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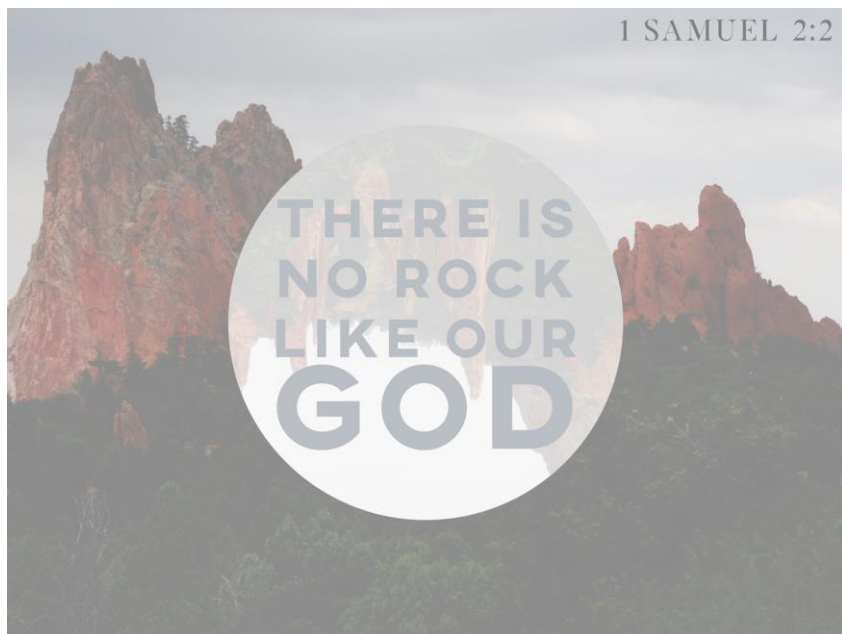
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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

March 17, 2024



**Fighting a Greater
Battle**



Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *Te Deum Laudamus*

L. Porter

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 43:19-21)

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

In you, eternal Father, and through your Son, Jesus Christ, we find the beginning and end of all things. In him we find hope, forgiveness, and courage for new beginnings. Let then, O God, the fresh winds of your Spirit sweep into our lives this day, so that this act of worship and the week to follow may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. Amen.

- **GREETING**
- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Battle Belongs
Behold Our God*

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8-9)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

Unison: Save us, Lord.

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints:

Save us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (1 John 1:5, 7)

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pat Hemming

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.

HYMN

#732 *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Deb Williams

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

C.E. Walz

- *Doxology*
- *And Blessing (remain standing and hold hands)*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 41-54 (p. 445)

SERMON: "Fighting a Greater Battle"

Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#571 *Trust and Obey v.1,3,5*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- **BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

Joys and Concerns

- **The family of Paula Vanderley**, Mindy Tullis' mom, who passed away on March 6
- **Craig and Tedra Henze** celebrating the birth of granddaughter, Kacey JoAnn
- **Mabel Grosvenor** as she recovers from surgery and gains strength

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Carissa King, Marla Grossman, Linda Kauffman, Mike Sanderson, Reese Buschbom, Tedra Henze, Sue Pelong** – Bert Tice's sister, **Christy Hardacre** - Carolyn Wilkinson's daughter, **Mercedes Love, Yasuyo Smith, Reena Pearson, Sophie Attiogbe** continued recovery
- Peace in **Israel/Palestine, South Sudan, Ukraine**, and throughout the world
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Dan & Elizabeth Turk**, their ministry in Madagascar

Please pray for everyone on our list. Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. We'd rather get several calls than none.

Phone the church at 753-5929 or e-mail Bryan@fpcmarshalltown.org

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

Worship Leader today: Carissa King

Next Sunday: Richie Ritter

Greeters today: Judy & Larry Erion

Next Sunday: Marge Wolfe

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Pat & Mary Hemming

Next Sunday: Barb McBride & Terri Rottink

Fellowship Hosts: Valerie King

Next Sunday: _____

Nursery today: Madi Stull & Larissa Kunz

Next Sunday: Madi Stull & _____

Cup Washers today: Valerie King

Next Sunday: Jacob Jorgensen

Donuts today: Marlene Snyder

Next Sunday: Kyle & Amber Young

AV today: Bill Lawyer

Next Sunday: Diane Broshar

Announcements

Altar flowers today are sponsored by Chuck & Jackie Hughes in celebration of their grandchildren (today is Isaiah's birthday), and Jan Faber in celebration of her daughters', Debbie & Nancy's birthdays.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is First Presbyterian Church – Conrad, and Rev. John Erthein.



Easter Extravaganza will be **Tuesday, March 19 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** We would love for adult helpers to come and join the children in this event to help them experience the joy of the resurrection!

The House of Compassion is hosting its annual Soup Bowl Luncheon on Sunday, March 24th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church. This luncheon supports the soup kitchen evening meal program.

Property will be having a work day on Saturday, March 23rd beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be something for everyone to do, such as scraping, painting, and general clean-up. Hope to see you there!

Calendar for This Week March 17 – 24, 2024

SUNDAY

- 5th Sunday of Lent
8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday school – all ages
5:30 PM Youth Night

MONDAY

- Office Closed
9:00 AM Quilters – Lower Lounge

TUESDAY

- 9:15 AM Sarah Circle – Lower Lounge
4:00 PM Easter Eggstravaganza – Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Deacons – Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Session – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

- 3:30 PM Wednesday Club – Gathering Place
6:30 PM Bell Choir - Narthex
7:30 PM Choir
8:30 PM Praise Team

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Flapjacks – Lower Lounge
2:00 PM FPC serves @ House of Compassion

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 7:30 AM Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
8:00 AM Work Day

NEXT SUNDAY

- Palm Sunday/Camp Sunday
8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School – all ages
5:30 PM Youth Night

Members in mission, making a difference

Pastor
Interim Director of Youth & Discipleship
Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Organist
Pianist
Custodian
Nursery

Rev. Bryan Kunz
Carissa King
Michelle Wilkinson
Wynona Anderson
Marsha Bristley
Debbie Armstrong
Madi Stull

Session Elders

Steve Anderson
Tedra Henze
Valerie King
Anna Randall
Roger Schoell
Ross Turbiville

Greg Brown
Ashley Johnson
Tracy Ostrem
Michelle Ritter
John Simpson
Lee Wilkinson

Deacons

Wynona Anderson
Larry & Judy Erion
Jim Grimmius
Pat & Nancy Kremer
Paul & Karin Podhajsky
Karen Schoell
Marlene Snyder

Doug & Jinita Boyd
Ruth Feld
Pat & Mary Hemming
Barb McBride
Terri Rottink
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