

First Presbyterian Church

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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

August 23, 2020



PSALM 119:114, ESV

Welcome to this opportunity to worship our loving and live-giving God! “Praise God from whom all blessings flow!”

- Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *Rejoice, the Lord is King* J. Darwell/Shackley

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

SONG OF DEVOTION

#387 *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome*

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

• **INVOCATION**

Leader: Holy God, You are Lord of the nations and God of the seasons. Our season is one of distress right now, even pain and suffering. We even want to cry out as did the Psalmist: “How long, Oh Lord?” Yet we choose to hear and say the words: “My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip. He who watches over you will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord will keep watch over your coming and going both now and forever more.” Thank you for knowing our weakness and uncertainty and walking with us faithfully.

• **SONGS OF PRAISE** (screen)

My Lighthouse

In Christ Alone

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our trust is in the Lord. That means that when we fail, when our actions and attitudes fall outside His will, we need forgiveness and cleansing. And we can trust Him for that forgiveness and cleansing right now as we humbly confess our sins.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Gracious and loving God, when your people wandered in the wilderness, they had no one but You. It seems that we're in a similar situation. O how we want to trust You for every area of our lives. But we often let our trust go to things or to people. We have wonderful things in our lives and You've given us wonderful people, too. Yet, only

You can satisfy. So, forgive our wandering and straying away from Your heart. Draw us back into a closeness with You that will hold us in our days of discouragement and stress. And as we live with one another in families and communities, may we be sources of encouragement with each other. In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The heart of Christ is tender to us. He knows our weaknesses and our confusion. In forgiveness, He draws us to Himself in a loving embrace. Receive the grace and strength of our Savior.

• GLORIA PATRI

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

• HYMN OF REFLECTION

#139 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call

Offertory *Light of the World*

Michael Card

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

For your gifts to us, we are grateful. For Your care for us, we give thanks. May our ministry have a graciousness and love so that others can see Your grace and love through us. Amen.

- 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)

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: Lamentations 3:21-26 OT pg. 1279

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 6:15-19 NT pg. 1868

SERMON: “What is Your Anchor?” Rev. Tom Bower

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)

#577 *In Times Like These*

- **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

Announcements August 23, 2020

When you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you (Matthew 6:3-4).

---Stewardship Committee

Welcome Rev. Tom Bower as “**Head of Staff**” at **First Presbyterian Church** while Pastor Rich is recuperating from a stroke.

The **altar flowers** were given by **Robin Harrison** in honor of her mother, Fran Smith's birthday.

You can send your church offering to the church office at 101 S. Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158.

Sonshine Preschool is looking for wonderful ladies who love Jesus and have a heart to serve the Lord in a very special community ministry. We are **looking for teacher assistants** for a variety of age groups from 2-5 years old. Time commitments could range from 10 – 32 hours. Interested in learning more about a position? Contact Sally at sally@journeymtown.com or call 641-485-0011.

Marshalltown Christian School is **accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year!** We have places left in kindergarten through eighth grade. Apply online at www.marshalltownchristianschool.com or call 641-753-8824 for more information. Thank you for considering MCS as your partner in your child's Christ-centered education.

- **Sally Mills and Bethany Wirin**

Joys and Concerns

- **Edith Rankin**, at Southridge recuperating from a broken hip
- **All those who were affected by the derecho 8-10-2020** and were without electricity for so long

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Pastor Rich King**, at home recuperating from a stroke
- **Hudson Boyd**. Grandson of Doug & Jinita Boyd, recuperating from an ablation procedure on his heart at the U of Iowa Hospital
- **Liz McGowen**, Meg Sponseller's sister, having seizures in the front lobe of her brain; doctors trying to determine the right treatment
- **All those affected in any way by the COVID-19 virus**
- **John Bailey** treatments for cancer
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Rev. David Githii**, his ministry in Kenya

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*.

Members in mission, making a difference

Pastor
Fill in Pastor
Youth & Young Families Director
Office Manager/Newsletter Editor
CE Coordinator
Choir Director
Organist
Assistant Organist
Custodian
Assistant Custodian

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

Session Elders

Wynona Anderson
Abra Banissan
Lynne Bovenmyer
Amy Drummer
Dave Freel
Pat Hemming
Angie Pietig
Heather Rottink

Doug Bacon
Gail Boliver (one-year)
Jenny Buschbom
Don Feld
Case Hegeman
Ron Kauffman
Richie Ritter

Deacons

Roger & Donita Anders
Doug & Jinita Boyd
Rhonda Buzbee (one-year)
Jackie Hughes
Barb McBride (two-year)
Carole Permar
Roberta Tice (two-year)

Tim & Deanna Bell
Sue Bryant
Ruth Feld
Susan Lawyer
Brenda Miller (one-year)
Barb Schrum (one-year)
Marge Wolfe (two-year)

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Calendar for This Week August 23, - August 30, 2020

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Worship – On-Line

MONDAY

Pray for Pastor Rich at home
recuperating from a stroke

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.

Pray for all the utility workers working to
restore power to Marshalltown and
surrounding counties
Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m.

Pray for the workers helping to clean up
the trees and debris following the
derecho 8-10-2020
Church reopening Zoom meeting

THURSDAY

5:00 p.m.

Pray for those who have been without
electricity since the derecho storm
A & P Zoom Meeting

FRIDAY

Pray for our youth who will soon return
to colleges

SATURDAY

Pray for guidance for the committee
working to reopen the church safely

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.

Worship – On-Line

