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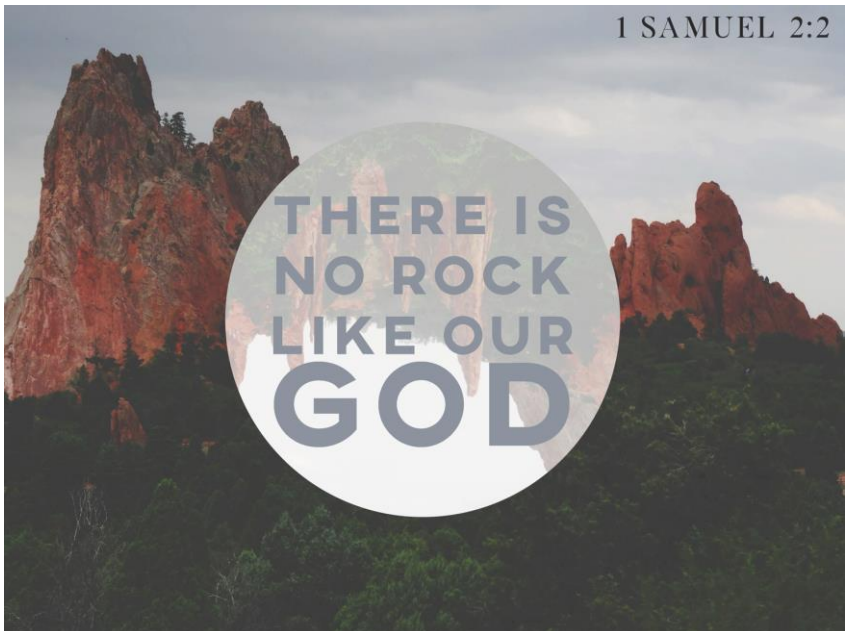
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9:00 a.m.



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January 21, 2024



**How God Brings
Light in the Darkness**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Dan Forrest

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 62:5-8)

Leader: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

People: Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

SONG OF DEVOTION

O Worship the King

Chancel Choir

J. Martin

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you. Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

King of My Heart

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 (Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11,)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 145:13-14)

Hear the good news! The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

#401 *The Church's One Foundation* (v. 1 - 3)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd*

arr. T. McKibben

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

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 2:12-26 (p. 421)

SERMON: “How God Brings Light in the Darkness”
Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#560 *More About Jesus* (v.1, 2, & 4)

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Joys and Concerns

- **LaVerne Paul**, recovering from a mild stroke
- **The family of Steve Anderegg**, who died 1/14/2024
- **Nancy Diggins**, on hospice care
- **Dave Hopp**, Mary Hemming & Marlene Snyder's brother, recovering from bypass surgery at home
- **Deb Williams**, recovering from thumb surgery

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Jean Bower, Carissa King, Marla Grossman, Linda Kauffman, Joyce Anderegg, Mike Sanderson, Reese Buschbom, Tedra Henze, Sue Pelong** – Bert Tice's sister, **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
- **Jonathan's House**, their ministry to orphans and children in Central African Republic

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: Richie Ritter

Next Sunday: Matt Broshar

Greeters today: Hank & Bonnie Bradbury

Next Sunday: Diane Welch

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Barb McBride & Terri Rottink

Next Sunday: Larry & Judy Erion

Fellowship Hosts: Barb & Dick McBride

Next Sunday: Don & Ruth Feld

Nursery today: Madi Stull & Megan Turbiville

Next Sunday: Madi Stull & Barb Hawkins

Cup Washers today: Roger & Karen Schoell

Next Sunday: Don & Ruth Feld

Donuts today: Jacob Jorgensen

Next Sunday: Susan Hibbs

AV today: Bill Lawyer

Next Sunday: Diane Broshar

Announcements

Altar flowers today are sponsored by Robin Harrison in celebration of the Ken & Fran Smith's 18th wedding anniversary.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is Salem Presbyterian Church – Lincoln and Rev. Gary Catterson and Rev. Brad Braley.

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

Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.



The Chili Cook-off is today beginning @ 11:15 a.m. A free will offering will be collected for the youth mission trip to Oklahoma City.

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.

We made the decision to cancel our RightNow Media subscription. It has been a great thing, but few people have been using it recently. If you are adversely affected by this decision, please let us know and we will see how we can help.



I have created a short survey to get a better sense of what our congregation needs in regard to curriculum and discipleship resources. It is anonymous and designed for all those who are a part of this church!

Please take a few minutes to scan the QR code and reflect on where you would like to see us grow together this year. There will be printed copies available for any that would prefer to take it that way. -- Carissa King

Calendar for This Week Jan. 21 – 28, 2024

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM CE Committee
- 7:00 PM Property Committee

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Flapjacks – Lower Lounge
- 1:30 PM Memorials & Special Gifts – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room
- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School – all ages
- 5:30 PM Youth Night
HS Youth

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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