

# First Presbyterian Church

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**9:00 a.m.**

**January 17, 2021**



Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect,  
but **I PRESS ON** to make it my own, because  
Christ Jesus has **MADE ME HIS OWN.**

Philippians 3:12, ESV

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

## PRELUDE

*Great Is The Lord*

*Michael W. Smith*

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

**Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship**

## SONG OF DEVOTION

#219 *Surely the Presence*

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 139)

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**People: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.**

Leader: You hem me in – behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

**People: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.**

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: We give thanks to you, Holy God, for your saving purpose for the world, especially as it is revealed to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Help us to keep our hearts and minds fixed on Christ as we follow him in our daily lives. Through him, strengthen us to do Your loving will, and give us the courage to follow even when our work is difficult and the way unclear. May we be a beacon of hope in our troubled world.

- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*Sing for Joy*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us come before the Lord and humbly confess our sins.

## SILENT PRAYER

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Gracious God, we confess to you that we become lost in our own agendas and priorities. We often prefer to stay on the mountaintop rather than serve in the valleys. We get discouraged easily by opposition and disappointments, fearing the criticism of others and then giving up quickly. Forgive our fainthearted efforts and lukewarm devotion. Open our hearts and minds, give us faith to live for Christ and to trust in his presence and the promise of eternal life. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Luke 7:48-50)

Leader: Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

- **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

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

#21 *O For a Thousand Tongues*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory

*Search Me, O God*

*Robert Douglas*

- *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:** Isaiah 43:18-19

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**SERMON:** "Don't Let Regret Rob Joy From Your Life"

Jean Bower

*LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST*

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

*#741 Jesus, I am Resting, Resting (sing twice)*

**BENEDICTION**

- **ORGAN RESPONSE**

- **POSTLUDE**

## Announcements

**Welcome Lay Pastor Jean Bower** as she brings the message to **First Presbyterian Church** this morning.

**Altar flowers** are given by Jan Faber.

**The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Church** of Marshalltown, Iowa, will be held next **Sunday, January 24, 2021** at **10:15am** via Zoom.

**Annual reports** are due today! Please send them to [nancy@fpcmarshalltown.org](mailto:nancy@fpcmarshalltown.org) if you have not done so already.

Just as you excel in everything... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us... see that you also excel in the grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

--Stewardship Committee

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



You may sign up to give altar flowers in 2021 by calling the church office or emailing [michelle@fpcmarshalltown.org](mailto:michelle@fpcmarshalltown.org).

Newsletter articles for February are due Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send them to [nancy@fpcmarshalltown.org](mailto:nancy@fpcmarshalltown.org).

Pray for **Salem Presbyterian Church**, Lincoln, Iowa.

## Joys and Concerns

- **Sophie Attiogbé**, hospitalized with dehydration
- **Jerry Schaudt**, proud great-grandfather to Brynn, born 1-12-2021 in Ohio

### Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Dorothy Wilson**, recovering at home at Glenwood
- **Carolyn Bell**, at Glenwood recovering from broken pelvis
- **Nancy Diggins**, recovering from COVID-19
- **Mercedes Love**, ongoing mental health struggles
- **Pastor Rich King**, doing therapy following several strokes
- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, health issues
- **Barb Boeyink**, at Accura with health issues
- **John Bailey** treatments for cancer
- **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 Jan. 17 - Jan. 23, 2021

### SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship – On-Line

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

10:00 AM Staff meeting

6:00 PM Deacons – Zoom

7:00 PM Session – Zoom

### WEDNESDAY

6:15 PM Family Night Live Stream

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Group -Zoom

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship – On-Line

10:15 AM Annual meeting - Zoom

# *Members in mission, making a difference*

Transitional Pastor

Youth & Young Families Director

Office Manager/Newsletter Editor

CE Coordinator

Choir Director

Organist

Assistant Organist

Custodian

Rev. Tom Bower

Jon Rottink

Nancy Diggins

Michelle Wilkinson

Valerie King

Wynona Anderson

Marla Grossman

Debbie Armstrong

## **Session Elders**

Wynona Anderson

Jenny Buschbom

Doug Cooper

Sarah Erikson

Dave Freel

Pat Hemming

Ashley Johnson

Angie Pietig

Lynne Bovenmyer

Terry Buzbee

Amy Drummer

Don Feld

Case Hegeman

Tedra Henze

Ron Kauffman

## **Deacons**

Tim & Deanna Bell

Jim Grimmus

Jackie Hughes

Barb McBride (two-year)

Keith & Diane Oleson

Paul & Karin Podhajsky

Marge Wolfe (two-year)

Doug & Jinita Boyd

Ruth Feld

Pat & Nancy Kremer

Brenda Miller

Carole Permar

Roberta Tice (two-year)



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