

First Presbyterian Church

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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

Dec. 15, 2019



As the prophet says: “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God”
(Isaiah 35:4, NRSV). Welcome!

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* John Wade/Berry

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

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

#244 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (vs. 2)

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 13:5-6)

Leader: But I trust in Your unfailing love;

People: my heart rejoices in Your salvation

Leader: I will sing the Lord's praise,

People: for He has been good to me.

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Gracious Lord and God, guide me to the Child born in Bethlehem. Let His love and grace cover me and hold me tight.

Let my lips sing Your praise and my heart be filled with love for You. Drive the evil one from my life so that I will glorify You in all things. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

#277 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION (Psalm 85:1-7)

Leader: You, Lord, showed favor to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of Your people and covered all their sins. You set aside all Your wrath and turned from Your fierce anger. Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away Your displeasure toward us. Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger through all generations? Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

Let us seek God's grace through the confession of our sin in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Merciful God, show Your love and grace to us. We confess that we have wandered from Your ways and broke Your commandments. Receive us back into Your fold and make us Yours. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 85:10-13)

Leader: Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way for His steps.

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

- **GLORIA PATRI**

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer
Prayers for the People
The Lord's Prayer

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

#291 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

The Call
Offertory *Now the Green Blade Riseth* David 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: Micah 5:2 OT pg. 1445

SPECIAL MUSIC *Angel Tidings* Cynthia Dobrinski
Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: John 7:40-42 NT pg. 1660

SERMON: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Rev. Dr. Richard A. King

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

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

Joys and Concerns

- **Marsha & Roger Bristly**, grieving the death of Marsha's 94-year-old mother, Naomi Hurley, 12-12-2019 in California
- **Jon Rottink**, recuperating from a procedure to repair an abdominal blockage

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Ross DuBois**, has been deployed to the Middle East
- **Carissa King**, suffering from an inflammatory disorder that primarily affects the vascular layer of the eye
- **Barb Boeyink**, health issues
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Rev. David Githii**, his ministry
- **Jeanne Brennecke**, in Room 115 at Accura Health Care; under Hospice care
- **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

or e-mail church@fpcmarshalltown.org

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. 15, 2019

Love manifests itself in giving. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

---Stewardship Committee

Please join us for **Family Night**, a great time to visit and worship. The next **Family Night in December** is **Wednesday, Dec. 18**. Dinner is served from 5:15 pm to 6:00 p.m. with worship & activities to follow. This is a great time for all.

Deb Peska is with NEI3A on aging (**Meals on Wheels**), and she is in charge of recruiting churches in Marshalltown for the Meals on Wheels there. We would love for your church to get on board with us and to help the needy Seniors there in Marshalltown. What a great way for your church to give back. It only takes about 1/2hr. of time to deliver and a great way to get out and meet new friendly faces. Please give Deb a call at 641-485-7163 soon, we need your help. Thank you.

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Please check us out at www.nei3a.org

Your help is needed! Please sign up on the clipboard to be a greeter, fellowship host, cup washer and to help in the nursery. We also need people to sponsor the donuts for Fellowship Time.



The Flowers sign-up board to sponsor the Sunday morning altar flowers is standing up on the little table by the SE door in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to sponsor flowers for the 2020 year.

Pray for **Grand Ji Vante (formerly the Presbyterian Village) – 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: Mike Tullis

Next Sunday: Terry Buzbee

Greeters today: Bill Eilers

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Deacons today: Sue Bryant & Margaret Fehrle

Next Sunday: Joyce Anderegg & Barb Vovos

Fellowship Hosts: Jim & Bonnie Grimmus

Next Sunday: _____

Nursery today: Deb Williams, & Maria Estrada

Next Sunday: Deb Williams, & Bethany Wirin

Cup Washers today: Mercedes Dirksmeyer

Next Sunday: _____

Donuts today: Marge Wolfe

Next Sunday: Greg & Suzanne Brown

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

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
Youth & Young Families Director	Jon Rottink
Office Manager/Newsletter Editor	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

Wynona Anderson	Doug Bacon
Abra Banissan	Gail Boliver (one-year)
Lynne Bovenmyer	Jenny Buschbom
Don Feld	Case Hegeman
Lucas Johnson	Ron Kauffman
Pat Kremer	Julie Lynch
Richie Ritter	Heather Rottink
John Wise (one-year)	

Deacons

Joyce Anderegg	Roger & Donita Anders
Sue Bryant	Rhonda Buzbee (one-year)
Margaret Fehrle	Jackie Hughes
Susan Lawyer	Barb McBride
Harlan & Marcia Quick	Barb Schrum (one-year)
Barb Vovos	Marge Wolfe

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Calendar for This Week Dec. 15, - Dec. 22, 2019

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship - Bell Choir
Youth Christmas Program Practice/
Fellowship Time
10:15 a.m. Sunday school - All Ages
9:00 - 11:30 a.m. *Childcare provided*
Meal Preceding
5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

MONDAY

5:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting - GP

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
9:15 a.m. Sarah Circle – Mary Hemming's
7:00 p.m. Session - LL
7:00 p.m. Cub Pack Den Meeting - GP

WEDNESDAY

5:15 p.m. Family Night w/Meal
6:30 p.m. Youth 101
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:30 p.m. Choir
8:30 p.m. Praise Team

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. Flapjacks
12:00 p.m. Oasis -LL
12:00 p.m. Pastor's Prayer Group
2:00-7:00 p.m. Volunteers Work at House of Compassion
5:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting - GP

FRIDAY

Newsletter Articles are Due

SATURDAY

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Birthday Party for Jesus - GP

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship – Chancel Choir
10:15 a.m. Gathering/Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Sunday School – All Ages – Children to
Accura Health Care
9:00 – 11:30 a.m. *Childcare provided*