

First Presbyterian Church

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9:00 a.m.

November 29, 2020



We begin a new church year today with
the first Sunday of Advent. We watch for Jesus' advent, or
coming, among us: His return on the last day,
and His presence with us now. Welcome.

- Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

13th Century Plainsong

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 100)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His; we are the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: As we stand in awe of Your goodness and mercy today, we invite You to be present with us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. We declare that we love You. Thank you that You have made Yourself known through Jesus Christ. We pray that You would reveal Your great love to us all today as we gather to worship. Lead us by Your Spirit to praise You. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim Your everlasting greatness. In the wonderful Name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

- **SONGS OF PRAISE** (hymnal & screen)

#244 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#86 *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us confess our sins.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Holy God, You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for the parts of our lives which are not pleasing in Your sight. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Scriptures repeat the promise that as we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us live as forgiven people.

- **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** (screen)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Richie & Michelle Ritter & Family

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

13th Century Plainsong

- ***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 (vs. 1)

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:18-27

NT pg. 1757

SERMON: “Hope”

Rev. Tom Bower

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)
#526 *The Solid Rock*
- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

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**Ballot for Elders, Deacons & Nominations
Classes of 2021-2023**

Elders

Don Feld (two-year term - class of 2022)
Terry Buzbee (three-year term - class of 2023)
Doug Cooper (three-year term - class of 2023)
Sarah Erikson (three-year term - class of 2023)
Tedra Henze (three-year term - class of 2023)
Ashley Johnson (three-year term - class of 2023)

Deacons

Jim Grimmius (one-year term – class of 2021)
Keith & Diane Oleson (one-year term – class of 2021)
Jackie Hughes (three-year term - class of 2023)
Pat & Nancy Kremer (three-year term - class of 2023)
Brenda Miller (three-year term - class of 2023)
Paul & Karin Podhajsky (three-year term - class of 2023)

Nominating Committee

for one-year term – class of 2021

Lynne Bovenmyer (Elder)
Don Feld (Elder)
Jinita Boyd
Harlan Quick
Karen Schoell
Matt Tullis
Bethany Wirin

Announcements November 29, 2020

Faithful stewards demonstrate generosity by giving regularly and systematically. Our generosity is the visible expression of our love for God.

--Stewardship Committee

Welcome Rev. Tom Bower as he brings the message at **First Presbyterian Church** this morning.

Altar flowers are Poinsettias for Advent.

Congregational Meeting

First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown will hold a called Congregational meeting at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, December 6, following the worship service via Zoom. Invitations to the Zoom meeting will be emailed Friday, December 4.

The meeting is for the purpose of electing the new Elders, Deacons and Nominations Committee candidates.

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

Medicare Open Enrollment: Now through Dec. 7, is your time to see if you can find lower premiums and extra benefits. Look at all your health plan choices for 2021—including prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans from private insurers. This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all counseling sessions will be done by phone—simply Call SHIIP for help comparing your options—641-754-5399 or e-mail shiip@iid.iowa.gov.

Joys and Concerns

- **Pastor Rich King**, at home now but was in the hospital with COVID-19 issues this past week

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Anna & Owen Randall**, both have COVID-19; Anna expecting a baby in seven weeks
- **Case Hegeman**, recuperating from angiogram on his left leg 11-19-2020
- **Ralph Ward**, at Glenwood recuperating from two fractures of his pelvis:
- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, had a stent inserted in his heart
- **Mavis Gray**, has gone to her daughter's home in Farmington, Iowa for a while
- **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 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

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

Rev. Tom Bower
Jon Rottink
Nancy Diggins
Michelle Wilkinson
Valerie King
Wynona Anderson
Marla Grossman
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 Nov. 29 – Dec. 6, 2020

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

**Rev. Tom Bower Preaching Today
Second Sunday of Advent**

Worship – On-Line

MONDAY

Pray for Pastor Rich as he recuperates from several strokes and COVID-19

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Staff meeting

M & I Committee Meeting - Zoom

WEDNESDAY

4:30-5:30 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Club Grab & Go

Family Night – Live Streamed

Church reopening Zoom meeting

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

Pray for all those who were unable to be with family this Thanksgiving holiday
Property Committee Meeting - Zoom

FRIDAY

Pray for the church

SATURDAY

Pray for those who are affected by COVID-19 and their caregivers

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

**Rev. Tom Bower Preaching
Third Sunday of Advent
Communion**

Worship – On-Line

**Called Congregational Meeting -
Zoom**

