

First Presbyterian Church

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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

December 23, 2018



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Mary and Elizabeth supported each other during the uncertainty and joy of pregnancy. May we who worship together also support one another through life's ups and downs.

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 *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne &
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* T. R. Matthews

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 119:161b-165)

Leader: my heart trembles at Your Word. I rejoice in Your promise like one who finds great spoil.

People: I hate and detest falsehood, but I love Your law.

Leader: Seven times a day I praise You for Your righteous laws.

People: Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: God of peace, dwell in our hearts and let Your peace reign over us. Drive away the one who brings us chaos and anxiety. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and make our praise glorify You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- **CAROL OF PRAISE** (hymnal & screen)

#251 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Romans 8:5-8)

Leader: Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

Let us confess our sin to God and seek the peace that is offered through surrendering our life to Christ. Please join me in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Merciful God, forgive us for living in the anxiety of our time. We think we are in control and therefore cannot fulfill our own expectations. Our lives are filled with worry and we are mastered by our circumstances. Help us to yield all things to You and find peace and contentment in Your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Romans 8:9-11)

Leader: You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in 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)

#272 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

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 *What Child is This* H. Johnson & M. Thompson

Wynona Anderson-organ & Marsha Bristley-piano duet

- ***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: Philippians 4:4-9 NT pg. 1830

SPECIAL MUSIC *Christmas Grace* Philip Kern
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 5:2-5 OT pg.1445

SERMON “Peace for Our Lives” Rev. Dr. Richard A. King

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)
#250 O Little Town of Bethlehem
- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

Joys and Concerns

- **Beth Harrison**, recuperating from bladder cancer surgery
12-18-2018

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. 23, 2018

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15).

God is the first giver; He first selflessly gives Himself to us in the person of His Son, and all true Christian giving is our response of gratitude for this gift that is beyond description.

---**Stewardship Committee**

The **Flapjacks** will NOT meet Thursday, December 27, but will resume their meetings January 3.



Altar Flowers

Please sign up to **sponsor the altar flowers** on the flower sign-up sheet for 2019. The sheet is in Fellowship Hall on the table near the south door.

There are two “**Love**” **billboards** up in Marshalltown until February 2019, 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 art-work. If you are interested in helping fund this project, contact Jody Wunsch at 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 those Elders and Pastors who have gone before us in 2018.

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 Mosher

Next Sunday: Lee Wilkinson

Greeters today: Steve & Doris Strand

Next Sunday: Cathy & Reena Pearson

Deacons today: Joyce Anderegg & Barb Vovos

Next Sunday: Harlan & Marcia Quick

Fellowship Hosts: _____

Next Sunday: _____

Nursery today: Deb Williams & Winner Banissan & Pat Kremer

Next Sunday: Deb Williams & Winner Banissan & Pat Kremer

Cup Washers today: Roger Schoell

Next Sunday: Lee Wilkinson

Donuts today: Orlyn & Doris Langenbau

Next Sunday: _____

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

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m.: Steve Anderson

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. 23 – Dec. 30

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 for all – 2nd grade through High School with Bryce King-Fellowship Hall

Child care provided

Nominations Committee Meeting

MONDAY

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service with Communion

TUESDAY

Merry Christmas – Office Closed

WEDNESDAY

No Activities Scheduled

THURSDAY

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sledding Party at Wirin's - Weather Permitting

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

NEXT 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.

Worship – Bell Choir – **Jon Rottink Preaches**

Gathering/Fellowship Time

NO Sunday school

Child care provided

Nominations Committee Meeting (if needed)

Girl Scout Meeting – Fellowship Hall