

First Presbyterian Church

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9:00 a.m.

March 21, 2021



FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

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

PRELUDE *Lord, I Want To Be a Christian* arr. C. Berry

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SONG OF DEVOTION

Organ leads as we prepare our hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91)

Leader: The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Leader: He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

People: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

INVOCATION

Leader: Holy God, we are here to feel your touch, to receive your strength, to access your wisdom. We humbly accept your gracious invitation to “Come unto me, all who are weary and burdened.” And if we happen to be buoyant and optimistic, the invitation is the same: “Come to me.” We all have our moods.

We have our unique personalities. We all have our own approaches and responses to the circumstances in our lives. So we join hearts in worship in the environment of praise. Your word touches that eternal part of us which needs nurture. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

#422 *I Love You With the Love of the Lord*

#589 *Here I Am, Lord*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us come before the Lord who knows us, loves us, and forgives all who humbly confess their sins.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Holy God, we cannot stand in your presence as we are. But you will make us clean so we can stand. Forgive us for dishonoring you in deed and word. Forgive us for taking our eyes off of you and focusing only on self-interest. Forgive us for our impatience and for our lack of trust in you. Forgive us for blaming others for our problems when they are caused by our own decisions. We stumble and fall far too often. But you pick us up and give us a new start. Thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God's word assures us that as we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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**

#157 *The Love of God*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

R. Lowry/Mason

- ***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 1:3-14

SERMON: “Purpose #5: You Were Made for a Mission”
Evangelism Rev. Tom Bower

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION**
#443 *O Zion, Haste*

BENEDICTION

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

Announcements

Lay leader today is Ashley Johnson.

Altar flowers are given by Tony, Jenny, Raegan, & Reese Buschbom in celebration of Jenny's trip around the sun.

The deacons today are Jackie Hughes and Bert Tice.

Pray for **First Presbyterian Church**, Jesup, IA, and Dawn Person, CRE.

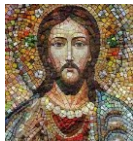
Please send your tithes and offerings to the church office at 101 S. Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158.



Pastor Tom invites you to communicate with him through email or his cell phone. He prefers you use his personal tjbower@yahoo.com account, as he is able to check it more often. Pastor Tom's cell phone number is (641)751-1924. Leave a message or text and he will return your call.



Marshalltown Christian School Kindergarten Round-up will take place Tuesday, March 23, from 9:00 – 11:30 am at the school. A mid-morning snack will be served. Please text or call Bethany at 641-691-5509 or email mcs@marshalltownchristianschool.com to register your student by Monday, March 22.



Mosaic coloring page(s) from last spring need to be returned soon! Please return yours by Sunday, March 28th so they can be put together and displayed on Easter Sunday. Contact Michelle if you are unable to complete yours.

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.



Joys and Concerns

- **The family of Irene Hopp**, grieving her death 3/13/2021
- **Mary Baker** recovering from a fall at Iowa Methodist
- **Mavis Gray**, recovering from a broken wrist at Oakview in Conrad
- **Jan Faber**, recovering at home
- **Lyle Fox**, hospitalized at the Veterans Hospital
- **Marlene Snyder**, having surgery Thursday
- **Sophie Attiobé**, hospitalized in Iowa City

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Irene Sheeler**, recovering in a care facility in Indiana
- **Nancy Diggins**, at home recovering from covid-19
- **Pastor Rich King**, continuing recovery
- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, preparing for surgery March 25.
- **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*.

Calendar for This Week March 21 - 27, 2021

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship – In person & online

MONDAY

2:00 PM Irene Hopp visitation

3:00 PM Irene Hopp funeral

TUESDAY

5:00 PM PNC – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM Wednesday Club to Go
Pastor Tom & Jean in Wisconsin for
Irene Hopp committal service

THURSDAY

Pastor Tom & Jean in Wisconsin

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: _____