

First Presbyterian Church

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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

December 30, 2018



Father make me as eager as young Jesus to be in Your house
and to learn Your teachings. Amen.

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, All Ye Faithful* arr. Andy Berry

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

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

#633 *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Lamentations 3:22-26)

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for His compassions never fail.

**People: They are new every morning; great is Your
faithfulness.**

Leader: I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore, I
will wait for Him."

**People: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to
the one who seeks Him;**

All: It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: God You are our Lord. Apart from You we have no
good thing. As You come in to Your sanctuary, we ask that
Your Spirit would move in power among us that we would
worship You truly and deeply. Strip away all that would hinder
us and help us to seek Your face and Your face alone. In Jesus'
name we pray. Amen.

- **SONGS OF PRAISE** (screen)

What a Beautiful Name

Be Lifted Up

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Psalm 32)

Leader: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose
sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not
count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. Let us confess
our sins to the Lord, the One who is able to forgive our sins. Let
us join in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Faithful God, we confess that we have taken our lives in to our own hands. We do what we think is right, and what we think is best. Often, we resort to doing what is the most comfortable instead of giving our lives to You. Help us to live lives that are led by Your Spirit and are surrendered to Your will. Forgive us for our missteps and mistrust. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

- **GLORIA PATRI**
- **HYMN OF CONFESSION** (hymnal & screen)

571 *Trust and Obey*

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer
Prayers for the People
The Lord's Prayer

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *The Peace Carol*

Robert Beers

- ***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: Romans 8:18-25

NT pg. 1757

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:3-7

NT pg.1623

SERMON “Looking Ahead”

John Rottink

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)
#591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord
- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

Joys and Concerns

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Beth Harrison**, recuperating from bladder cancer surgery 12-18-2018
- **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. 30, 2018

If you haven't filled out a faith pledge card for 2019, it's still not too late to do so. Cards are in the Narthex on a table.

---Stewardship Committee

The church office will be closed December 31, and January 1, for the New Year's holiday.



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 iphcoachjody@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 the **Presbytery Staff: Rev. David Feltman, Pastor of Presbytery; Rev. Dr. S. Glenn Wilson, Stated Clerk; Jeannie Stolee, Administrative Assistant; Donn Martens, Finance Director.**

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: Lee Wilkinson

Next Sunday: Jan Faber

Greeters today: Cathy & Reena Pearson

Next Sunday: Jan Faber

Deacons today: Harlan & Marcia Quick

Next Sunday: Greg & Suzanne Brown

Fellowship Hosts: Chuck & Jackie Hughes

Next Sunday: _____

Nursery today: Deb Williams & Winner Banissan & Nancy Kremer

Next Sunday: Maria Estrada & Maria Garcia

Cup Washers today: Lee Wilkinson

Next Sunday: _____

Donuts today: _____

Next Sunday: _____

AV Tech: 9:00 a.m.: Steve Anderson

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m.: Craig Henze

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. 30 – Jan. 6

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Worship – Jon Rottink Preaching

10:15 a.m.

Gathering/Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m.

NO Sunday school

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Child care provided

MONDAY

New Year's Eve - Office Closed

TUESDAY

New Year's Day – Office Closed

WEDNESDAY

6:15 p.m.

Confirmation

6:30 p.m.

Youth 101

6:30 p.m.

Bells

7:30 p.m.

Choir

8:30 p.m.

Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.

Flapjacks - LL

12:00 p.m.

Oasis

12:00 p.m.

Pastor's Prayer Group

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Epiphany of the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Worship –Communion

10:15 a.m.

Gathering/Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m.

Sunday school – All Ages

9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

Nominations Committee Meeting (if needed)