

First Presbyterian Church

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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

January 3, 2021

*... for my
eyes have
seen your
salvation,...*

Luke 2:30, NRSV



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

PRELUDE Overture from “Unto Us a Child Is Born” J.S. Bach

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 147)

Leader: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

People: **Great is our Lord and mighty in power. His understanding has no limit. The Lord sustains the humble.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. Make music to our God on the harp.

People: **Extol the Lord, praise your God, for he strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your people. The Lord delights in those who honor him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.**

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: We praise you today with our hearts and songs, we praise you for your faithfulness. We confess our need for you, our lives don't go so well when we just spin around on our own. We struggle and worry, get weary and worn. Yet you never leave us. Thank you for your presence. Thank you that you breathe renewal right into our souls. Amen.

- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

All To Us

#583 You Are My All In All

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins in the presence of the one who blesses us and meets our needs.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our lapses, and deliver us from the sins of proud thoughts and vain desires. With humility and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercies of God are new every morning. Great is his faithfulness. We live by the promise of God's word that when we come to God with our confession, he hears us, forgives us and cleanses us. Thanks be to God.

- **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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *He Shall Feed His Flock*

G.F. Handel

- ***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: Luke 2: 21 - 35

SERMON: “A Man Called Simeon” Pastor Tom Bower

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **COMMUNION HYMN**

#3 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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**

#597 *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated (v. 1,5,6)*

- **BENEDICTION**

- **ORGAN RESPONSE**

- **POSTLUDE**

Announcements

Altar flowers are given by Norm & Shirley Egli in honor of the new year.

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) had their first meeting on Wednesday, 30-Dec. Terry Buzbee and Bethany Wirin were elected as co-chairs. Pat Kremer was elected secretary. Please be in prayer for the PNC as they move forward.

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

Joys and Concerns

- **Family of Bill Hastlett** grieving Bill's death

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Nancy Diggins**, recovering from COVID-19
- **Irene Hopp**, recovering from eye surgery
- **Orlyn Langenbau**, recovering from hip surgery
- **Bill Eilers**, surgery
- **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. 3 - Jan. 9, 2021

SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM Worship – On-Line
- 10:30 AM Sunday School *For All Ages* – Zoom

MONDAY

- 6:30 PM W&M Committee - Zoom
- 7:30 PM CE Committee - Zoom

TUESDAY

- 10:00 AM Staff meeting
- 5:30 PM A&P Committee - Zoom

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Reopening Committee - Zoom

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Group

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM Worship – On-Line

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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