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9:00 a.m.

December 10, 2023



PEACE

PEACE I leave with you ...
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

*Like Him in
His Glory*

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

arr. C. Berry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

At Christmas Jesus came as a baby.

Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

He came to be like us because he loves us.

Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

He came to save us from our sin.

Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

He died, rose from the dead, and lives in heaven. He will come again because he loves us.

Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

We praise Jesus, who came as a baby and will come again at the end of time.

Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

SONG OF DEVOTION

Advent Peace Canon

("Dona nobis pacem" = Grant us peace)

Chancel Choir

J. Pachelbel

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God, you made this whole world and you made us to live in it. In Jesus, you even became a person like us to show us the way back to you. Help us to know Jesus today as we sing and pray and listen; through Jesus, we pray. Amen.

- **GREETING**
- **SONGS OF PRAISE**

Revelation Song

You've Already Won

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Romans 8:39)

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Jesus, it is hard to forgive people when they hurt us and our friends. We want to hit back—and sometimes we do. But you teach us to love our enemies no matter what they do.

Forgive us, Lord Jesus, when we do not forgive others. Help us to understand why people hurt others, and let our hearts be filled with love for them. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace. Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

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

#258 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *The Coventry Carol*

arr. J. Southbridge

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:1-10

(p. 1834)

SERMON: “Like Him in His Glory”

Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#370 *Rejoice the Lord is King*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

- BENEDICTION
- ORGAN RESPONSE
- POSTLUDE

Joys and Concerns

- **Marla Grossman**, dealing with shingles
- **Linda Kauffman**, recovering from surgery

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Oliver Ni, 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 Attigbe** continued recovery
- Peace in **Israel/Palestine, South Sudan, Ukraine**, and throughout the world
- The continued search for an **Associate Pastor**
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Orphan Grain Train**, their mission to share resources and bring Christ's name and character to needy people near and far

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: Craig Henze

Greeters today: Robin Harrison

Next Sunday: Roger & Karen Schoell

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Karen Schoell & Marlene Snyder

Next Sunday: Doug & Jinita Boyd

Fellowship Hosts: Don & Ruth Feld

Next Sunday: Jackie Hughes

Nursery today: Madi Stull & _____

Next Sunday: Madi Stull & Megan Turbiville

Cup Washers today: Don & Ruth Feld

Next Sunday: Michelle Wilkinson

Donuts today: Greg & Suzanne Brown

Next Sunday: Lee & Michelle Wilkinson

AV today: Steve Anderson

Next Sunday: Bill Lawyer

Announcements

Altar flowers today are poinsettias for Advent.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is **Grand Ji Vante** (formerly the Presbyterian Village), and Diane Martin, chaplain.

CHRISTMAS



PROGRAM

The children's Christmas program, *Shepherds, Sheep & a Savior*, is TODAY at 10:30 a.m. following worship. M&I will be serving dinner following the program. Please stay to watch our kids tell this important story and join everyone for the meal and fellowship to celebrate this time of year.

There will be a **called congregational meeting** next Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders and deacons.

There is **prayer before worship at 8:40 a.m.** each Sunday in the Narthex conference room. Everyone is welcome.



If you will be alone on Christmas, Pastor Bryan and Larissa invite you to join them for a special lunch on **Sunday, December 24th at 11:15 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Please let them know if you are coming.

The Alternative Gift Fair is underway and will be in the narthex after worship through next Sunday, December 17. The gift list is in the bulletin. When you make your choice, you will be given a gift card and a descriptive insert to give to your loved one.

M&I is planning a trip to Des Moines for an **Iowa Wolves basketball** game on Sunday, January 14, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for the game are from \$21-\$33. There will be a sign-up in the narthex next week. If we have enough interest, we'll buy some tickets and go have some fun together! Any questions, ask Jackie.

There will be a Hymn Sing next Sunday, December 17th @ 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.



If you took an ornament and are purchasing a gift for the families the church is helping this Christmas, please bring the unwrapped gift, *with the tag you took attached*, back to church by **Sunday, December 17th**. A box to put them in will be in the Narthex.

Calendar for This Week Dec. 10 – 17, 2023

SUNDAY

- 8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room
- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Christmas Program
- 11:15 AM Dinner
- 5:30 PM All Youth Christmas Party

MONDAY

TUESDAY

- 5:30 PM A & P
- 7:00 PM Property

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Flapjacks – Lower Lounge
- 9:30 AM Elizabeth Circle @ Bonnie Bradbury's

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 Congregational Meeting
- 10:15 AM Sunday school – all ages
- 3:00 PM Hymn Sing

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
Terry Buzbee
Don Feld
Ashley Johnson
Roger Schoell
Lee Wilkinson

Greg Brown
Doug Cooper
Tedra Henze
Tracy Ostrem
Ross Turbiville

Deacons

Doug & Jinita Boyd
Ruth Feld
Jackie Hughes
Barb McBride
Paul & Karin Podhajsky
Karen Schoell
Roberta Tice

Larry & Judy Erion
Jim Grimmus
Pat & Nancy Kremer
Keith & Diane Oleson
Terri Rottink
Marlene Snyder

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Church activities may be video recorded and livestreamed online.



ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

As Christmas shopping time approaches, do you sigh and think, “What am I going to get for Sister Sue (brother Bob, Aunt Anne, Grandpa, etc.)? It seems they don’t need or want anything, but yet, I want them to know I care about them.”

This year, how about giving a gift with real meaning? While most of us have more than enough material goods, far too many around the world struggle each day to have just enough to survive. At the Alternative Gift Fair presented by Sarah Circle, you can “purchase a gift” in the name of your loved one through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog or Jonathan's House for Orphans.

On Sundays starting November 19, 2023, thru December 17, 2023, a shopping table will be set up in the Narthex. On the back of this sheet is a list of available items or a general monetary gift may be given. You will receive a gift card with an insert about the gift you chose. This can then be given to your special person.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

Choices for Presbyterian Giving Catalog

	Cost/ Item	Qty. Ordered
Farm tools	\$10	
Family of chickens	\$25	
Jerry cans - 10	\$25	
Kitchen kit for cooking & serving	\$25	
Tree saplings – 90	\$30	
Piglet	\$40	
Water filter	\$50	
Sewing machine	\$50	
Fishing kit (net, line, & radar)	\$75	
Teacher training	\$85	
Manual water drill	\$115	
Whole farm – chickens, goats, pigs, cow, seeds, tools & training	\$1,300	

Choices for Jonathan's House for Orphans

Seed for crops (pinto beans, garbanzo beans)	\$7	
Baby formula	\$10	
Medicine for the medical clinic	\$10	
Drinking water filters for the village	\$19	
1000 children's chewable vitamins	\$28	
Plumpynut for a child for one month	\$30	
100 Lunches for children	\$44	
School lunch for all 426 students for a day	\$187	
Donation toward laptops, in any amount	\$	
Give to the greatest need, in any amount	\$	
	Total	

Please make checks payable to: Sarah Circle

Receipt available upon request.

*The poinsettias that dressed the
chancel were given by...*



Steve & Wynona Anderson in celebration of Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords (2).

The Ankrum Family in loving memory of Marlys & Marvin Ankrum.

Matt & Diane Broshar in loving memory of Robert & Joyce Broshar and Robert Bowlin (2).

Mitch, Michelle, Isaac, & Caleb Brown in loving memory of Michelle's parents, John & Rhonda Griffith (2).

Doug & Margaret Cooper in loving memory of Jacqueline Cooper and Carl & Norma Fehrle (2).

Norm & Shirley Egli in celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jan Faber & family in celebration of our Savior's birth.

Josh, Allison, Pearl, & Vera Grosvenor in loving memory of Wells Grosvenor.

Pat & Mary Hemming in celebration of the upcoming wedding of our daughter, Dr. Sarah Hemming-Meyer, and Dan Fog.

The Ed Jackson family in loving memory of Mary Lou Jackson (2).

Ron & Linda Kauffman in loving memory of Roger McGrew and Sherry Runge.

Valerie & Rich King in loving memory of Valerie's sister, Melanie.

Nancy & Pat Kremer in loving memory of Rita Nesland, Nancy's dear sister, who we miss very much.

Rich & Arlene Lange in honor of their family.

Bill & Susan Lawyer in celebration of all God's blessings.

The McKibben Family in loving memory of Richard McKibben and Kathryn Dull.

Laverne Paul in loving memory of Deb Paul (2).

Harlan & Marcia Quick in loving memory of Bill and daughter Marci Harrison, Evar & Margaret Anderson, and Stanley & Helen Quick.

Andy, Anna, Owen, and Charlie Randall in loving memory of Theresa Randall and Wells Grosvenor (2).

Fred Rinnan in loving memory of his wife, Lola, and his dad, Harold, and mother, Valeria.

Larry & Barb Schrum in loving memory of our parents (2).

John & Lisa Simpson in loving memory of Jim Leonard, Lisa's father.

Fran & Ken Smith, Marilyn & Mike Sanderson, and Robin Harrison in loving memory of Harm & Fanna Roskamp, Maurice & Pearl Forbes, Paul L. Forbes, Sr., and Michael Faron Sanderson.

Fran & Ken Smith and the Harrison families of Robin, Greg, Tony, and Jason in loving memory of Willis D. Harrison, Joel Harrison, R. Elizabeth Harrison, Herbert C. Harrison, Barry Norris, Betty J. Harrison, Joan Harrison, and Robert Tichy.

Marlene Snyder in celebration of the wonderful family at First Presbyterian Church.

Meg Sponseller in loving memory of Lou Sponseller and Vince & Jean McCowen (2).

Steve & Doris Strand in celebration of Jesus' birth.

Matt & Mindy Tullis in celebration of our Lord Jesus.

Vickie Unferth in loving memory of Lester and Arlene Unferth.

Lee & Michelle Wilkinson & Family in loving memory of Mark Wubben, LeRoy Wubben, Ralph Wilkinson, June Balch & Al Balch (2).

The **Wirin Family** in celebration of the birth of our Lord & Savior (2).