

# First Presbyterian Church

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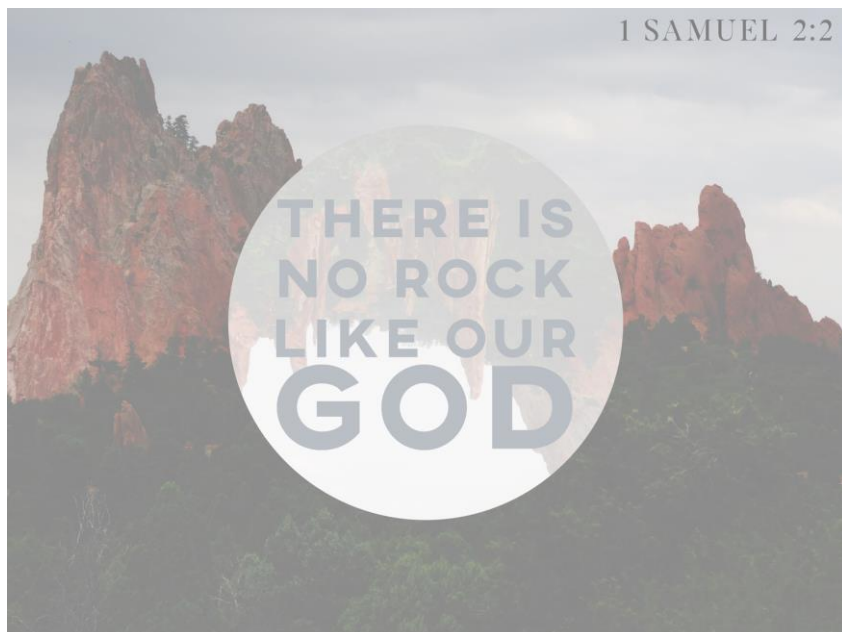
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**9:00 a.m.**

**March 10, 2024**



**Seeing from God's  
Perspective**



Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE      *The Lord Reigneth*

L. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 107:1-9)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: his love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

**those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.**

Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

**They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.**

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

**Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**

## SONG OF DEVOTION

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

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand; open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus. You are more loving than our hearts can respond to; help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be. You are wiser than we can know; still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us. Loving God, in Jesus you chose to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak. We worship and adore you. Amen.

- GREETING
- SONGS OF PRAISE

*Way Maker*

## *The Blessing*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION** (based on 1 Peter 2:24)

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed. Let us confess our sins.

### **SILENT PRAYER**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

**teach us wisdom in our secret heart.**

Send out your light, send out your truth,

**and let them lead us to our home.**

Take from us the weight of our sin,

**that room might be made for the spirit of truth.**

If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,

**and the truth will set our spirits free.**

Then shall we love not only in word or in speech; then shall we love in deed and in truth,

**and by this know that our service is faithful.**

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;

**teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Amen.**

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (1 John 1:5, 7)

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

### **MORNING PRAYERS**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into**

**temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen.**

**HYMN**

#12 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Offertory *Jesus Paid It All* J. Grape

- *Doxology*
- *And Blessing (remain standing and hold hands)*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (p. 443)

**SERMON:** "Seeing from God's Perspective"  
Pastor Bryan Kunz

*LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST*

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

#69 *Holy, Holy* (v. 1 – 4)

**LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION**

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

## Joys and Concerns

- **Josh & Allison Grosvenor**, celebrating the birth of **Mabel** and for strength and healing as she is in the NICU
- **The family of Dale Posusta**, Orlyn Langenbau's son-in-law, who died suddenly last week

### Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Carissa King, Marla Grossman, Linda Kauffman, Mike Sanderson, Reese Buschbom, Tedra Henze, Sue Pelong** – Bert Tice's sister, **Christy Hardacre** - Carolyn Wilkinson's daughter, **Mercedes Love, Yasuyo Smith, Reena Pearson, Sophie Attiogbe** continued recovery
- Peace in **Israel/Palestine, South Sudan, Ukraine**, and throughout the world
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Orphan Grain Train**, their mission to share resources and bring Christ's name and character to needy people near and far

Please pray for everyone on our list. Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. We'd rather get several calls than none.

Phone the church at 753-5929 or e-mail [Bryan@fpcmarshalltown.org](mailto:Bryan@fpcmarshalltown.org)

Please let us know if you'd like the **prayer chain** activated.

**Worship Leader today:** Lee Wilkinson

**Next Sunday:** Carissa King

**Greeters today:** Steve & Doris Strand

**Next Sunday:** Judy & Larry Erion

**Doorman & Greeter:** Dave Freel

**Deacons today:** Jim Grimmus & Ruth Feld

**Next Sunday:** Pat & Mary Hemming

**Fellowship Hosts:** Jinita & Doug Boyd

**Next Sunday:** Mitch & Michelle Brown Family

**Nursery today:** Madi Stull & Bethany & Betsy Wirin

**Next Sunday:** Madi Stull & Larissa Kunz

**Cup Washers today:** Valerie King

**Next Sunday:** Mitch & Michelle Brown Family

**Donuts today:** Jacob Jorgensen

**Next Sunday:** Marlene Snyder

**AV today:** Steve Anderson

**Next Sunday:** Bill Lawyer

## Announcements

**Altar flowers** today are sponsored by Don & Ruth Feld in celebration of Don's birthday.

**On the presbytery's prayer list** for this week is United Presbyterian Church – Traer, and Rev. Brice Hoyt.

There is **no Sunday school today** due to Spring Break.



There will be a **Hymn Sing today** at 3:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

**Easter Extravaganza** will be **Tuesday, March 19 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** We would love for adult helpers to come and join the children in this event to help them experience the joy of the resurrection!



**The House of Compassion** is hosting its annual Soup Bowl Luncheon on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church. This luncheon supports the soup kitchen evening meal program.

**Property will be having a work day** on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be something for everyone to do, such as scraping, painting, and general clean-up. Hope to see you there!

## Calendar for This Week March 10 – 17, 2024

- SUNDAY** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room  
9:00 AM Worship  
3:00 PM Hymn Sing
- MONDAY** Office Closed  
9:00 AM Quilters – Lower Lounge
- TUESDAY** Office open 9:00 AM – noon  
9:00 AM PRESBYTERY – here all day
- WEDNESDAY** Office open 9:00 AM – noon  
6:30 PM Bell Choir - Narthex  
7:30 PM Choir  
8:30 PM Praise Team
- THURSDAY** Office open 9:00 AM – noon  
8:30 AM Flapjacks – Lower Lounge  
1:30 PM Elizabeth Circle – Lower Lounge
- FRIDAY** Office open 9:00 AM – noon
- SATURDAY**  
7:30 AM Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
- NEXT SUNDAY** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School – all ages  
5:30 PM Youth Night

# *Members in mission, making a difference*

Pastor  
Interim Director of Youth & Discipleship  
Secretary/Newsletter Editor  
Organist  
Pianist  
Custodian  
Nursery

Rev. Bryan Kunz  
Carissa King  
Michelle Wilkinson  
Wynona Anderson  
Marsha Bristley  
Debbie Armstrong  
Madi Stull

## **Session Elders**

Steve Anderson  
Tedra Henze  
Valerie King  
Anna Randall  
Roger Schoell  
Ross Turbiville

Greg Brown  
Ashley Johnson  
Tracy Ostrem  
Michelle Ritter  
John Simpson  
Lee Wilkinson

## **Deacons**

Wynona Anderson  
Larry & Judy Erion  
Jim Grimmius  
Pat & Nancy Kremer  
Paul & Karin Podhajsky  
Karen Schoell  
Marlene Snyder

Doug & Jinita Boyd  
Ruth Feld  
Pat & Mary Hemming  
Barb McBride  
Terri Rottink  
Lisa Simpson

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Church activities may be video recorded and livestreamed online.







Once again, we will dress the chancel for Easter. You may sponsor one or more of the Easter Lilies wrapped in gold foil that will be on display. The cost of each plant is **\$13.50**. You may pick up your plant any time after the 9:00 worship service Easter morning. **Please return this form with your check by Sunday, March 24, 2024.**

Check one:

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