

# First Presbyterian Church

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January 30, 2022



***God is Working  
Behind the Scenes***

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

**PRELUDE**    *Rise Up and Serve the Lord*    Am. Walter/Harris

## **CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev. 15:3-4)**

Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

**People: Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.**

Leader: Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

**People: For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!**

## **SONG OF DEVOTION**

**A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.**

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O most merciful Redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

- **GREETING**
- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

*All to Us*

*Refiner's Fire*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways**

**like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we should have done; and we have done things which we should not have. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Colossians 2:13-14)**

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

## **MORNING PRAYERS**

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

## **HYMN**

#3            *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

*(Please pass the friendship registers at this time)*

Offertory

*We Bow Down*

Twila Paris

- ***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 and hold hands)

- ***Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.***

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Nehemiah 2:1-10 (p. 751)

**SERMON:** “Nehemiah: God is Working Behind the Scenes”  
Pastor Bryan Kunz

*LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST*

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

#118      *His Name is Wonderful*

**LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION**

- **BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

## Joys and Concerns

- **Anastasia King**, deployed on USS Abraham Lincoln to the South China Sea
- **The family of Norval Mosher**, Jim Mosher's father, who died January 15, 2022
- **Susan Lawyer**, as she recovers from heart and lung issues
- **Mavis Gray**, who is recovering from a fall

## Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Frances Anderson, Christy - Carolyn Wilkinson's daughter, Marlene Snyder, Deanna Adkins, Sophie Attiogbe** continued recovery
- **All those affected in any way by the COVID-19 virus**
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Jennifer Davis**, and her ministry with college students and a church plant in Providence, RI.

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.

**Worship Leader today:** Bill Eilers

**Next Sunday:** Doug Boyd

**Greeters today:** Bill Eilers

**Next Sunday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deacons today:** Paul & Karen Podhajsky

**Next Sunday:** Pat & Nancy Kremer

**Fellowship Hosts:** Diane Broshar

**Next Sunday:** Roger & Karen Schoell

**Nursery today:** Deb Williams & Terri & Elli Rottink

**Next Sunday:** Deb Williams & \_\_\_\_\_

**Cup Washers today:** Diane Broshar

**Next Sunday:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donuts today:** Rhonda & Terry Buzbee

**Next Sunday:** Roger & Karen Schoell

**AV Tech:** Steve Anderson

**Next Sunday:** Steve Anderson

## Announcements

**Altar flowers** today are sponsored by Meg Sponseller in loving memory of Lou Sponseller.

**On the presbytery's prayer list** for this week is the **First Presbyterian Church** – LeRoy, MN, and Rev. Dr. John Kerr.



**Check out our mission blog** on the church website. It is updated with missions news each week on Tuesdays. You can also see and read previous posts. Find the mission page here: <https://www.fpcmarshalltown.org/blog> You may also click the “Mission Updates” tab at the top of the FPC website home page.

### **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. 30 – Feb. 6, 2022**

### **SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Worship – In person and online  
10:15 AM Sunday school  
5:30 PM HS Youth

### **MONDAY**

### **TUESDAY**

### **WEDNESDAY**

5:00 PM M & I Committee – Lower Lounge

### **THURSDAY**

8:30 AM Flapjacks  
5:30 PM CE Committee – Lower Lounge

### **FRIDAY**

### **SATURDAY**

7:30 AM Men's Group – Fellowship Hall & Zoom

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Worship – In person and online  
10:15 AM Sunday school  
5:30 PM Youth Night – Gathering Place  
HS Youth

## *Members in mission, making a difference*

Pastor  
Secretary/Newsletter Editor  
Organist  
Pianist  
Custodian  
Nursery

Rev. Bryan Kunz  
Michelle Wilkinson  
Wynona Anderson  
Marsha Bristley  
Debbie Armstrong  
Deb Williams

### **Session Elders**

Steve Anderson  
Terry Buzbee  
Amy Drummer  
Don Feld  
Pat Hemming  
Ashley Johnson

Greg Brown  
Doug Cooper  
Sarah Erikson  
Dave Freel  
Tedra Henze  
Angie Pietig

### **Deacons**

Tim & Deanna Bell  
Jim Grimmus  
Jackie Hughes  
Barb McBride  
Keith & Diane Oleson  
Paul & Karin Podhajsky  
Roberta Tice

Doug & Jinita Boyd  
Ruth Feld  
Pat & Nancy Kremer  
Brenda Miller  
Carole Permar  
Terri Rottink

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