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CHRIST THE KING **SUNDAY**



**I WILL EXALT YOU,
MY GOD THE KING;
I WILL PRAISE YOUR
NAME FOR EVER
AND EVER.**

PSALM 145:1, NIV

Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE *O God Beyond All Praising*

Gustav Holst

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:1-7)

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

People: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

SONG OF DEVOTION

A moment to prepare our hearts for worship.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Give us, our Father, a sense of your presence as we gather now for worship. Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness, forgiveness as we remember our sins, and joy as we remember your love. Enable us to lift up our hearts in prayer and praise, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

*Same God
Gratitude*

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Rom. 5:8; Heb. 4:16)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to

help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

Unison: God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (From Psalm 103)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

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

#790 *We Gather Together*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory *O God of Love, O King of Peace* H. Baker/Lasky

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

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 145 (p. 979)

SERMON: “The Way of Thankfulness”
Pastor Bryan Kunz

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

SONG OF RESPONSE

#788 *Now Thank We All Our God*

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Joys and Concerns

- **Oliver Ni**, Tasia King's fiancé, recovering from surgery
- **Tim Rottink**, ill and hospitalized undergoing tests
- **Carter Strand**, on a mission trip to Jonathan's House in CAR
- **Joyce Anderegg**, who is recovering from surgery
- **Linda Kauffman**, who is awaiting a kidney transplant

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **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
- **ChildVoice**, their mission to transform the lives of war-affected children in Uganda and Nigeria

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: Bill Eilers

Greeters today: Steve & Doris Strand

Next Sunday: Marie Rives & Barb Hawkins

Doorman & Greeter: Dave Freel

Deacons today: Barb McBride & Terri Rottink

Next Sunday: Larry & Judy Erion

Fellowship Hosts: Pat & Mary Hemming

Next Sunday: Mitch & Michelle Brown Family

Nursery today: Madi Stull & Jinita Boyd

Next Sunday: Madi Stull & Megan Turbiville

Cup Washers today: Pat & Mary Hemming

Next Sunday: Mitch & Michelle Brown Family

Donuts today: Jacob Jorgensen

Next Sunday: Roger & Karen Schoell

AV today: Diane Broshar

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Announcements

Altar flowers today are sponsored by Meg Sponseller in loving memory of Vince & Jean McCowen.

On the presbytery's prayer list for this week is **East Friesland Presbyterian Church** – Ackley, **First Presbyterian Church** – Steamboat Rock, and CRE Lynn Arends.

There is **prayer before worship** at **8:30 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 coming soon--December 6! 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!!

MISSING! There used to be a black, 8-quart crockpot in the kitchen. If you know of a different place in the church that it is being stored, please let Jackie know. (Hopefully it's not right under our nose and we missed seeing it.)

The Alternative Gift Fair is underway. Many of us have people on our gift list that tell us they don't need or want anything but yet you want to show them that you care. So by choosing something to give in their honor you are showing that you care about them and are caring about an impoverished part of the world. The Fair 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.

The Presbytery of North Central Iowa's **2024 disaster relief trip** will be to Leland, MS, February 4-10th. The surrounding area was hit by an F-4 tornado on March 24, 2023. Many skills will be needed from construction to cooking. If you are interested, please see Michelle for more information.

Calendar for This Week Nov. 26 – Dec. 3, 2023

SUNDAY

8:30 AM Prayer – Conference Room
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday school

MONDAY

6:00 PM M & I Committee

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

8:30 AM Flapjacks – Lower Lounge
1:00 PM Deacons – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

7:30 AM Men's Group – Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

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

I AM
THANKFUL
FOR...

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.