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**9:00 a.m.**



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**December 27, 2020**

*Come*  
*What*  
*May*

Lord, may our hearts turn to You, and may we rejoice in  
fellowship with You today, and always.

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

## PRELUDE

*Joy to the World*  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

G.F. Handel  
 Bober

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

*LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER*

**Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship**

## SONG OF DEVOTION

#275 *Sing We Now of Christmas (verse 1)*

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 34:1-3, 8, 22)

**Leader:** Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

**People:** **Help us to receive God's word and direction for our lives.**

**Leader:** Proclaim the goodness of God's love!

**People:** **Let our voices and our actions be filled with love.**

**Leader:** Come, now is the time to worship.

**People:** **Open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits this day, Lord.**

- **INVOCATION**

**Leader:** Gracious Father, it is because of Christmas that we can confidently invite you to our worship. You are Emmanuel, God with us. We ask God, for you to be with us this morning as we are with one another in worship. Speak to us Lord, we want to hear your voice, and we want to lift you high. With joyful hearts we pray. Amen.

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

And He Shall Reign Forever

## CALL TO CONFESSION

(Romans 3:21-25)

**Leader:** All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. While it brings comfort to know that we are not alone, it also brings guilt and shame. The good news is that we have been redeemed by Christ's death and resurrection. But this grace does not come free. We need to surrender our ways, to die to ourselves and our desires, and to repent and ask God to forgive us and correct our path.

Join with me in the good news of grace as we confess  
our sins in silent prayer.

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Unison: Father as we worship this morning, we know that it is both your love and justice that caused you to send your Son to be with us. We know that our sin angers you, not because you're an uptight strict Father who likes to make rules, but because you see the hurt it causes both You and Us. But also your love demands reconciliation, and you made a way in your son Jesus. We confess before you Lord, in peace, that our love for you seeks to live for you and for your will. Help us Lord to turn away from sin, so we can live for you.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(1 John 1: 9)

**Leader: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Let us rejoice in the forgiveness and mercy of God. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

- **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**

*#259 Angels From the Realms of Glory*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *See What the Shepherds Saw*

*M. Jensen*

- ***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:** 2 Samuel 18

OT pg. 500

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Romans 8: 35-39

NT pg. 1758

**SERMON:**

“Come What May”

Jon Rottink

### ***LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST***

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)  
#210 *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*
- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

## **Announcements**

**Altar flowers** are Poinsettias for Advent.

**Congregational Meeting** Sunday (December 27) at 10:15 via Zoom. The zoom link will be sent to members via e-mail. The Session is calling this special meeting to vote on the slate of seven persons to serve as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) which will begin the search process of a new pastor at First Presbyterian. Thanks to our Congregational Nominating Committee for the work they have done to accomplish this: Lynne Bovenmyer, Don Feld, Diane Broshar, Steve Strand, Karen Schoell, Terry Buzbee and Roger Anders. The seven member slate of nominees for the PNC are Bethany Wirin, Matt Tullis, Julie Lynch, Ashley Johnson, Pat Kremer, Amy Drummer and Terry Buzbee.

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

## Joys and Concerns

- **Nancy Diggins**, recovering from COVID-19
- **Hoke Farr**, in the hospital in Dubuque
- **Irene Hopp**, recovering from eye surgery
- **Orlyn Langenbau**, recovering from hip surgery
- **Bill Eilers**, surgery
- **Mercedes Love**, having mental health issues
- **Mary Lovig**, grieving the death of her daughter

## Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **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 Dec. 27, - Jan. 2, 2021**

### **SUNDAY**

### **Jon Rottink Preaching Today**

9:00 a.m.

Worship – On-Line

10:15 a.m.

Congregational Meeting – Zoom

No Sunday school

### **MONDAY**

Newsletter Articles are due

### **TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m.

Staff meeting

### **WEDNESDAY**

### **THURSDAY**

Office closes at noon

### **FRIDAY**

Office closed

### **SATURDAY**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

### **Pastor Tom Bower Preaching**

9:00 a.m.

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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