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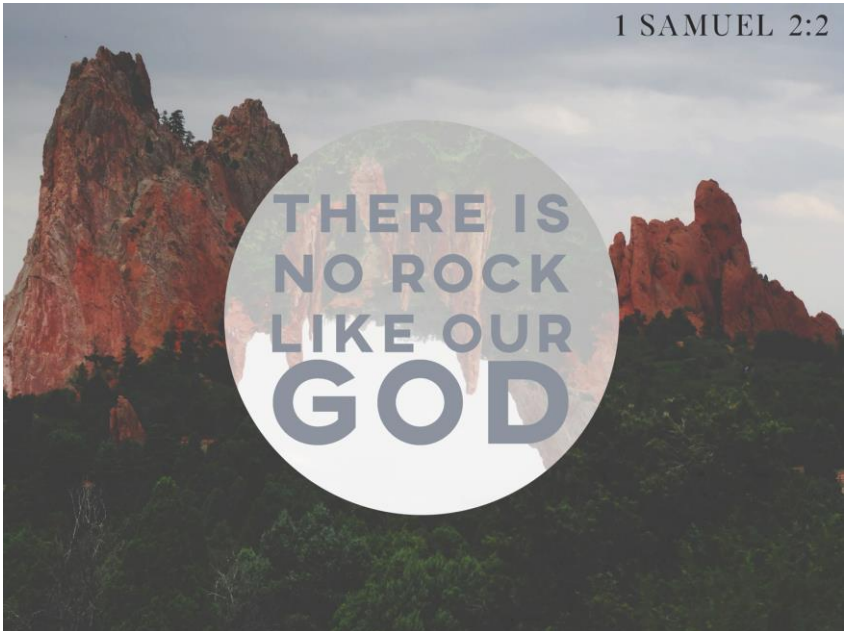
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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

January 14, 2024



**What Does God
Care About?**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:1-14)

Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; **the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

SONG OF DEVOTION

Winner Banissan

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God, we have come to worship you as sinners in need of your forgiveness. We come tired from our work, in need of refreshment and re-creation. We come with worries, in need of your guidance. But first, please lift us out of our preoccupation with our own needs. Allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with the ears of understanding what you say to us. Amen.

- GREETING
- SONGS OF PRAISE

*Step By Step
Good, Good Father*

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Unison: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 32:1-2)

Hear the word of the Lord. Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but

*deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever, amen.*

HYMN

#433 *Rise Up, O Church of God*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

- *Doxology*
- *And Blessing (remain standing and hold hands)*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (p.420)

SERMON: "What Does God Care About?"
Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#562 *Be Thou My Vision*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- **BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

Joys and Concerns

- **Dave Hopp**, Mary Hemming & Marlene Snyder's brother, recovering from bypass surgery
- **The Perry community**, in their shock and sorrow
- **Deb Williams**, thumb surgery postponed to Tuesday

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Jean Bower, Carissa King, Oliver Young, Marla Grossman, Linda Kauffman, Joyce Anderegg, Mike Sanderson, Reese Buschbom, Steve Anderegg, Tedra Henze, Caroline Kauffman, Sue Pelong** – Bert Tice's sister, **Barb Wollam, Christy Hardacre** - Carolyn Wilkinson's daughter, **Mercedes Love, Yasuyo Smith, Reena Pearson, Sophie Attiogbe** continued recovery
- Peace in **Israel/Palestine, South Sudan, Ukraine**, and throughout the world
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Lori Adams**, her ministry with student-athletes and college students in Ames

Please pray for everyone on our list. Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. We'd rather get several calls than none.

Phone the church at 753-5929 or e-mail Bryan@fpcmarshalltown.org

Please let us know if you'd like the **prayer chain** activated.

Worship Leader today: Angie Pietig

Next Sunday: Richie Ritter

Greeters today: Chuck & Karen Colwell

Next Sunday: Hank & Bonnie Bradbury

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Paul & Karin Podhajsky

Next Sunday: Barb McBride & Terri Rottink

Fellowship Hosts: Diane Broshar

Next Sunday: Barb & Dick McBride

Nursery today: Madi Stull & Larissa Kunz

Next Sunday: Madi Stull & Megan Turbiville

Cup Washers today: Diane Broshar

Next Sunday: Roger & Karen Schoell

Donuts today: Marlene Snyder

Next Sunday: Jacob Jorgensen

AV today: Steve Anderson

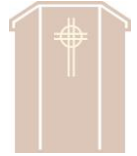
Next Sunday: Bill Lawyer

Announcements

Altar flowers today are sponsored by Jim & Bonnie Grimmus in celebration of the new year.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is First Presbyterian Church – Maxwell and CRE Adrian McMullen.

There will be a **called congregational meeting** at 10:00 AM following worship today for the purpose of voting to call Ben DeBoer as our associate pastor. This meeting will also be available, including the ability to vote anonymously, at the following Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81742930163?pwd=cmdVclc rZVF6azFYdGsyNHphOGpCQT09>



The 2023 Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church will be held **January 21, 2024**, immediately following worship in person and via Zoom.

Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.

The altar flower calendar is open for 2024! Flowers will remain \$26.75 per bouquet or \$53.50 for both. You may sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall, on the poster in the Narthex, or by calling the church office.



The Chili Cook-off is next Sunday, January 21st. This is your chance to sample some great chilis and sit down to a soup lunch with friends beginning @ 11:15 a.m. A free will offering will be collected for the youth mission trip to Oklahoma City. Sign up in the Narthex to enter the competition.

Save the date for the IF:Gathering women's conference. We will once again be hosting the IF Gathering for women in our church and community. This will be Friday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 24th. Please mark it on your calendar and think of a friend you would like to invite. If you would like to help out with anything or have questions, please contact Larissa.

Calendar for This Week Jan. 14 – 21, 2024

SUNDAY

- 8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room
- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting
- 10:15 AM Sunday School – all ages

MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Missions Committee

TUESDAY

- 9:00 AM Sarah Circle – Lower Lounge
- 6:00 PM Deacons – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Session – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Choir
- 8:30 PM Praise Team

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Flapjacks – Embers
- 2:00 PM FPC serves @ House of Compassion

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 7:30 AM Men's Group – Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room
- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Annual Meeting - Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Sunday School – all ages
- 11:15 AM Chili Cook-off

Members in mission, making a difference

Pastor
Interim Director of Youth Discipleship
Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Organist
Pianist
Custodian
Nursery

Rev. Bryan Kunz
Carissa King
Michelle Wilkinson
Wynona Anderson
Marsha Bristley
Debbie Armstrong
Madi Stull

Session Elders

Steve Anderson
Tedra Henze
Valerie King
Anna Randall
Roger Schoell
Ross Turbiville

Greg Brown
Ashley Johnson
Tracy Ostrem
Michelle Ritter
John Simpson
Lee Wilkinson

Deacons

Wynona Anderson
Larry & Judy Erion
Jim Grimmus
Pat & Nancy Kremer
Paul & Karin Podhajsky
Karen Schoell
Marlene Snyder

Doug & Jinita Boyd
Ruth Feld
Pat & Mary Hemming
Barb McBride
Terri Rottink
Lisa Simpson

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Church activities may be video recorded and livestreamed online.

