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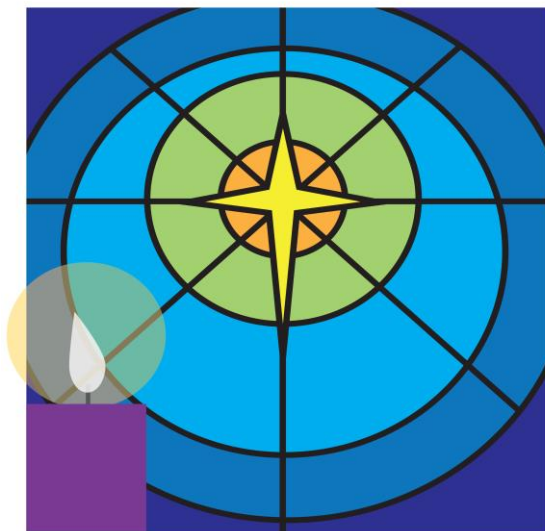
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9:00 a.m.

December 2, 2018



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made...” (Jeremiah 33:14, NIV). Thanks, God, that we can depend on Your promises.

Large print bulletins are available, and **children’s bulletins** are available on the table in the Narthex.

A nursery is available for infants up to 5 years-of-age.

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

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. C. Berry

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

SONG OF DEVOTION (hymnal & screen) (**please remain seated**)

#542 *My Life Is in You, Lord*

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 33:1,3, 20, 22)

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

People: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

People: May Your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You.

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Eternal God, intercede for us as our eternal Priest and lead us as our everlasting King. Drive the evil one from our lives and make us righteous in Your sight so that our worship might be pleasing to You this day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- **SONGS OF PRAISE** (screen)

Mighty to Save

There is a Hope

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Titus 3:3-5a)

Leader: At one time, we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.

Let us seek God's mercy through the confession of our sins. Please join me in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Merciful God, You have provided a way for us to be gathered into Your Kingdom through our eternal Priest and King: Jesus Christ. Hear His prayer for us and grant us mercy so that we might live in the hope of eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Titus 3:5b-8)

Leader: He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, believe the good news: through faith in Christ we are forgiven.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

• GLORIA PATRI

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer
Prayers for the People
The Lord's Prayer

Children may come down for the children's church following the Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *Now the Green Blade Riseth* arr. D. Paxton

- ***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 join hands)

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: Hebrews 7:11-28 NT pg. 1869

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 33:14-18 OT pg.1232

SERMON "Our Eternal Hope" Rev. Dr. Richard A. King

- **COMMUNION HYMN** (hymnal & screen)
#526 The Solid Rock

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Communion is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.
Partake of the bread as it is served;
Hold the cup to drink together as one body.**

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)
#244 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

Joys and Concerns

- **Irene Sheeler**, home recuperating after 6 days at Iowa Methodist Hospital following a heart attack and a fall

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Doug Butler**, recuperating from hernia surgery 11-15-2018
- **Carolyn Wilkinson**, at home recuperating from hip replacement 11-13-2018
- **Joy Ryan Grimmus**, born premature is thriving in ICU at Mercy Medical in Rochester, MN
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Rev. David Githii**, his ministry
- **Jeanne Brennecke**, in Room 115 at Accura Health Care; under Hospice care
- **Bette Etter**, at Westbrook Acres in Gladbrook
- **LaVone Lee**, at Grandview in Room 201
- **Connie Montover**, at Grandview Nursing Home
- **Karen Weiny**, Jeff Drummer's mother, at Southridge with MSA, a degenerative disease

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*.

Announcements Dec. 2, 2018

Should we raise our standard of living or should we raise our standard of giving?

---Stewardship Committee

The **Property Committee** would appreciate anyone who would like to help with the **Fellowship Hall work** that we meet from 5-8 p.m. every Tuesday and would welcome the help?

Please join us **for Family Night on Wednesday, December 5**. All members are encouraged to come enjoy this family meal from 5:15 to 6:00. Come whenever you are able. From 6-7, children will be working on the Christmas Program. For adults, there will be a time of fellowship and brainstorming family/fellowship ideas for 2019. Come with your ideas ready to share! Hope you will join us!

We are planning to have a **Cookie Baking day on Sat., Dec. 8**, for those people who have no place to bake cookies for the holidays. Anyone wanting to help with this project is encouraged to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Wednesday, Dec. 12, will be our **Soup & Sing**. Soup will be served at 5:30 pm. After the dinner, we will then carpool in groups to go out to the various parts of town for our caroling. After we finish with the caroling, we will meet back at the church for hot chocolate and cookies. Please join us for soup even if you aren't a caroler.

Books Wanted!! Picture books are wanted for toddlers to kindergarten age for Nancy Paul's mission in Honduras. Books may be printed in English. A yellow crate will be in the Narthex to put the books in for the next two weeks.

Time's running out on your only opportunity to compare your current **Medicare Part D drug plan or Medicare Advantage plan** with all your other options for 2019. Even if you love your current choice, it's smart to look over the 2019 version because most plans change from year to year. Call SHIP at UnityPoint Marshalltown (641)754-5399 to schedule a free confidential counseling session to compare plans.

Pray for **East Friesland Presbyterian Church, Ackley, IA – CP Lynn Arends.**

The whole world lives in Your love, holy God, and we are Your people. Send us out in faith to tell Your story and to demonstrate Your truth to every race and nation, so that, won by Your powerful Word, the world may join together giving You praise, and living to serve You in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias.

Worship Leader today: Jim Grimmius

Next Sunday: Nancy VanWyk

Greeters today: Bob Boeyink

Next Sunday: Orlyn & Doris Langenbau

Deacons today: Sue Bryant & Margaret Fehrle

Next Sunday: Greg & Suzanne Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Kurt & Julie Lynch

Next Sunday: Mike & Carole Tullis

Nursery today: Deb Williams & Maria Garcia

Next Sunday: Deb Williams & Maria Estrada

Cup Washers today: Roger Schoell

Next Sunday: _____

Donuts today: Terry & Rhonda Buzbee

Next Sunday: Greg & Suzanne Brown

AV Tech: 9:00 a.m.: Craig Henze

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m.: Diane Broshar

If you need a ride to worship or church activities, contact any Deacon. The list is on the back of the bulletin.



Members in mission, making a difference

Pastor
Pastoral Care Minister
Youth & Families Director
Office Manager
CE Coordinator
Choir Director
Organist
Assistant Organist
Pianist
Custodian
Assistant Custodian

Rev. Dr. Richard A. King
Rev. Tom Bower
Jon Rottink
Nancy Diggins
Michelle Wilkinson
Valerie King
Wynona Anderson
Marla Grossman
Cindy Butler
Debbie Armstrong
Jan Faber

Session Elders

Doug Bacon
Gail Boliver
Doug Butler (Clerk)
Lucas Johnson
Julie Lynch
Richie Ritter
Kyle Young

Abra Banissan
Matt Broshar
Don Feld
Pat Kremer
Ed Peng
Heather Rottink

Deacons

Joyce Anderegg
Greg & Suzanne Brown
Margaret Fehrle
Jackie Hughes
Susan Lawyer
Jerry & Lyn Rakowicz

Roger & Donita Anders
Sue Bryant
Bonnie Grimmus
Linda Kauffman
Harlan & Marcia Quick
Barb Vovos

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Calendar for This Week Dec. 2 – Dec. 9

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Worship – Communion
Gathering/Fellowship Time
Sunday school – All Ages
Child care provided
Nominations Committee Meeting
Girl Scout Troop Meets – Fellowship Hall
Messiah Presentation 1st UMC Sanctuary

MONDAY

5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Missions Committee Meeting
W & M Committee Meeting
CE Committee Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Staffing
M & I Committee Meeting
Property Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

5:00 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m.

Family Night & Meal
Confirmation
Youth 101
Bells
Choir
Praise Team

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.

Flapjacks
Oasis
Pastor's Prayer Group
PWC Music Program-Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m.

Church Women United – St. Henry

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.

Cookie Baking Day – Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship – Chancel Choir
Gathering/Fellowship Time
Sunday school – All Ages
Child care provided
Nominations Committee Meeting
Hymn Sing