

# First Presbyterian Church



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## *The Miracle of Christmas*

On this first Sunday after Christmas, may we remain joyous and share that joy with everyone around us.

**Large print bulletins** are available and **children's bulletins** are available on the table in the Narthex

- Those who are able are invited to stand.

## PRELUDE

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

### *LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER*

- **INTROIT TO WORSHIP** (hymnal & screen)

#21 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (verses 1 & 5)

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 25:14 to 21 “The Message)

Leader: Friendship with God is for God-worshippers; they are the ones  
He confides in.

**People: If I keep my eyes on GOD, I won't trip over my own feet.**

**Leader:** Look at me and help me! I'm all alone and in big trouble.

**People: Take a hard look at my life of hard labor; then lift this ton  
of sin.**

Leader: Keep watch over me and keep me out of trouble; don't let me  
down when I run to you.

**People: Use all Your skill to put me together; I wait to see Your  
finished product.**

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Lord, we live in a world that doubts Your existence.

People of our day worship the creation rather than the creator.

Help us to understand what You told us through Your Apostle

Peter who said, “Daily expect the Day of God, eager for its  
arrival. The galaxies will burn up and the elements melt down that  
day—but we'll hardly notice. We'll be looking the other way,  
ready for the promised new heavens and the promised new earth,  
all landscaped with righteousness. So, my dear friends, since this  
is what you have to look forward to, do your very best to be found  
living at your best, in purity and peace.”

- **HYMN OF PRAISE** (hymnal & screen)

#300 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

- **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Exodus 33:13-14)

**Unison: And Moses said to the Lord, if You are pleased with me,  
teach me Your ways so I may know You and continue to find favor  
with You. The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I  
will give you rest."**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION** (Psalm 51)

Leader: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely You desire truth in the inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

## **SILENT PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Psalm 51)

**Unison: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Psalm 130:2-4)

Leader: O Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- **GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## **MORNING PRAYERS**

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

The Call

Offertory

• Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

and Blessing (Remain standing and join hands)

# 426 Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1)

*Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.*

*LET US LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD*

## **SCRIPTURE READING** Exodus 33:15-19

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Leader: Then Moses said to him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Then Moses said, "Now show me Your glory."

And the LORD said, "I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim My name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Bradbury Girls

(Children may leave for Children's Church)

**SERMON** "Yes, Virginia, There Is a God" Rev. David Beckmann

### ***LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT***

- **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)  
#258 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
- **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- **ORGAN RESPONSE**
- **POSTLUDE**

## Announcements - December 27, 2009

**Sunday, December 27, there will be only ONE service at 10:30 a.m.** Fellowship time will be before the service at whatever time you would like to come. There will be NO Sunday school that Sunday.

**Sunday, January 3, the regular worship time and Sunday school will resume.**



The flower chart for 2010 is up on the NW wall in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to sponsor the altar flowers for the coming year. We will again be getting the altar flowers from Renner's Flowers. At this point, the cost of the flowers will remain the same as last year at \$32.10.

**The Choir schedule for January 6, will be:**

6:30 bell Choir practice

7:00 Annual Christmas party for both groups. Bring a ridiculous gift and, if you wish, treats to share.

8:00 Choir practice

Training for the new **Deacons and Elders** will be held Wednesday, January 6, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. here at the church. Please plan to attend this important training session if you are a newly elected Deacon or Elder. Notebooks, the Book of Order and Book of Confession will be available for you to pick up at that time.

**Deacons and Elders will be installed** at the 10:30 a.m. worship Service on Sunday, January 10.

The **Annual Meeting** of the **House of Compassion** will be on Sunday, January 17, at 1:30 p.m. We will vote on the budget & proposed new Board members. The House of Compassion is all of our responsibility and as a member of the community we hope to see you on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the House of Compassion. Your input is important.

The Board of Directors

Pray for the **Presbytery Staff** as they start a new year in service to the church: **Rev. David Feltman, General Presbyter; Blake Wood, Stated Clerk; Kaylene Hoskins, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper/Disaster Assistant Coordinator; Vicki Thordsen, Secretary; Lee Nicholas, Treasurer; and Marty McCrea, Volunteer in Mission.**

*The whole world lives in Your love, holy God, and we are Your people. Send us out in faith to tell Your story and to demonstrate Your truth to every race and nation, so that, won by Your powerful Word, the world may join together giving You praise, and living to serve You in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.*

**Altar Flowers: Poinsettias**

**Worship Leader** today: 10:30 a.m.: Craig Henze

**Next Sunday** 8:00 a.m.: \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 a.m.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Greeters** today: 8:00 a.m.: Mike & Brenda Miller  
10:30 a.m.: Richard & Marilyn Edsall

**Next Sunday** 8:00 a.m.: Edith Rankin  
10:30 a.m.: Robert & Georgia Smith

**Deacons** today: Joyce Anderegg & Meg Sponseller  
**Next Sunday:** Carter Strand

**Fellowship Hosts** today: Edith Rankin, Donna Hixson, &  
June McFarland

**Next Sunday:** Orlyn & Doris Langenbau

**Nursery** today: Amy & Jarrett Drummer  
**Next Sunday:** Michelle Wilkinson

**Cup Washers** today: John & Brinda Evans  
**Next Sunday:** Steve Strand & Marcus

**Donuts:** today: Christmas Cookies  
**Next Sunday:** Hazel Nason

**Sound System:** 10:30 a.m.: Doug Boyd

If you need a ride to worship or church activities, contact any Deacon. The list is on the back of the bulletin.

## New Joys and Concerns

- **Martha Hall**, grieving the death of her brother-in-law, Paul Hall of Boone

## Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Nathalie Lynch**, recuperating from neck surgery 12-16-09
- **Dave & Leanne Kilker**, proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, Grace Delight Christensen, born 12-10-09
- **Sharon Vogt**, recuperating from a gash on her head after a fall; and recuperating from a wound on her leg
- **Beth Harrison**, recuperating from back surgery at home
- **Earl Fouts**, at the Villa Del Sol needing strength and encouragement
- **Hazel Nason**, suffering from COPD

Please pray for everyone on our list! Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. Remember, hospitalized members and friends don't always get on the list at the hospital. We'd rather get several calls than none!  
Phone the church at 753-5929  
or e-mail [presmtwn@mchsi.com](mailto:presmtwn@mchsi.com)  
Please let us know if you'd like the **prayer chain** activated.

### The Purpose Statement for First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown

- G Growing in Christ through *worship*.
- R Reaching out in *fellowship*
- A Affirming faith through *discipleship*
- C Caring for the lost through *evangelism*.
- E Embracing others in mission and *ministry*.

*Members in mission, making a difference*

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Richard A. King
Associate Pastor	Rev. Dave Beckmann
Youth Director	Jon Rottink
Volunteer Christian Ed Coordinator	Brent Thiessen
Choir Director	Valerie King
Organist	Wynona Anderson
Assistant Organist	Marla Grossman
Pianist	Cindy Butler
Office Manager	Nancy Diggins
Head Custodian	Yawo Sassouvi
Assistant Custodian	Jan Faber
Nursery Director	Heather Rottink

**Elders**

Doug Bacon	Dr. Dean Baker
Cindy Butler	Shirley Egli
Jean Evans	Bonnie Grimmus
Mary Hemming	Betty Jacobs
Orlyn Langenbau	Bill Moore
Carole Permar	Lyn Rakowicz
Pat Smith	Steve Strand
Stan VanWyk	

**Deacons**

Joyce Anderegg	Donita & Roger Anders
Wynona Anderson	Mary Baker
Marylou Beckmann	Bette Etter
Beth Harrison	Craig & Tedra Henze
Mary Lovig	Georgia & Robert Smith
Meg Sponseller	Carter Strand
Leonard & Jan Stubbs	

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