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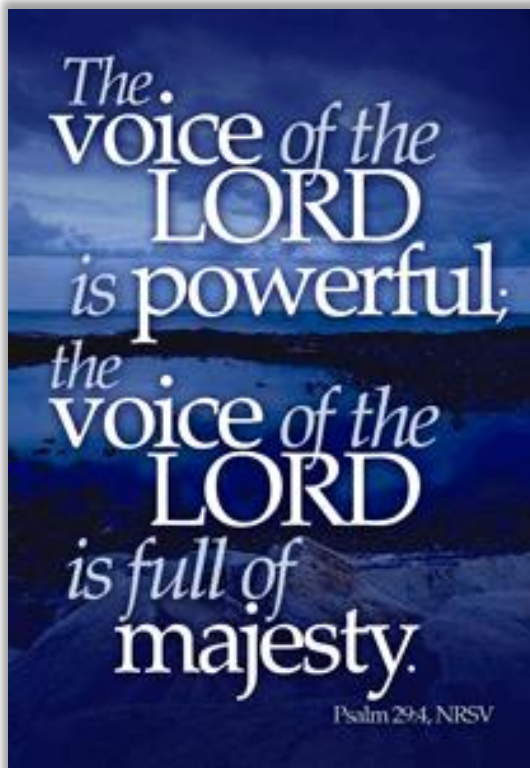
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9:00 a.m.

January 8, 2023



Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *Joy Has Dawned*

S. Townend

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship
the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of
glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is
majestic.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in
pieces the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the
Desert of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and
strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as
King forever.

**The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his
people with peace.**

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for
your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to
you. Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond
to your love and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.

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

*His Mercy is More
Reckless Love*

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on John 3:19)

The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HYMN

#290 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine* H. P. Smith

- *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: Matthew 2:13-21 (p. 1498)

SERMON: “The Dark Night After Christmas”

Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#295 *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Joys and Concerns

- **Karen Colwell**, dealing with unresolved health issues

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Mindy Tullis, Lola Rinnan, Susan Lawyer, Yasuyo Smith, Bill Eilers, Marilyn Sanderson, Marissa - Kelsey McKibben's cousin, Rose Elsbecker, Audrey Bailey, Christy Hardacre - Carolyn Wilkinson's daughter, Barry Bryant, Reena Pearson, Sue Pelong - Bert Tice's sister, Sophie Attioge continued recovery**
- Peace in **Ukraine** and throughout the world
- The continued search for an **Associate Pastor**
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **The House of Compassion**, their ministry in Marshalltown

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.

Worship Leader today: Jackie Hughes

Next Sunday: Craig Henze

Greeters today: _____

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Deacons today: Brenda Miller & Carole Permar

Next Sunday: _____

Fellowship Hosts: Greg & Suzanne Brown

Next Sunday: _____

Nursery today: Deb Williams & Larissa Kunz

Next Sunday: Deb Williams & Barb Hawkins

Cup Washers today: Greg & Suzanne Brown

Next Sunday: _____

Donuts today: Terry & Rhonda Buzbee

Next Sunday: Susan Hibbs

AV Tech today: Steve Anderson

Next Sunday: Bill Lawyer

Announcements

Altar flowers today are sponsored by Bryan & Larissa Kunz in celebration of our church family.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is **First Presbyterian Church** - Maxwell and CRE Adrian McMullen.



Child protection policy training will be held today for adult volunteers at 10:30 a.m. The training will take about 45 minutes and is needed to volunteer with children or youth in the church. You must renew your training every two years.

Annual Reports are due to Michelle TODAY.

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown will be held next Sunday, January 15, 2023, immediately following worship in person and via Zoom.



The flower sign-up for 2023 is now available on the poster in the Narthex or on the clipboard. Flowers will be \$53.50 for both bouquets in 2023. Single bouquets will be \$26.75.

On Saturday, January 14th the Saturday morning men's group will be hosting a **men's breakfast** at 8:00 a.m. All men from the church are invited to join for food and fellowship! Sign up in the Narthex.



The Chili Cook-off is next Sunday, January 15th. This is your chance to sample some great chilis and sit down to a soup lunch with friends beginning @ 11:15 a.m. A free will offering will be collected for the June mission trip to Guatemala.

We will be sending a **mission team to Guatemala** in June to serve with our missionaries there (Shawn and Nancy Paul) around June 11-17. We would love to have more people go along on this trip. Please talk to Pastor Bryan if you are interested. The group will be raising funds and financial assistance is available. An informational meeting will be held around 11:15 a.m. **today** in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendar for the return of Game Night on January 29, 2023.

Calendar for This Week Jan. 8 – 15, 2023

SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM Worship – in person and online
- 10:15 AM Sunday school for children & youth
- 10:30 AM Child Protection Policy Training
- 11:15 AM Mission Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Youth Night
HS Youth

MONDAY

TUESDAY

- 6:00 PM Missions & Evangelism

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 PM Bells
- 7:30 PM Choir
- 8:30 PM Praise Team

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Flapjacks
- 1:30 PM Elizabeth Circle – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM Worship – in person and online
- 10:00 AM Annual Meeting
- 10:30 AM Sunday school
- 11:15 AM Chili Cook-off
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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
Tetra 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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