

**Community Presbyterian Church**

10:30 am Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021                      17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
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Pastor: Rev. Ken Meissner                      Musician: Donna Bennett  
Reading Scripture -

**Prelude** (A Time of Quiet Meditation)

\* **Passing of the Peace** – May the peace of Christ be with you

**And also with you**

**Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries**

**Call to Worship** (*inspired by James 3:13- 4:8*)

L: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

**A: We long to hear God’s Word spoken to our hearts.**

L: Who among you is seeking God’s bright and holy truth?

**A: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

L: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

**A: We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

L: God grants His wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God! Let us worship God in wisdom and truth.

\***Hymn #427** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

\***Call to Confession**

\* **Prayer of Confession**

We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. Often, we turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better. Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways. Imprint your truth-filled words on our hearts and put your living Spirit within us, we pray, so that we serve others and you with wisdom, understanding, love and compassion. Amen.

\***Assurance of Pardon**

\***“Thy Word”** (insert)

**Children’s Sermon**

**People for Prayer/ Prayer/Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn #403** “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3,7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

**Sermon**

What I Believe as a Presbyterian: (A Refresher from Confirmation)

**Question 8:** How do you understand the love and power of God? Through Jesus Christ. In his life of compassion, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, I see how vast is God's love for the world — a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes, yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it.

**Question 9:** What comfort do you receive from this truth?

This powerful and loving God is the one whose promises I may trust in all the circumstances of my life, and to whom I belong in life and in death.

**Question 10:** Do you make this confession by yourself?

No. With all those before me who have loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and with all who serve him on earth here and now, I confess my faith in this loving and powerful God.

**Offertory:**

\* **Doxology #593**

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

\* **Hymn** “The Blessing” (Lyric Video)

\***Benediction**

\***Congregational Response** “Alleluia”

\***Postlude**

\***Please stand if able.**

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Pray for those at home and in rehab: Kingsley) Anna Packard, (Lawton Senior Living) Audrey Jensen, (Sunrise) Delores Handke, (At Home) Velura Stilwell,

Recent Prayer Request: Rahna, PJ Kitchens, Dave Butcher, Donna Young, Joe Garthright, Aaron Gallardo, Kim Bergeson, Pat Washburn family, Kevin Kimball family, Donna Lieber family, all those struggling with health issues.

### **Special Congregational Meeting October 3<sup>rd</sup> – to discuss the church manse.**

The Peace and Global Witness Offering –October 3, 2021: This Offering will be taken on October 3 (World Communion Sunday). 25% of this Offering stays with the local congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. 25% of this Offering will go to joining congregations in our area to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this Offering supports the work of peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the world. Thank you!

Voices Unite Inc. – Save the Date... A Non-Denominational Clinic for musicians is set for October 16, 2021 and will be led by Director Sandra Pearson, along with musicians Leland Mickels and Cedric Pearson. For details please check out the registration link on their website [www.voicesunite.org](http://www.voicesunite.org) This is a free opportunity of sacred music instruction, education and entertainment, with the focus on Gospel Music this year. There will final concert that will include a mass choir, along with opportunities for groups and soloists to be showcased.

Please keep Larry and Sheryl Lewis in your prayers as Larry is currently at Unity Point Hospital.

Liturgists and Worship Leaders Wanted: Please take time to sign up for the opportunity to read Scriptures for the Day, offer a Children's Message, share in Special Music Offerings and join as we worship together. A Sign-up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcomed. Don't be shy! Thank you!

Patricia L. Washburn (Pat), age 70, of Lawton, IA, passed away Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at Unity Point in Sioux City, IA. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, September 20, 2021, at Christy-Smith Funeral Homes, Larkin Chapel located at 2320 Outer Drive N. in Sioux City, IA. A Prayer Service will be at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Service will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at Community Presbyterian Church in Lawton, IA. Burial will be at Banner Township Cemetery following the service. Pat served the Church and this community with heart and spirit, She was an Elder, Trustee and Deacon and a faithful member and dear friend to many. Thank you for your outreach and comfort shared with the family and dear friends.

### **Calendar of Events**

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Special Session Meeting 6:30pm

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – Special Congregational Meeting

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – Daylight savings ends

### **Contact People:**

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