

# First Presbyterian Church

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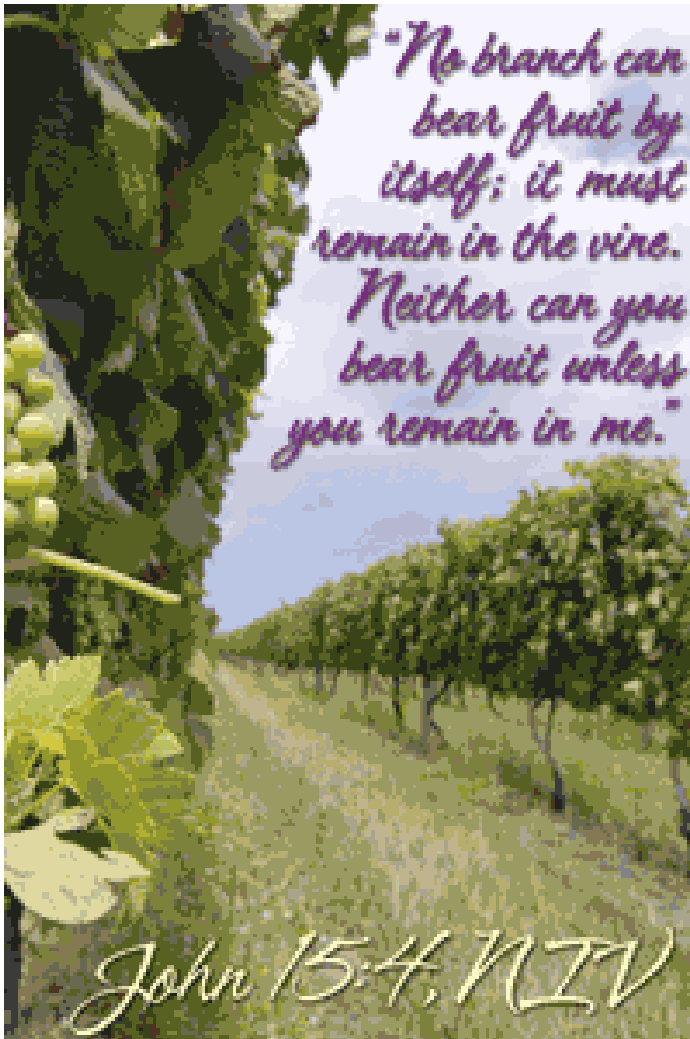
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**9:00 a.m.**

**May 2, 2021**



- **Those who are able are invited to stand.**

**PRELUDE**    *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

J. Darwell/Shackley

## **LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION**

### **SONG OF DEVOTION**

**Organ leads as we prepare our hearts for worship.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 22)

Leader: O God, you are enthroned as the Holy One; in you our fathers put their trust. They called out to you and were saved. In you they trusted and were not disappointed.

**People: From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. Do not be far from me.**

Leader: You, O God are not far off. O my strength, come quickly to help me. I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you. You who fear the Lord, praise him! Revere him.

**People: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him.**

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Great and Gracious God, we come to you this morning to give you all the praise and honor that is due unto you alone. Thank you for your goodness towards us all. Let your presence be felt in our lives today. We give you all our cares and burdens. Help us, dear Lord, to keep our minds and heart focused on you today, so we will be able to receive your peace that surpasses all understanding. Today, we choose joy despite what may be going on in our lives. Lord, strengthen us in your power and might so that we may be blessed and be a blessing to others. Amen.

- **HYMN OF PRAISE**

#21            *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us confess our sins in the presence of the one who blesses us and meets our needs.

## SILENT PRAYER

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ you came to be merciful to us, the poor in spirit. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The Lord's blessing and forgiveness flows freely when we confess. Let us enjoy that forgiveness for it is a precious gift.

- **GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer  
Prayers for the People  
The Lord's Prayer

- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

*There is Joy in the Lord  
Breathe*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory      *“How Beautiful”*

- Twila Paris  
- Valerie King, soloist

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

And Blessing (remain standing)

- *Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 15:1-8

**SERMON:** “The Vine and the Branches”

Pastor Tom Bower

- **COMMUNION HYMN**

#460      *Let Us Break Bread Together*

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST*

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#682      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

- **BENEDICTION**

- **ORGAN RESPONSE**

- **POSTLUDE**

## Announcements

Welcome to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! “Let us rejoice today and be glad” (Psalm 118:24, NIV).

**Lay leader** today is Ashley Johnson.

**Altar flowers** today given by Audrey Bailey in memory of her parents, Kenneth and Mildred Rush.

**The deacons today** are Keith & Diane Oleson.

On the presbytery’s prayer list for this week are the Ministers in North Central Iowa who are active in **Specialized Ministry**: Rev. Tamara EnTin, Rev. Dr. Linda Smith, and Rev. Kerin Lang Sorensen.



**The One Great Hour of Sharing fish bank return** event will be **today at 1:00pm** in the church parking lot. See you there!

**Please send your tithes and offerings** to the church office at 101 S. Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158.



**Altar flower sign-up** is ongoing. The first available Sunday is May 30, and most summer Sundays are still available.



We will **celebrate Pastor Rich King’s ministry** here on Sunday June 6, in the afternoon. Be looking for more information in this space, the newsletter, and in your emails.

## Joys and Concerns

- **Mavis Gray**, recovering at Oakview in Conrad
- **Gordie Johnson**, recovering at home
- **Sophie Attiobé**, hospitalized in Iowa City

## Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Marlene Snyder**, recovering at home from hip surgery
- **Nancy Diggins**, recovering at home
- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, is doing well. Let's continue to pray for him.
- **Mary Baker**, recovering back at Glenwood Place
- **Lyle Fox**, recovering at home
- **Bonnie Sievers**, recovering at home
- **Irene Sheeler**, recovering in a care facility in Indiana
- **Pastor Rich King**, continuing recovery
- **All those affected in any way by the COVID-19 virus**
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Rev. David Githii**, his ministry in Kenya

Please pray for everyone on our list! Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. Remember, hospitalized members and friends don't always get on the list at the hospital. We'd rather get several calls than none! Phone the church at 753-5929

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Please let us know if you'd like the **prayer chain** activated.

### The Purpose Statement for First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown

- G Growing in Christ through *worship*.
- R Reaching out in *fellowship*
- A Affirming faith through *discipleship*
- C Caring for the lost through *evangelism*.
- E Embracing others in mission and *ministry*.

## **Calendar for This Week May 2 – May 8, 2021**

### **SUNDAY**

- 9:00 AM Worship – In person & online
- 10:15 AM VBS Planning – Lower Lounge & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Fish bank return – parking lot

### **MONDAY**

- 6:30 PM Worship & Music - Zoom
- 7:30 PM Missions & Evangelism -

### **TUESDAY**

### **WEDNESDAY**

### **THURSDAY**

- 7:00 PM Property Committee – Fellowship Hall

### **FRIDAY**

### **SATURDAY**

- 8:00 AM Men's Group – Zoom

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

- 9:00 AM Worship – In person and online

## *Members in mission, making a difference*

Transitional Pastor	Rev. Tom Bower
Youth & Young Families Director	Jon Rottink
Office Manager/Newsletter Editor	Nancy Diggins
CE Coordinator	Michelle Wilkinson
Choir Director	Valerie King
Organist	Wynona Anderson
Assistant Organist	Marla Grossman
Custodian	Debbie Armstrong

### **Session Elders**

Wynona Anderson	Lynne Bovenmyer
Jenny Buschbom	Terry Buzbee
Doug Cooper	Amy Drummer
Sarah Erikson	Don Feld
Dave Freel	Case Hegeman
Pat Hemming	Tedra Henze
Ashley Johnson	Ron Kauffman
Angie Pietig	

### **Deacons**

Tim & Deanna Bell	Doug & Jinita Boyd
Jim Grimmus	Ruth Feld
Jackie Hughes	Pat & Nancy Kremer
Barb McBride (two-year)	Brenda Miller
Keith & Diane Oleson	Carole Permar
Paul & Karin Podhajsky	Roberta Tice (two-year)
Marge Wolfe (two-year)	



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