

# First Presbyterian Church

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**9:00 a.m.**



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**February 21, 2021**



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

PRELUDE

*O Worship the King*

*Johann Haydn*

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Organ leads as we prepare our hearts for worship.

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 51)

Leader: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion.

**People: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**People: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

## INVOCATION

Leader: Gracious God, your hands extend toward us, beckoning us to come closer – to experience the thrill of your presence, and relax in the confidence that you hold us through the ups and downs of our days.

Your arms surround us when we lack the strength to walk the path, to carry the load that life has placed on us for whatever reasons. Merciful God, we invite your presence into our sanctuary, whether in this very building or in our homes, but surely into the sanctuary of our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## SONGS OF PRAISE

# 68 *The Joy of the Lord*

#119 *His Name is Wonderful*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We know our transgressions. Our sins are always before us. God is the righteous judge, and his mercy and grace are ours when we come in humble confession.

## SILENT PRAYER

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Gracious God, the Psalmist prayed, “Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Against you, you only have I sinned.” We come because we too need to confess. Actions and attitudes in our lives have been hurtful – to ourselves, to others, even to you. We, too many times don’t reflect the life of Christ in our lives. Forgive us, and please continue to be the shepherd who leads us. We want to grow and change where we need to change. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercies of the Lord are new every morning! Great is his faithfulness. Let us live as forgiven people.

- **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

#68 *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call  
Offertory *Christ, We Adore and Worship Thee* *Theodore Dubois*

- *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:** Psalm 34: 1 - 10

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Ephesians 1: 1 - 11

**SERMON:** “Purpose #1: You Were Planned  
for God’s Pleasure” Rev. Tom Bower

*LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST*

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

*#410 Standing on the Promises (v. 1, 3, & 5)*

**BENEDICTION**

- **ORGAN RESPONSE**

- **POSTLUDE**

# Announcements

**Lay leader** today is Ashley Johnson.

**Altar flowers** are given by Scott & Sarah Erikson in loving memory of their grandparents they have lost.

**Deacons today** are Pat & Nancy Kremer.

Pray for **United Presbyterian Church**, Goldfield, IA, and Rev. Sara Sutter.

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

## 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.



If you have any of the church's flower vases that you have been holding onto since the pandemic began, please call church to arrange a time to return them. We are running short of the smaller diameter ones.

You may sign up to give altar flowers in 2021 by calling the church office or emailing [michelle@fpcmarshalltown.org](mailto:michelle@fpcmarshalltown.org). March and April dates are still available.



## Joys and Concerns

- The family of **Hazel Bergland**, John Wise's aunt, who died 2/18/2021.
- **Carissa King**, dealing with a flare-up of her eye condition
- **Barb Dittmer**, Valerie King's mother, hospitalized following surgery & complications
- **Sophie Attiobé**, hospitalized in Iowa City

## Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Bonnie Sievers**, recuperating from a broken pelvis at Grandview
- **Irene Sheeler**, continues to recuperate following surgery
- **Mercedes Love**, at Woodward with mental health struggles
- **Nancy Diggins**, at home recovering from covid-19
- **Pastor Rich King**, continuing therapy
- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, preparing for open heart surgery March 25.
- **Carolyn Bell**, at Glenwood recovering from a broken pelvis
- **Barb Boeyink**, at Accura with health issues
- **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 Feb. 21 - Feb. 27, 2021**

### **SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Worship – In person & online

### **MONDAY**

### **TUESDAY**

### **WEDNESDAY**

### **THURSDAY**

### **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**

