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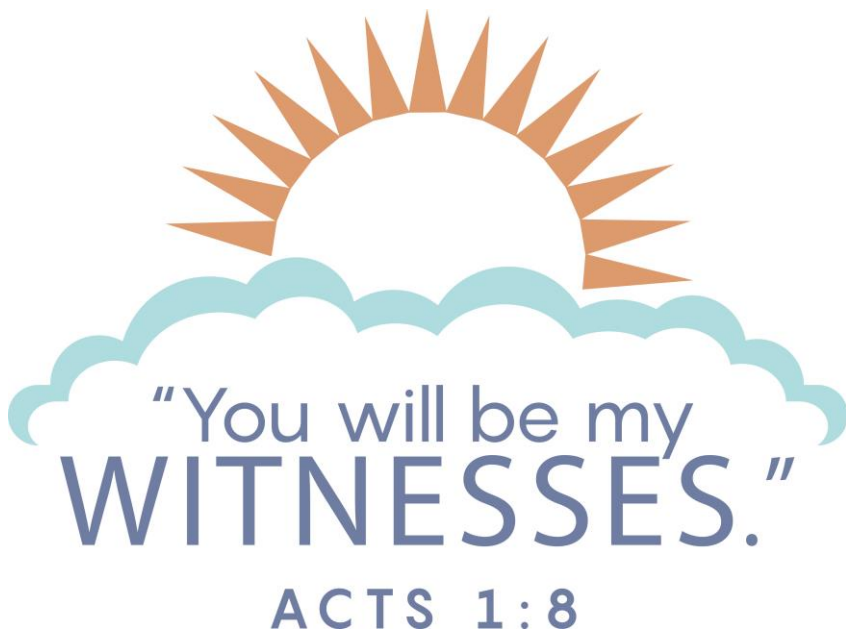
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Phone 641-753-5929

9:00 a.m.

August 20, 2023



**God's Grace in
Human Struggles**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations and
Send the Light* H. Nichol

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us— so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

People: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAAYER OF INVOCATION

Christ, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us up on your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our hearts, that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our mouths, that we may be alive with faith and joy. Make us fresh again! Amen

- GREETING
- SONGS OF PRAISE

*Death Was Arrested
Goodness of God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Unison: Gracious God, you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your children. Yet, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction and that we often give into their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose life, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 5:1-2)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

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

#444 *I Love to Tell the Story*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* A.L. Peace

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 13:13-52 (p. 1714)

SERMON: “God’s Grace in Human Struggles”
Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#560 *More About Jesus*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Joys and Concerns

- **Marlene Snyder**, who fractured her pelvis this week
- Those who are mourning and rebuilding following the wildfires in Hawaii
- **The family of Jacob Weuve**, who was killed 8/8/2023
- **Garry Rottink**, recovering from surgery
- **Daryl Wilmott**, Sue Turbiville's mother, who is recovering from a bowel obstruction.

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Sue Pelong** – Bert Tice's sister, **Barb Wollam**, **Christy Hardacre** - Carolyn Wilkinson's daughter, **Sheryl Good** - Sue Bryant's sister-in-law, **John Griffith** - Michelle Brown's father, **Mercedes Love**, **Yasuyo Smith**, **Barry Bryant**, **Reena Pearson**, **Sophie Attiogbe** continued recovery
- Peace in **South Sudan**, **Ukraine**, and throughout the world
- The continued search for an **Associate Pastor**
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, their work to bring hope from chaos in Hawaii and other places with natural and man-made disasters

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: Winner Banissan

Next Sunday: Jan Faber

Greeters today: Hank & Bonnie Bradbury

Next Sunday: Rich & Arlene Lange

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Jackie Hughes & Bert Tice

Next Sunday: Pat & Nancy Kremer

Fellowship Hosts: Pat & Nancy Kremer

Next Sunday: Heather & Naysa Rottink

Nursery today: Deb Williams & Nancy Kremer

Next Sunday: Deb Williams & Barb McBride

Cup Washers today: Pat Kremer

Next Sunday: Rottinks

Donuts today: Brenda Miller

Next Sunday: Jim & Bonnie Grimmus

AV today: Bill Lawyer

Next Sunday: Diane Broshar

Announcements

Altar flowers today are sponsored by Bruce & Bethany Wirin.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is **First Presbyterian Church** – Albion, and CRE Charlie Flick.



The Membership & Involvement Committee

(M&I) is creating a new bulletin board in the Narthex to showcase the events, activities, and accomplishments of church members and their family members. Not everyone is on social media or gets the newspapers where these items might be found, so when you have items you would like to share with our church family there will now be a place to post them. Examples of items you might post are a newspaper article, picture, or a short write up. You can put it up on the bulletin board yourself and make sure the date that you post it is on the back. To make sure we keep the information relevant we would ask that it only be on the board for three weeks. After that time the posting will be taken down and disposed of. If you need the article or photo, make sure you grab it. The M&I committee will check to make sure the material is appropriate and up to date.

Because We Care Fair Carnival

Saturday August 26, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center

Inflatables

Face Painting

Food Trucks

Live Music & more!

All proceeds go for needed supplies at local schools.

Contact unityinourcommunity23@gmail.com for information or to volunteer.

Calendar for This Week August 20 – 27, 2023

SUNDAY

Backpack Blessing
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Adult Sunday school – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

8:30 AM Flapjacks

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

7:30 AM Men's Group – Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM Because We Care Carnival – Civic Center
All-Iowa Presbytery Gathering

NEXT SUNDAY

Camp Report Sunday
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Adult Sunday school – Fellowship Hall



Members in mission, making a difference

Pastor
Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Organist
Pianist
Custodian
Nursery

Rev. Bryan Kunz
Michelle Wilkinson
Wynona Anderson
Marsha Bristley
Debbie Armstrong
Deb Williams

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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