul & Kathy Ellis
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Jean Ibbotson
FELLOWSHIP	Margaret Jensen Jerry & Cynthia Poots

Today, August 13th	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship
Sunday, August 20th	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship

## OUR CHURCH AT WORK

### SESSION (meets 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.)

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Margaret Jensen Personnel	Deb Zieman Evangelism	Duane Daniels Nominating
Sue Wolters Christian Education	Gary Marshall Property/Finance	Chris Moore Congregational Life
Cynthia Poots Worship	Rachel Summers Clerk	Scott Griffith Stewardship/Mission

### BOARD OF DEACONS (meets as called)

<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Joy Osborn-Daniels Lori Vos Jill Hook	Phyllis Wood Doneta Sullivan Tiffany Lehrman	Kristin Titus Joy Lane Jill Titus

## ORGANIZATIONS AND MEETING TIMES

Sunday School		Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Evangelism Committee		As needed
Worship Committee		Last Sunday following Worship
Christian Education Committee		As needed
Dolores Circle		3rd Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
Ruth Circle		2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Radio Ministry	KCOB AM 1280, FM 95.9	<u>LIVE</u> Sun., 10:30 a.m.
Pastor & Moderator	Rev. Donald Freeman	417-9376
Secretary	Linda Rex	275-1204
Choir Director	Cynthia Freeman	792-7177
Organist	Jean Ibbotson	521-8342
Custodian	Ann Raygor	791-9321
Financial Secretary	Mary Griffith	792-4209
Ass't. Finc. Secretary	Pam Moore	521-3955
S. S. Superintendent	Jill Hook	792-4274
Ass't. S. S. Supt.	Joy Osborn-Daniels	791-7232
Church Treasurer	Cynthia Poots	792-7718
Librarian	Betty Hanbeck	792-1142
Prayer Tree Leader	Kathy Ellis	792-5219

## STAFF AND MINISTRIES

Church Office hours are Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

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