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9:00 a.m.

January 7, 2024



The Great Banquet

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19:1-4, 7-9)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

SONG OF DEVOTION

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you spoke your Word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that Word again so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

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

*Same God
Better is One Day*

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on John 3:19)

During this Christmas season, we continue to celebrate Jesus coming into the world He is the light who has come into the

world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Ezekiel 36:25-26)

Hear the good news! "I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

HYMN

#293 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:16-24 (p.1622)

SERMON: “The Great Banquet”

Ben DeBoer

- **COMMUNION HYMN**

#460 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

- **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostle’s Creed

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#549 *Higher Ground* (v. 1, 2, & 4)

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Joys and Concerns

- **The Perry community**, in their shock and sorrow
- **Deb Williams**, having thumb surgery on Monday
- **Jean Bower**, recuperating at Grandview

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **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 Attigbe** continued recovery
- Peace in **Israel/Palestine, South Sudan, Ukraine**, and throughout the world
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **House of Compassion**, their mission to reach out with the love of Christ in Marshalltown

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: Valerie King

Next Sunday: Angie Pietig

Greeters today: Diane & Keith Oleson

Next Sunday: Chuck & Karen Colwell

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Diane & Keith Oleson

Next Sunday: Paul & Karin Podhajsky

Fellowship Hosts: _____

Next Sunday: _____

Nursery today: Madi Stull & Megan Turbiville

Next Sunday: Madi Stull & Larissa Kunz

Cup Washers today: Jacob Jorgensen

Next Sunday: _____

Donuts today: Jim & Bonnie Grimmus

Next Sunday: Marlene Snyder

AV today: Diane Broshar

Next Sunday: Steve Anderson

Announcements

Altar flowers today are sponsored by Dick & Barb McBride in celebration of our nine grandchildren.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is Presbyterian Mission Agency and deployed mission workers.



We welcome **associate pastor candidate Ben DeBoer** to the pulpit today. Pastor Bryan will have a conversation with him during adult Sunday school. Church members will have the opportunity to vote to call Ben as our associate pastor the following Sunday, January 14, 2024, during the congregational meeting called for that purpose. This meeting will also be available on Zoom.

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 due to Michelle TODAY.



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.

Like everything else, the cost of donuts has gone up. Donuts will be \$50 in 2024.



Do you have something you want to share with your family? 'News from the Pews' bulletin board in the narthex is there for you to share.



The Chili Cook-off is 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.

Calendar for This Week Jan. 7 - 14, 2024

SUNDAY

- Ben DeBoer here
- 8:40 AM Prayer – Conference Room
- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School – all ages
- 11:30 AM Session luncheon w/ the DeBoers

MONDAY

- 6:00 PM M& I Committee
- 7:00 PM Missions Committee

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 Elizabeth Circle – Lower Lounge

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 - Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School – all ages

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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