

First Presbyterian Church

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9:00 a.m.

May 3, 2020



The Road to Life

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church. May you experience the love of our good Shepherd, Jesus, and share it with others throughout the week.

- Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

- **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

People: Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Leader: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

People: “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Risen Lord, come into our midst and draw us together from far and wide. Enable our communion by Your Spirit and not by our physical presence. Lead us into this new way to be church! In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen

- **SONGS OF PRAISE** (screen)

*Let the Redeemed
In Christ Alone*

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Proverbs 28:12-14)

Leader: When the righteous triumph, there is great elation; but when the wicked rise to power, people go into hiding. Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.

Let us confess our need for God’s might forgiveness and acknowledge our sin that drives us away from God. Let us pray together in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Lord God Almighty, forgive us the arrogance in which we live. We think that we are capable and discerning and yet our lives are full of sin and we do things that defy Your guidance. Fill us with Your Spirit and grant us Your love. Do not let us be swayed by the hopes and ideas of people but let us be wholly committed to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, believe the good news: through faith in Christ we are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory

Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:24-31

NT pg. 1687

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35

NT pg. 1642

SERMON: "The Road to Life"

Rev. Dr. Richard A. King

- **COMMUNION HYMN** (hymnal & screen)

O Come to the Altar

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.

Partake of the bread as it is served;

Hold the cup to drink together as one body.

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

Announcements May 3, 2020

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written; "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

---Stewardship Committee

The governor has removed her restrictions on churches, but that doesn't mean that it is safe to return to normal.

In the meantime, we would like to start church in a new way. We will continue to do our Sunday Services online. But we would like to offer everyone who is willing and interested an online bible study via Zoom. **To Live is Christ to Die is Gain** by Matt Chandler. This is a 12-week video basis curriculum that we can use to form new small groups. I am willing to start at least four new groups and more as necessary to get as many of our congregation into a small group. They will meet weekly beginning in May. **All you have to do to is Email me at Rich@fpcmarshalltown.org and let me know that you are interested.** The groups will meet during the day for retired people on Monday or Thursday and in the evening for those who are still working on the same days. If we have more interested, I will establish more groups.

God bless and under cover!

Pastor Rich

Joys and Concerns

- **Toby Godfrey**, good friend of John Wise, had brain surgery 5-1-2020
- **Debbie Armstrong's daughters & Jan Faber's granddaughters, Melissa Smith of Conrad and Michelle McGuire of Ankeny**, both have COVID-19
- **All those affected in any way by the COVID-19 virus**

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **John Bailey**, his cancer has returned
- **Jon Rottink**, health issues
- **Ross DuBois**, deployed to the Middle East
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Rev. David Githii**, his ministry
- **Connie Montover**, at Grandview Nursing Home

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
or e-mail church@fpcmarshalltown.org

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*.

Members in mission, making a difference

Pastor
Youth & Young Families Director
Office Manager/Newsletter Editor
CE Coordinator
Choir Director
Organist
Assistant Organist
Pianist
Custodian
Assistant Custodian

Rev. Dr. Richard A. King
Jon Rottink
Nancy Diggins
Michelle Wilkinson
Valerie King
Wynona Anderson
Marla Grossman
Cindy Butler
Debbie Armstrong
Jan Faber

Session Elders

Wynona Anderson
Abra Banissan
Lynne Bovenmyer
Amy Drummer
Dave Freel
Pat Hemming
Angie Pietig
Heather Rottink

Doug Bacon
Gail Boliver (one-year)
Jenny Buschbom
Don Feld
Case Hegeman
Ron Kauffman
Richie Ritter

Deacons

Roger & Donita Anders
Doug & Jinita Boyd
Rhonda Buzbee (one-year)
Jackie Hughes
Barb McBride (two-year)
Carole Permar
Roberta Tice (two-year)

Tim & Deanna Bell
Sue Bryant
Ruth Feld
Susan Lawyer
Brenda Miller (one-year)
Barb Schrum (one-year)
Marge Wolfe (two-year)

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Calendar for This Week May 3, - May 10, 2020

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Worship – On-Line

MONDAY

Pray for those who are shut-in & anxious

TUESDAY

Pray for the sick & infected

WEDNESDAY

Pray for our vulnerable populations

THURSDAY

Pray for front-line health care workers

FRIDAY

Pray for the homeless

SATURDAY

Pray for workers in a variety of industries

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Worship – On-Line

