

First
Presbyterian
Church

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9:00 a.m.



Phone 641-753-5929

November 8, 2020

**WATCHMAN
ON THE
WALLS**

Friends in Christ, it's a joy to be with you in your homes to
worship! Welcome to worship.

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

PRELUDE *Foundation*

Bradbury/Barrett

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 71)

Leader: In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go, for You have been my hope, O sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

People: My mouth is filled with Your praise, declaring Your splendor all day long. Be not far from me, O God; come quickly, O my God to help me.

Leader: But as for me, I will always have hope. I will praise You more and more.

People: My mouth will tell of Your righteousness, of Your salvation all day long, I will proclaim Your righteousness, Yours alone.

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Thank you for the promise that where two or three are gathered, You are there. Lord, we welcome You today and celebrate the gift of life. We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear Your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love. We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus. Amen.

- **SONGS OF PRAISE** (screen)

Here I am to worship

Behold our God

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father. Let us confess with obedient hearts.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Gracious God, we have grown weary of the health pandemic – among other things. We long for a return to normal, what we knew as normal. Our reliance upon You has often been meager. We easily give in to fear and discouragement. Forgive our lack of trust. We must be wise and not behave foolishly. But at the end of the day, You want us to rest in You, to have confidence that even bad things turn to good in Your hands. So, grant us the hope and joy which comes with Your companionship. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news which never grows old is that when we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us receive God's forgiveness with joy!

- **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** (hymnal & screen)
#403 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call
Offertory *Days of Elijah*

Robin Mark

- *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 62:1-12

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SERMON: “Watchman on the Walls”

Rev. Tom Bower

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)
#401 *The Church's One Foundation*
- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

Announcements November 08, 2020

Lord, please help us develop a desire to see Your glory declared among the nations, our marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:3

--Stewardship Committee

Welcome Rev. Tom Bower as he brings the message at **First Presbyterian Church** this morning.

Altar flowers were sponsored by **Larry & Barb Schrum**.

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.

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child boxes are available in the church foyer. They can be picked up at the church any weekday from 8-4 (please wear a mask when entering the church). The church will be closed during the noon hour (12-1p.m.). **Barb McBride will be in the church each Sunday until November 15, from 11am – 12pm to hand out or receive boxes.** Donations may be made for a box by making the **check out to Samaritans Purse.**

Boxes need to be returned to the church by noon, Sunday, November 15.

Joys and Concerns

- **Bill Eilers**, will have surgery on his foot on Tuesday, Nov. 10
- **People of Honduras**, dealing with Hurricane Eta, getting an abundance of rain and mud slides

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Pastor Rich King**, at home recuperating from several strokes; doing therapy three times a week at On with Life
- **Jon Rottink**, recuperating from surgery
- **Ralph Ward**, at Glenwood recuperating from two fractures of his pelvis:
- **Hudson Boyd**, grandson of **Doug & Jinita Boyd**, had a stent inserted in his heart
- **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

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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*.

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 Nov. 8 – Nov. 15, 2020

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Rev. Tom Bower Preaching Today

Worship – On-Line

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.

Pray for Pastor Rich as he recuperates from several strokes

M & I Committee Meeting - Zoom

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.

Staff meeting

5:00 p.m.

A & P Committee Meeting - Zoom

7:30 p.m.

CE Committee Meeting - Zoom

WEDNESDAY

4:30-5:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Nancy on Vacation

Wednesday Club Grab & Go

Church reopening Zoom meeting

THURSDAY

Pray for those who are awaiting surgery

FRIDAY

Pray for the Nominations Committee as they begin their work soon

SATURDAY

Pray for the people of Honduras and countries affected by Hurricane Eta

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

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Worship – On-Line

