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9:00 a.m.

December 3, 2023

HOPE

I wait for the LORD,
my soul doth wait, and
in his word do I HOPE.

PSALM 130:5; KJV

A Cosmic Hope

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *And the Glory of the Lord*

G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 85:7-13)

Leader: Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,

People: and grant us your salvation.

Listen to what the Lord our God says:

He promises peace to his people, who are his beloved saints.

The Lord will indeed give what is good.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship. May we see God's face and so know peace.

Amen.

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son, Jesus Christ, at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

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

Here I Am to Worship

O Come to the Altar

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God in silent prayer.

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SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated

darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

Unison: Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (based on Mal. 3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. The messenger of the Lord has come in Christ. In Christ, we present offerings to the Lord in righteousness! Thanks be to God for his lavish grace!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

#244 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

(v.1)

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

#245 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *Now the Green Blade Riseth* Medieval French carol

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 65:17-25 (p. 1164)

SERMON: “A Cosmic Hope ”

Pastor Bryan Kunz

• **COMMUNION HYMN**

#462 *Come, Share the Lord*

• **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#249 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Joys and Concerns

- **Linda Kauffman**, recovering from surgery
- **Oliver Ni**, Tasia King's fiancé, recovering from surgery

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **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, **Sheryl Good** - Sue Bryant's sister-in-law, **Mercedes Love, Yasuyo Smith, Barry Bryant, Reena Pearson, Sophie Attiogbe** 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
- **Cobbie & Dessa Palm**, their ministry in the Philippines

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: Kurt Lynch

Next Sunday: Angie Pietig

Greeters today: Marie Rives & Barb Hawkins

Next Sunday: Robin Harrison

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Larry & Judy Erion

Next Sunday: Karen Schoell & Marlene Snyder

Fellowship Hosts: Mitch & Michelle Brown Family

Next Sunday: Don & Ruth Feld

Nursery today: Madi Stull & Megan Turbiville

Next Sunday: Madi Stull & _____

Cup Washers today: Mitch & Michelle Brown Family

Next Sunday: Don & Ruth Feld

Donuts today: Roger & Karen Schoell

Next Sunday: Greg & Suzanne Brown

AV today: Diane Broshar

Next Sunday: Steve Anderson

Announcements

Altar flowers today are poinsettias for Advent.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is **St. Paul's Presbyterian Church**, Washburn, and Rev. Dr. Clemens Bartollas.

There will be a **called congregational meeting** 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.

There is a basket in the Narthex to **collect gift cards** to help the latest family from Ukraine to arrive in Marshalltown. United for Ukraine is asking for Walmart, HyVee, Casey's, and KwikStar gift cards of any amount. Cards may also be brought to the church office. Please include the receipt or gift receipt if possible.

Soup & Sing is this Wednesday--December 6 beginning @ 5:15 p.m! Please plan on joining us for some fellowship, sharing time this season with those who are homebound, and some good food. There is a sign-up in the Narthex if you would like to contribute needed items or you have a favorite soup you would like to make. You don't have to be a singer -- just come for an evening of fellowship!



CHRISTMAS



PROGRAM

The children's Christmas program, *Shepherds, Sheep & a Savior*, will be next Sunday, December 10th 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.

The Alternative Gift Fair is underway and will be in the narthex after worship through 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.

Messiah performance is this afternoon at First United Methodist Church @ 3:00 p.m. All are welcome. Free will offering.

Calendar for This Week Dec. 3 – 10, 2023

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

- 5:45 PM Worship & Music Comm. – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Missions & Evangelism Comm. - LL

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

- 5:15 PM Soup & Sing
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Choir
- 8:30 PM Praise Team

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Flapjacks – Lower Lounge

FRIDAY

- 4:00 PM Christmas Program Practice

SATURDAY

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

NEXT 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

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.