

- **Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PRELUDE

Break Forth Into Joy

Bach

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Moment of silence to prepare your hearts for worship

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 111)

Leader: Praise the LORD.

People: I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are His deeds, and His righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Leader: He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever-- Holy and awesome is His Name.

People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding. To Him belongs eternal praise.

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Almighty God, Your mighty hands wrought our salvation.

Through the gift of Your Son You have bought back your servants from death. We gather to worship and praise You! In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

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

#277 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

CALL TO CONFESSION (Psalm 32:2-5)

Leader: Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me, my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Let us confess our sins to God in silent prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Holy God, we confess that we are poor laborers for the Gospel. We are so distracted by the things of this world that we fail to see what You would have us do. Forgive us for working for the things that will not last. Redeem our efforts and help us build what will last for eternity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 128:1-6)

Leader: Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, and may you live to see your children's children.

Brothers and sisters in Christ I proclaim to you that you are forgiven!

- **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed***

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

- **GLORIA PATRI**

Glorify 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

Christmas Reflections

Sarah Douglas

• 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 2 Corinthians 5:1-20 NT pg. 1798

SPECIAL MUSIC Christy Sharpshair & Jon Rottink

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:24-27 NT pg. 1526

SERMON "Partners with God" Rev. Dr. Richard A. King

• **COMMUNION HYMN** (hymnal & screen)

281 *What Child Is This?*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.

Partake of the bread as it is served;

Hold the cup to drink together as one body.

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT

• **HYMN OF DEDICATION** (hymnal & screen)

#251 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

• **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

• **ORGAN RESPONSE**

• **POSTLUDE**

Announcements - January 3, 2010

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 17, at 11:30 a.m. Please put this important meeting date on your calendar and plan to attend.

All **Annual Meeting reports** from pastors, committee chairpersons and PWC (including the Treasurer's reports) are due in the church office no later than Sunday, January 10, so the report can be assembled for the meeting.

The church financial report is due by noon on Friday, January 15.

All those who are to write a report have received a copy of last year's report for ideas on what to put in the report. Emailed reports are the most efficient way to get them to the church office. Please be prompt with your reports.



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.

Pray for the **Calvary Presbyterian Church, Barnum, Iowa (Part of the Countryside Ministry)**--Rev. James Davis, Pastor & Bruce Walrod, Commissioned Lay Pastor.

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: 8:00 a.m.: Amy Drummer
10:30 a.m.: Angie Pietig

Next Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Edith Rankin
10:30 a.m.: Jan Faber

Greeters today: 8:00 a.m.: Edith Rankin
10:30 a.m.: Robert & Georgia Smith

Next Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Joe & Shala Ludley
10:30 a.m.: Bill & Linda Moore

Deacons today: Carter Strand
Next Sunday: Beth Harrison/Mary Lovig

Fellowship Hosts today: Orlyn & Doris Langenbau
Next Sunday: Harlan & Marcia Quick

Nursery today: Michelle Wilkinson
Next Sunday: Doris Strand

Cup Washers today: Carter Strand & Marcus
Next Sunday: Kenneth & Leona King

Donuts: today: Hazel Nason
Next Sunday: Steve Strand

Sound System: 10:30 a.m.: Steve Anderson

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

- **Chris Tullis**, having cysts removed from her ovaries 1-8-'10
- **Earl & Mina Fouts**, grieving the death of their nephew, Richard Edgar of Marshalltown 12-30-'09
- **Julie Ulrich**, Heather Rottink's cousin, treatments for a tumor on her liver and bone cancer

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Nathalie Lynch**, recuperating from neck surgery 12-16-09
- **Sharon Vogt**, recuperating from a head wound after a fall; and 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

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	Terry Buzbee
Rollie Freel	Bonnie Grimmus
Michele Hala	Orlyn Langenbau
Darrell Meyer	Bill Moore
Chad Pietig	Carole Permar
Lyn Rakowicz	Roger Schoell
Steve Strand	

Deacons

Joyce Anderegg	Donita & Roger Anders
Wynona Anderson	Marylou Beckmann
Bette Etter	Ruth Hayes
Craig & Tedra Henze	Diane & Marvin Josten
Bert Permar	Gerald Schaudt
Georgia & Robert Smith	Meg Sponseller
Carter Strand	Dorothy Wilson

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