

# First Presbyterian Church

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**9:00 a.m.**

**December 16, 2018**



## THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

“Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid”  
(Isaiah 12:2, NRSV).

**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, How Joyfully!* with *Joy to the World*    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 9:1-2, 11-12)

Leader: I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

**People: I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing the praises of Your Name, O Most High.**

Leader: Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what He has done.

**People: For He who avenges blood remembers; He does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.**

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Holy God, gather Your people together and make us holy like You are. Purge from us our sin and restore us to Your fellowship so that our worship might bring you glory. Drive the tempter from our lives and protect us from all evil. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- **HYMN OF PRAISE** (screen)

#273    *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

**CALL TO CONFESSION:** (Psalm 9:13-14)

Leader: Lord, have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, that I may declare Your praises in the gates of Daughter Zion, and there rejoice in Your salvation.

Let us confess our sin to God and rejoice in the mercy and salvation God brings. Please join me in silent prayer.

**SILENT PRAYER**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Merciful God, forgive us for wallowing in our sin and guilt. Cleanse us from our sin and restore the joy of Your salvation to our hearts, so that we might rejoice in Your mercy and live in hope and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Psalm 9:7-10)

Leader: The Lord reigns forever; He has established His throne for judgment. He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

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

### • HYMN OF REFLECTION (hymnal & screen)

#271 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

**Children may come down for the children's church during the last verse of the hymn.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach  
Ellen Podhajsky – Flute & Wynona Anderson - Organ

- ***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:** 2 Corinthians 13:5-11 NT pg. 1808

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Christmas Joy* Cynthia Dobrinski  
Bell Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Zephaniah 3:14-20 OT pg.1466

**SERMON** “Rejoice in Salvation” Rev. Dr. Richard A. King

***LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST***

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)  
*#270 Joy to the World!*
- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

## Joys and Concerns

- **Pat & Nancy Kremer**, new grandson, Louie Patrick Knox, born 12-11-2018 to their daughter, Abby & John Knox

## Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Joyce Anderegg**, recuperating from knee surgery 11-30-2018
- **Irene Sheeler**, home recuperating from a heart attack and a fall
- **Joy Ryan Grimmus**, born premature, 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
- **Nathalie Lynch**, at Oak Estates Nursing Home in Conrad, Rm. 305
- **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. 16, 2018**

Well done, good and faithful servant (Matthew 23:21)! We don't have equal abilities, but we can all be equally faithful with the abilities we do have.

**---Stewardship Committee**

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

There are two **“Love” billboards** up in Marshalltown until Dec. 25, and there is an opportunity to help with funds to keep these billboards up longer. The cost is \$500 per billboard if they are kept up or an additional \$150 if they have to redo the artwork. If you are interested in helping fund this project, contact Jody Wunsch at [jphcoachjody@gmail.com](mailto:jphcoachjody@gmail.com) or phone her at 641-751-1637.

**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.

A **New Year's Eve worship service** will be held at the Hebron Temple of Church of God at the Gathering Place on **December 30, 2018 starting at 10:30 p.m.** The guest church that night will be the Second Baptist Church, 516 Bromley St., Marshalltown where the honorable Rev. Terrance Cooley is the pastor. Pastor Cooley will bring the Word of God that night and a breakfast will be served following the service.

Please join us as we close out 2018 and welcome in 2019 with praise and worship to God! This event will be cancelled if we have inclement weather, so our prayers are for good weather and traveling mercy. Be blessed and we hope to see you there.

**---Pastor Larry Floyd**

**Pray for Grand Ji Vante (formerly The Presbyterian Village), CP Diane Martin, Chaplain.**

*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:** Bill Eilers

**Next Sunday:** Jim Mosher

**Greeters today:** Cathy & Reena Pearson

**Next Sunday:** Steve & Doris Strand

**Deacons today:** Jackie Hughes & Susan Lawyer

**Next Sunday:** Joyce Anderegg & Barb Vovos

**Fellowship Hosts:** Don & Ruth Feld

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

**Nursery today:** Deb Williams & Winner Banissan

**Next Sunday:** Deb Williams & Winner Banissan

**Cup Washers today:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Donuts today:** Marge Wolfe

**Next Sunday:** Orlyn & Doris Langenbau

**AV Tech:** 9:00 a.m.: Julie Lynch

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.: Josh Grosvenor

**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	Rev. Dr. Richard A. King
Pastoral Care Minister	Rev. Tom Bower
Youth & Young Families Director	Jon Rottink
Office Manager	Nancy Diggins
CE Coordinator	Michelle Wilkinson
Choir Director	Valerie King
Organist	Wynona Anderson
Assistant Organist	Marla Grossman
Pianist	Cindy Butler
Custodian	Debbie Armstrong
Assistant Custodian	Jan Faber

## **Session Elders**

Doug Bacon	Abra Banissan
Gail Boliver	Matt Broshar
Doug Butler (Clerk)	Don Feld
Lucas Johnson	Pat Kremer
Julie Lynch	Richie Ritter
Heather Rottink	Kyle Young

## **Deacons**

Joyce Anderegg	Roger & Donita Anders
Greg & Suzanne Brown	Sue Bryant
Margaret Fehrle	Bonnie Grimmus
Jackie Hughes	Linda Kauffman
Susan Lawyer	Harlan & Marcia Quick
Jerry & Lyn Rakowicz	Barb Vovos

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## Calendar for This Week Dec. 16 – Dec. 23

### **SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

Worship – Bell Choir  
Gathering/Fellowship Time  
Sunday school – All Ages  
*Child care provided*  
**Nominations Committee Meeting**  
**Christmas Program Dinner**  
**Children’s Christmas Program**

### **MONDAY**

5:00 p.m.  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Finance Meeting  
Awesome Presby’s Ring Bells @ Hy-Vee

### **TUESDAY**

9:00 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
**7:00 p.m.**  
7:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting  
Sarah Cr. @ Mary Hemming’s Home, Albion  
**SESSION**  
Cub Pack Den Meeting - GP

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m.

Youth 101  
Bells Practice  
Choir  
Praise Team Practice

### **THURSDAY**

8:30 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
12:00 p.m.  
2:30 – 7:00 p.m.

### **Newsletter Articles are Due**

Flapjacks  
Oasis  
Pastor’s Prayer Group  
Volunteers work @ House of Compassion

### **FRIDAY**

### **SATURDAY**

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Dinner – 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.**

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Worship – Chancel Choir  
Gathering/Fellowship Time  
Sunday school – All Ages –  
**with Bryce King**  
*Child care provided*  
**Nominations Committee Meeting (if needed)**