

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30a.m.

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalms of Ascent - Psalm 124)

L/ God's power is what enlivens us even if we think it is our own talent or ability. Without God we are nothing.

C/ If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel say, if the Lord had not been on our side our enemies would have swept us away as in a flood!

L/ Trust in the spirit and grow in the gifts the Spirit has given you. Become used to asking and seeking God's will instead of looking to your own desires or plans. This is worship and faith.

C/ Our help comes only from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. Praise be to God!

Hymn of Praise: #82 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Confession

L/ Let us be honest before God and each other, confessing our sins and asking for the mercy of God through Jesus imparted by the Spirit.

All/ We confess that we think of ourselves as the ones in charge of our future. We make plans and we attribute success and failure to our own actions alone. Teach us to see that we participate in Your plan, that we are nothing without You Lord. Teach us to seek Your way and not our own, trusting in the Spirit to lead and guide, equip and call. Forgive our doubt, our pride, our arrogance, and our unwillingness to follow Lord. Remake us into Your people!

L/ You are loved! You are forgiven! You are remade and called to

serve Jesus! For in Jesus there is no condemnation because through Him the law of the Spirit of Life has set us free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8: 2)

Gloria Patri #812

“Special Music”

Reading of Scripture

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 (Page 1773)

Hymn: #139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (*remain seated*)

Sermon: “A Striking Story”

Offertory; Doxology #815
Prayer for Tithes and Offering Deacons

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ Lord, you give us the unwavering call to do justice. You tell us to defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow. To love the foreigner residing among us. To provide for the hungry, thirsty, and naked. To love our enemy. But Lord, it is overwhelming. Do you not know that we are only human?

C/ So Lord, may your Spirit fill us with hope. Remind us that we are good enough for you because of your redemption of us on the cross, so that in all things, we will follow your will, and take up the call to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. (Erica Van Essendelft, 2016, Justice Associate, Christian Reformed Church in North America)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #237 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (*stand if able*)

Ministry Leaders

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Worship Leader: Rick Porter

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

Attendance: 01/17/21: 26
Offering: 01/17/21: \$1570.00
Per Capita for 2021 is \$43.00
Per Capita for 2021 paid: 14

-Birthdays this week: January 30th – Jeanne Gross

-If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Church Office.

-Reminder: Per Capita for 2021 is \$43.00. Also, we've seen a rise in the cost of the Offering Envelopes. Please be aware that the tan envelope in the front of your box is to be used to help offset these costs.

-The Prospect Hill Presbytery has a practice of praying for the churches within the Presbytery. We can be connected to other Presbyterians by following this schedule.

Week of January 24th – First, Manning – Vickie Steffes, Temporary Supply.

-Confirmation will be held on this coming Wednesday, January 27th.

-2021 Directory Deadline: Sunday, January 31st is the deadline for any changes that need to be made in the 2021 Directory. Changes in Church Members family names and listed members, addresses and phone numbers. Please contact the Office and Thank You in advance!

-Newsletter Emailed: Anyone who would like to have their Newsletter emailed to them instead of mailed to them, please contact the Office.

-If you have not received a Tax form about your Tithes and Offerings for the Year 2020. Please call and leave a message with your name and address to Ann McClain at (712) 330-2868. Thank You!

