

First Presbyterian Church

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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

March 7, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT

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

PRELUDE

Today We Are Called To Be Disciples Jason Krug

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Organ leads as we prepare our hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 22)

Leader: I will declare your name, O Lord. I will praise you. Be not far from me, come quickly to help me.

People: You are enthroned as the Holy One; in you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

Leader: They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed. From you comes my theme of praise.

People: The poor will be satisfied. The rich will feast and worship. All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord. All will kneel before you.

INVOCATION

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Merciful God, we come together to worship, longing for tenderness because this world can be hard. We come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows. We come needing direction. Fill us this morning with your peace: your Spirit is our peace and our path. Amen.

- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Step By Step

#654 *Change My Heart, O God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us confess our sins.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Holy God, sometimes we ask along with King David , “Why have you forsaken me?” It is as though you left us, when it is probably we who have left you. We seem never to want to blame ourselves. Forgive us for that. We join David's prayer, “Do not be far from me.” We are often weak, even confused. We need you. We shouldn't be embarrassed to say that! We need you every hour. It's so true. Thank you for hearing us, for forgiving us, and for giving us a new start. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3: 17)

- **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**

#3 *Holy, Holy, Holy (v. 1, 3, & 4)*

PNC REPORT

Bethany Wirin

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *Lenten Meditation*

A. D. Burger

- ***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: Ephesians 1: 3 – 4

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SERMON: “Purpose #3: You Were Created to Be Like Christ”
Discipleship Rev. Tom Bower

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **COMMUNION HYMN**

#462 *Come Share the Lord (v. 1 & 2)*

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.

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#561 *I Would Be Like Jesus*

BENEDICTION

- **ORGAN RESPONSE**

- **POSTLUDE**

Announcements

Lay leader today is Terri Rottink.

Altar flowers are given by Greg and Suzanne Brown in celebration of our church family.

Deacons today are Tim & Deanna Bell.

Pray for **United Presbyterian Church**, Traer, IA, and Rev. Brice Hoyt, pastor.

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

Volunteers are needed to provide pre-packaged snacks for Wednesday Club to Go for the next seven weeks. Delivery drivers are also needed. Routes take approximately 30 minutes. Please contact Michelle if you can help.

Singing during Worship

Out of an abundance of care for each other, singing, humming, and talking with a loud voice are discouraged when attending worship in the church building. The act of singing generates aerosols that can escape masks, float in the air, and be circulated by our heating system. These aerosols can carry the COVID virus. Therefore, during hymns and other vocal activities, mouth the words or speak in a whisper.



If you have any of the church's flower vases that you have been holding onto since the pandemic began, please call church to arrange a time to return them. We are running short of the smaller diameter ones.

All remaining Sundays in March and April are still available for altar flowers. Please contact the church office to sign up.



Joys and Concerns

- **Jerry Rakowicz**, having surgery Tuesday
- **Jan Faber**, hospitalized with blood clots in her lungs
- **Sophie Attiogbé**, hospitalized in Iowa City
- **Mercedes Love**, at Clive with mental health struggles

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Barb Dittmer**, Valerie King's mother, recovering at home following surgery & complications
- **Bonnie Sievers**, recuperating from a broken pelvis at Grandview
- **Irene Sheeler**, continues to recuperate following surgery
- **Nancy Diggins**, at home recovering from covid-19
- **Pastor Rich King**, continuing therapy
- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, preparing for open heart surgery March 25.
- **Barb Boeyink**, at Accura with health issues
- **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 March 7 - 13, 2021

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship – In person & online

MONDAY

5:00 PM A & P – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM Wednesday Club to Go

6:00 PM Reopening Committee – Zoom

THURSDAY

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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First Presbyterian COVID-19 Safety Measures

Please use these practices to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection for you and others.

- If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or have had a temperature in the last 10 days, please do not enter the church.
- Worship via the stream if you have any additional risk factors for COVID-19.
- A facemask over the nose and mouth is required in the church building.
- Social Distance (6 feet) is required from those not in your household.
- Avoid shaking hands and other close contact. Keep your coat with you.
- Singing - Do not sing or talk in a loud voice. Mouth the words or say them quietly.
- Offering - Place your offering in the plate in the narthex.
- Children - Please keep children with your family and help them to practice these safety measures.
- Restrooms
 - One person at a time in restrooms unless you are assisting family members.
 - Wash hands thoroughly
 - Use hand sanitizer if you must touch the door.
- Fellowship
 - The best practice is to visit outside in the parking lot.
 - If inside, practice social distancing and wear your mask.
- If you get sick with COVID-19 within 10 days of attending church, please contact the church office so we can advise others to watch for symptoms.
- These safety measures apply even if you have received a vaccination.

LEAVE ROOM FOR JESUS



Please sit 6 ft. apart

**WE'RE
IN THIS
TOGETHER!**



**FACE MASK
REQUIRED**



Easter Lily Orders



It is time to order an Easter lily to put in the Sanctuary. You may sponsor one or more of the approximately 40 Easter Lilies wrapped in gold foil that will be on display. **The cost of each plant is \$11.50.** You may pick up your plant any time after the 9:00 worship service

Easter morning. You might take your plant to someone who you think would enjoy receiving it.

Please return this form to the church office with your check by Sunday, March 28, 2021.

Check one: _____ in memory of _____ in honor of

Given by: _____