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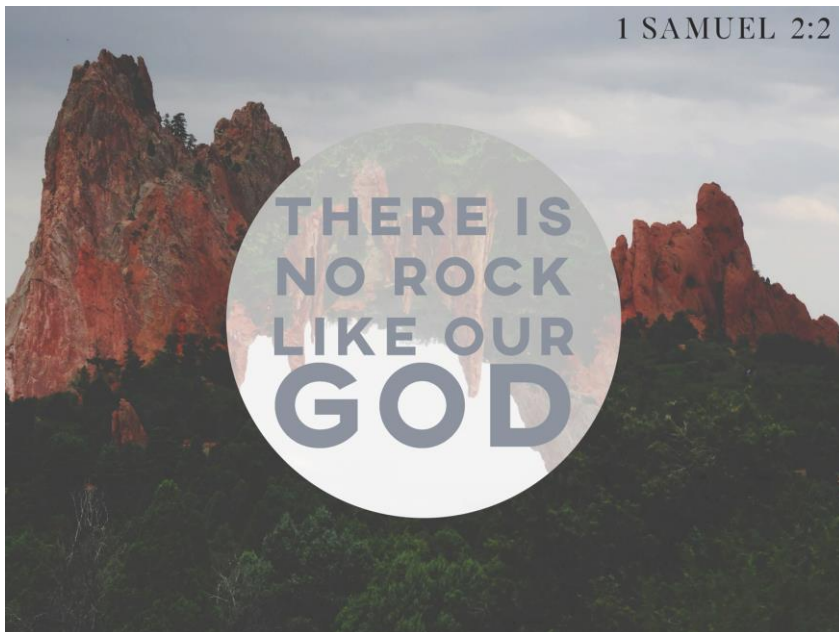
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9:00 a.m.



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February 4, 2024



**Trying to Capture
God**

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 147:1-11)

Leader: Praise the LORD.

People: **How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.

He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, our guide and guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in spirit and in truth. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us. May we worship you not with our lips only at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

- GREETING
- SONGS OF PRAISE

*Your Grace is Enough
Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on 1 John 1:8-9)

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Spare those who confess their faults. Restore us according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 53:4-6)

“Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Believe this gospel and go forth to live in 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

#682 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

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

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Samuel 6:10-20 (p. 427)

SERMON: “Trying to Capture God”

Pastor Bryan Kunz

- **COMMUNION HYMN**

#654 *Change My Heart, O God*

- **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#393 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Joys and Concerns

- **The family of Nancy Diggins**, who died 1/26/2024
- **Jean Bower**, recovering at home

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **LaVerne Paul, 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 Attigbe** continued recovery
- Peace in **Israel/Palestine, South Sudan, Ukraine**, and throughout the world
- **Missionaries** supported by First Presbyterian Church
- **Youth & Shelter Services (YSS)**, their work creating hope and opportunity for children and youth

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: Jackie Hughes

Next Sunday: Thomas Wilkinson

Greeters today: Bill Eilers

Next Sunday: Barb Hawkins

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Karen Schoell & Marlene Snyder

Next Sunday: Doug & Jinita Boyd

Fellowship Hosts: Mitch & Michelle Brown Family

Next Sunday: _____

Nursery today: Madi Stull & Michelle Wilkinson

Next Sunday: Madi Stull & Bethany Wirin & Betsy

Cup Washers today: Jacob Jorgensen

Next Sunday: Rich & Valerie King

Donuts today: Afeafa Eklou

Next Sunday: Jacob Jorgensen

AV today: Diane Broshar

Next Sunday: Steve Anderson

Announcements

Altar flowers today are sponsored by Mick DuBois in loving memory of Susan Kay Thomas, October 17, 1947 – February 5, 2015.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is First Presbyterian Church – LeRoy, MN.

'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner' information and sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. This will be a fun way to eat and get to know church friends.



The IF Conference is February 23-24 at our church. There is a sign-up in the Narthex to donate a dessert, soup, or muffins for the event.

Please volunteer your talents for this great opportunity for women. Also, there is always a need for clean-up on Friday night and Saturday afternoon (after the conference is over).



This Sunday is your last chance to take part in our congregational discipleship survey. Thank you to everyone who has already completed it! The survey is anonymous and designed for all those minutes to reflect on where you would like to see us grow together this year. There are printed copies available in the Narthex, or you can use the QR code. -- Carissa King



Are you a Kansas City Chiefs fan? Do you root for Brock Purdy and the 49ers? On Super Bowl Sunday you will have an opportunity to support your team and one of the missions of the church at the same time. We will be having a food drive for our pantry. Just bring in pantry items any time during the week and put them in the bin for your team. Items will be counted Monday morning.

Calendar for This Week Feb. 4 – 11, 2024

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

MONDAY

- 6:00 PM M & I – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Missions & Evangelism – Lower Lounge

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Flapjacks – Lower Lounge
- 1:30 PM Elizabeth Circle – Lower Lounge
- 6:00 PM Worship & Music

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

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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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Church activities may be video recorded and livestreamed online.



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