

- Those who are able are invited to stand.

Please prepare your hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 47:6-9)

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

People: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise.

Leader: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His Holy throne.

People: The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

- **INVOCATION**

Leader: Great God in Heaven, come and shine Your light upon us. Let Your word guide our steps and may our lips give You praise. Drive the darkness from our lives and gather us in Your radiance. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

#259 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION (I John 2:7-11)

Leader: Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in Him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

Let us confess our sin in silent prayer so that the Lord might cleanse us from all our sins.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Almighty and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another, in both our actions and our failures to act. We walk in darkness. We confess our fear that we have shrunk from Your glory and our vision has dimmed. We confess that in Jesus Christ our light has come, but we too often have chosen to live in the shadows and ignore Your light. We confess that we have lived in selfishness seeking to build our kingdom instead of Yours. We have put our faith in our own tribes instead of in Your bride. Forgive us for our sins and remove the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (I John 1:5-7)

Leader : This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

• 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 sits 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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.*

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-11, 19-22 OT Pg. 1155

SPECIAL MUSIC

(There is No Children's Church this morning)

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:22-22:5 NT Pg. 1938

MESSAGE "Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come"

Rev. Dr. Richard King

LET US LIVE IN THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT

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

241 *Arise, Shine*

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.

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

#250 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

- **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

- **ORGAN RESPONSE**

- **POSTLUDE**

Pray for **Saratoga Presbyterian Church (Lime Springs)** - Rev. Tim Sir, Stated Supply.

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: The altar flowers from Rick & Pat Smith were given in memory of their parents.

Worship Leader today : 8:00 a.m. Shala Ludley
10:30 a.m.: Pat Kremer

Next Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Edith Rankin
10:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Anderson

Greeters today: 8:00 a.m.: Edith Rankin
10:30 a.m.: Joyce Anderegg & Barb Vovos

Next Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Joe & Shala Ludley
10:30 a.m.: Beth Harrison/Mary Lovig

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

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

Nursery today: Marylou Beckmann
Next Sunday: Traci Hala

Cup Washers today: Jim & Brenda Mosher
Next Sunday: Jim & Brenda Mosher

Donuts: today: Ron & Dorothy Wilson
Next Sunday: Carter & Francis 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

- **Floyd Lynch**, recuperating at home from shunt inserted in head to reduce spinal fluid pressure 12-30-2008

Continuing Joys and Concerns

- **Mina Fouts**, at home recuperating from an infection
- **Mary Hall**, recovering from surgery to repair a perforated colon
- **Bert Permar**, recovering from knee surgery 12-18-08
- **Martha Hall**, multiple fractures in her pelvic area
- **Lucile Dick**, mother of **Renee Fagen**, in Skilled Nursing at MMSC
- **Arlene Lange**, two broken vertebrae with a lot of pain
- **Dorothy Wedgwood** at Southridge Nursing & Rehab Center recuperating from a stroke
- **Eleanor Schaudt**, recuperating at State Center Nursing & Rehab from brain surgery
- **Eunice MacNaughton**, fragile condition
- **Joanie Ziegenbusch-Bohm**, treatments for bone cancer
- **Sharon Vogt**, recuperating from a brain tumor
- **James Boeyink**, grandson of **Bob & Barb Boeyink**, serving with the Marines in Okinawa, Japan
- **George Rolston**, deployed to Baghdad

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*.

The **Arts Concert** featuring Wayne Lu, Hornist and Shelly Devlin, Trumpeter was postponed Saturday December 20, due to weather. It has been rescheduled for **Sunday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.** at Hope United Methodist Church, 2202 South 3rd Ave., Marshalltown, Iowa.

Refreshments will be served following the program. Any free will offerings received will be applied to the installation of a pipe organ. The Second Saturday Arts Festival is sponsored by Hope UM Church. Admission is free.

“Perspectives on the World Christian Movement” is a 15 week course on the ministry of U.S. Center for World Mission. **The course begins next Sunday, January 11, 2009 from 6 - 9 p.m. at E-Free Church, 3111 S. 6th Street.** Each week will have a lesson and speakers. Free childcare is available.

You may register the ‘Enrichment Level’ (class time only); ‘Certificate Level’ (weekly assignments) at a cost of \$220 for either of these levels or ‘Credit’ and receive college credits at a cost of \$420. Talk to Dick McBride with questions or concerns or pick up a pamphlet with additional information.



Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a **mission project to make quilts** for local and foreign needs.

Plan to meet in January and February to help construct the quilts. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Lower Lounge Thursdays, January 15, 22 & 29, Wednesday, February 4 & 11 and Thursdays, February 19, & 26. Plan to bring sewing equipment and a can of soup each week to share.

Donations of washed, cotton material and batting would be appreciated. Questions about the project may be directed to Shala Ludley at 752-6894.



The **Altar Flower sign-up sheet** is ready for people to sign up to sponsor the flowers each Sunday. Please be sure to sign up to provide the beauty of flowers on our altar each Sunday.

The **Annual Meeting of the House of Compassion** will be on Sunday, January 18. It will begin at 2:00 in the dining room at HOC.

This is a good time for everyone to see the new kitchen and participate in the decision making for 2009. Remember the House of Compassion belongs to all of us.

Hope to see you then, if not sooner.

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