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This week John Knox Presbytery lifts up for your consideration First Presbyterian Church of Andrew, Iowa as the Prayer Church of the Week. First PC Andrew is the southern most congregation in the bounds of JKP. Andrew is about 25 miles south of Dubuque in John Knox Region 3. 2021 marks the 176<sup>th</sup> year of ministry for the congregation. For a number of years the congregation had focused their energy on a community Sunday School and youth program which bore the fruit of some wonderful young people in the community. FPC's membership rolls had dipped to less than 20 and earlier this year they began the process of closing the church for public ministry. On October 24<sup>th</sup> an Administrative Commission lead a worship service to mark the end of First Presbyterian Church. Though it was a rainy and cold day a congregation of former members, community friends and supportive presbyters numbering more than 50 people gathered for the service followed by fellowship and pie. Stories and memories were shared, laughter and tears filled the air. A bittersweet occasion ultimately lifted the spirits of those in attendance. While some remaining members will find other church homes, several will be attending nearby FPC in Bellevue, IA. Well done good and faithful servants. Please remember this congregation and these people in your prayers this week.