

# First Presbyterian Church

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**9:00 a.m.**

**December 6, 2020**



“Stir up Your might and come to save us!” prayed the psalmist (Psalm 80:2, NRSV). Welcome to worship in Advent, as we await our Savior.

- Those who are able are invited to stand.

**PRELUDE**    *And the Glory of the Lord*

G. F. Handel

## **LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION**

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

### ***LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER***

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 85)

Leader: I will listen to what God the Lord will say. He promises peace to His people but let them not return to folly. Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him that His glory may dwell in our land.

**People: Love and faithfulness meet together. Righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Leader: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth and righteousness looks down from heaven.

**People: The Lord will indeed give you what is good.**

**Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.**

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Holy God, You are the righteous One. You are the giver of peace. Jesus Christ has come as the Prince of Peace. And we long for His peace in our hearts, that peace which passes understanding; it is beyond what we can comprehend, but we can experience it as a gift to us. Come to us in our worship today so that peace would indwell us more completely than it has in the past. We honor You, the One who grants peace. Amen.

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

#245    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs 1-2)

#196    *O Come Let Us Adore Him* (all 4 verses)

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We do not fear coming before the Lord with our confession of sins. We need not be embarrassed for he is faithful to forgive us when we humble ourselves.

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison:** Gracious God, our ways are so often ways of wandering. We get confused and lose our direction. And You patiently wait for us to turn back to You. And You gently say, “Let’s walk together. I’ll lead the way.” And when we do turn back, we experience peace. Forgive us for wandering in the first place. Forgive us for thinking something is better than walking with You.

We hear Your forgiving heart welcoming us back in step with You. And we are thankful. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our sins from us. God honors His Word to forgive us and give us a new beginning.

## • 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

## LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Lucas & Ashley Johnson & Family

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *The Peace Carol*

Robert Beers

- *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:** Isaiah 55: 6 - 13                      OT pg. 1148

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 10: 32 - 42                      NT pg. 1512

**SERMON:** “Peace”

Rev. Tom Bower

- **COMMUNION HYMN** (hymnal & screen)  
#413 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**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.**

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

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)  
#743 *Wonderful Peace* (vs. 1 & 3)
- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

## **Announcements December 6, 2020**

God has entrusted to us everything we have for a reason... so we can partner with Him to accomplish His purposes.

**--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., today, 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.

**Thank you to Barb Hawkins for the new Christmas Advent banner.**

**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](mailto:shiip@iid.iowa.gov).

## Joys and Concerns

- **Angie Pietig**, at home with COVID-19

## Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Pastor Rich King**, doing therapy following several strokes
- **Ralph Ward**, at Glenwood recuperating from two fractures of his pelvis:
- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, health issues
- **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](mailto: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 Dec. 6, - Dec. 13, 2020**

### **SUNDAY**

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

9:00 a.m.

Worship – On-Line

**10:00 a.m.**

**Called Congregational Meeting -**  
**Zoom**

### **MONDAY**

Pray for Pastor Rich as he recuperates  
from several strokes

6:30 p.m.

W & M Committee Meeting - Zoom

7:30 p.m.

CE Committee Meeting - Zoom

### **TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m.

Staff meeting

5:30 p.m.

A & P Committee Meeting - Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY**

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Club Grab & Go

7:00 p.m.

Church reopening Zoom meeting

### **THURSDAY**

Grace is God reaching down  
Faith is man reaching up

### **FRIDAY**

Pray for the church

### **SATURDAY**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

9:00 a.m.

Worship – On-Line



**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 Grimmus (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**

**Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

**Linda Kauffman**

*The poinsettias that dressed the  
chancel were given by...*



**Linda Allen & Family** in loving memory of  
Roger Allen and Malinda Allen (2).

**Steve & Wynona Anderson** in celebration  
of Christ our King (2).

**Doug & Jinita Boyd** in celebration of answers for Hudson's  
heart.

**Doug & Margaret Fehrle Cooper & Nick Cooper** in loving  
memory of Jacqueline Cooper and Carl & Norma Fehrle (2).

**Jan Faber** in celebration of Christ's birth.

**Robin Harrison, Fran Smith, Greg, Tony & Jason  
Harrison and their families** in loving memory of Elizabeth,  
Bill "Hutch," & Betty Harrison.

**Chuck & Jackie Hughes** in celebration of their beautiful  
family.

**Harlan & Marcia Quick** in loving memory of Bill and  
daughter Marci Harrison and Evar & Margaret Anderson,  
Stanley & Helen Quick.

**Mike & Marilyn Sanderson and Frances & Ken Smith** in  
loving memory of Harm & Fanna Roscamp, grandparents;  
Maurice & Pearl Forbes, parents; and Vivian & August Hanke,  
parents.

**Roger & Karen Schoell** in loving memory of their parents  
Paul & Virginia Schoell and Joe & Marjorie Ralston.

**Lee & Michelle Wilkinson & Family** in loving memory of  
Mark Wubben, LeRoy Wubben, Ralph Wilkinson, June Balch  
& Al Balch.

**John & Cindy Wise** in loving memory of Ken & Betty  
Wise and Bob & Shirley Bowman (2).

**Phyllis Wubben** in loving memory of Mark Wubben, her  
son and LeRoy Wubben, her husband (2).

