

First Presbyterian Church

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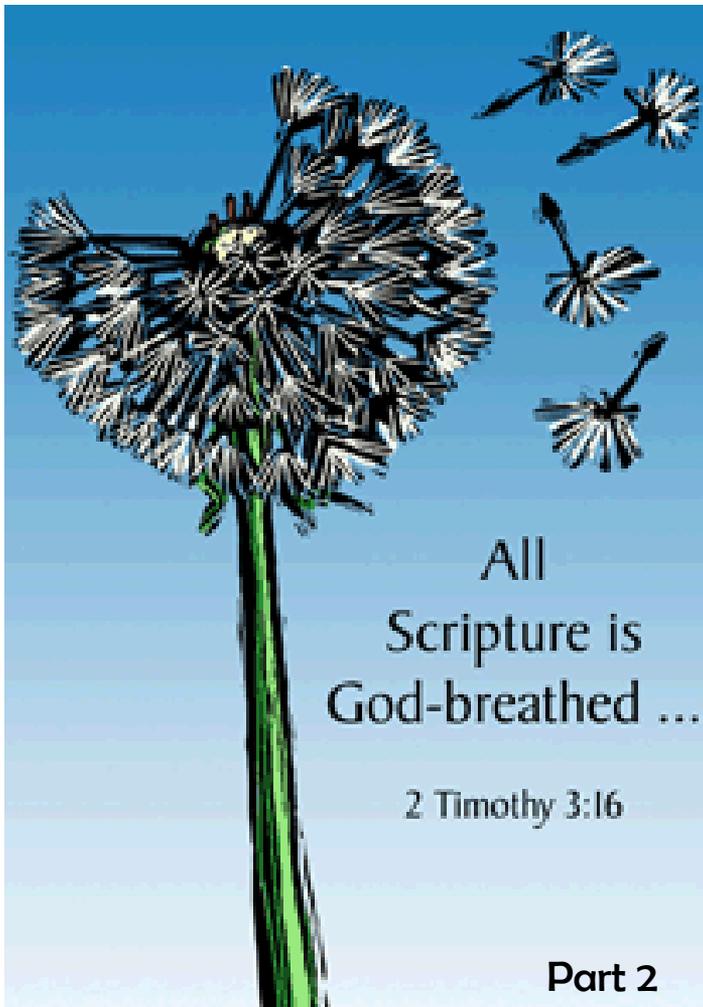
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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

April 18, 2021



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

PRELUDE *An Easter Hymn of Praise* Robert Hughes
(Quoting “Hymn to Joy” by Beethoven)

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SONG OF DEVOTION

Organ leads as we prepare our hearts for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

People: He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over you will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

People: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever more.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, the Psalmist declares your reality. And it builds our faith – to be reminded that you are our helper, our protector, our shield from the heat and the cold. Because we are spiritually safe, we can face the physical ups and downs of our lives with confidence. How we praise your name! And we want more! More of your word, more of the sense of your presence, more of your companionship, more of your love to us expressed in our love to others. Thank you for meeting us here. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

- **HYMN OF PRAISE**

#8 *Come Thou Almighty King (v. 1, 2, & 4)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We do not doubt our need to confess our sins. And we can do that now with the assurance that forgiveness will be ours –

because our God keeps his promises.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our commitment with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our relationship with you and one another. Thank you for not giving up and for continuing to work in our lives. In the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Christ lived among us, died for us, rose again! He has risen! We need not fear anything in life or in death because he is our source, and through the Holy Spirit, our guide and guardian. Let us live aware of his cleansing and forgiving power.

- **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

- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

#103 *All Hail King Jesus*
Mercy Is More

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* - G.F. Handel
arr. Benton Price

- ***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: Jonah 3 and 4

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SERMON: “Jonah, Still Teaching After 3,000 Years”

Jean Bower

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

#434 *Revive Us Again* (v. 1, 2, & 4)

- **BENEDICTION**

- **ORGAN RESPONSE**

- **POSTLUDE**

Announcements

Welcome Jean Bower, Lay Pastor, as she brings the message to First Presbyterian Church this morning.

Lay leader today is Valerie King.

Altar flowers today given by Matt and Diane Broshar in celebration of their anniversary.

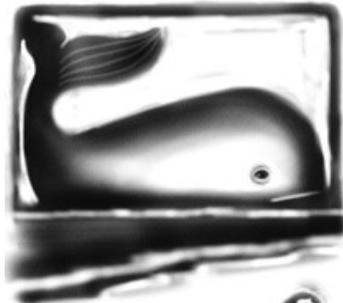
The deacons today are Paul & Karin Podhajsky.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is **First Presbyterian Church**, Waterloo, IA, and Rev. Amy Wiles and Rev. Pat Gadelmann, associate.



The One Great Hour of Sharing fish bank return event has been rescheduled to **Sunday, April 25th** at noon in the church parking lot. See you there!

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



And the people of
Nineveh believed
God ...

Jonah 3:5, NRSV



Joys and Concerns

- **Gordie Johnson**, hospitalized at Mercy and awaiting heart surgery Tuesday, 4/20/2021
- **Marlene Snyder**, having hip replacement surgery Tuesday
- **Nancy Diggins**, recovering at home
- **The family of Dorothy Wilson** who passed away 4/3/2021
- **Sophie Attiobé**, hospitalized in Iowa City

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, is doing well. Let's continue to pray for him.
- **Mary Baker**, recovering back at Glenwood Place
- **Mavis Gray**, recovering at Oakview in Conrad
- **Lyle Fox**, recovering at home
- **Bonnie Sievers**, at Grandview to continue recovery
- **Irene Sheeler**, recovering in a care facility in Indiana
- **Pastor Rich King**, continuing recovery
- **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 April 18 – April 24, 2021

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship – In person & online

MONDAY

TUESDAY

2:00 PM Dorothy Wilson funeral

5:00 PM PNC meeting

7:00 PM Session - Zoom

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM Wednesday Club to Go

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Men's Group – Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship – In person and online

12:00 PM Fish bank return – parking lot

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)	



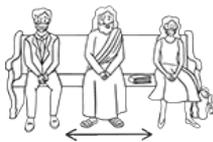
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First Presbyterian COVID-19 Safety Measures

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**

