

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am

Jan. 1, 2023 - Second Sunday of Christmas

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Christmas Candle

Call to Worship: “Psalm 8” (*read responsively, stand if able*)

Hymn of Praise: “We Gather Together” #790 (*remain standing*)

Call to Confession: (*read responsively, remain standing if able*)

Eternal God, before whom we are creatures of the day and children of the hour, we lift our prayers to you as we stand in the shadows of the waning year.

We are aware once more of the fleetingness of time, and the transiency of our being. So much has happened to us during the year so rapidly slipping away, so much of hurt and happiness, of loss and gain, of hope and fear. We did not expect the sorrow that was thrust upon us. We were surprised by the turn of events that changed our lives.

We look back. We remember how different life was a year ago. The slow, quiet erosion of the days has gone on, and we are not quite the same persons as we were, for better or for worse. We have had a whole year to grow in love or to fall out of love, to turn our hands to constructive tasks, or to turn away in idleness. We have had a whole year, and now it is almost gone.

No matter what we have done or failed to do, O Lord, keep us from dwelling on it too much. If we have failed, help us put the failure behind us. If we have done well, help us be glad but not complacent. There are other hills to climb and new hopes to be realized.

We know, O God, you understand our need to look back for a while, wistfully peering at the past. But start us looking forward. We do not know what events are ahead, but we do know you are there, and we are grateful. Amen.

DATES TO REMEMBER: (*continued*)

- **Sun Jan. 8, 2023: Sunday Worship Service**
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am Worship Leader – Al Grigg
- **Tue Jan. 10, 2023: Session Meeting**
First Presbyterian Church – 6:30 pm
- **Wed Jan. 11, 2023: PW Meeting**
First Presbyterian Church – 2:00 pm
- **Sun Jan. 15, 2023: Sunday Worship Service**
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am Worship Leader – Karen Schwaller

Birthdays to Remember this week:

Tony Thorn – January 6th

Keith Byers – January 12th

ATTENTION:

Annual Meeting – Will be held on Sunday, January 22nd, immediately following church service to review the past year’s activities, look ahead to the new year, elect new Elders and Deacons, and install the newly elected leaders.

Thank You - Thanks so much for the blanket and ornament. I surely appreciate it and I shall enjoy. Thank you for thinking of me! - Betty M

December Food Bank: Our monthly community Food Bank in December served 61 families, with a total of 110 people. Serving others; being the hands and feet of Jesus: this is why we are here!

Walkers Welcome – The church is available for walking weekly Tues thru Fri from 8:00 – 10:00 AM thru March. The Fireside room can be used for breaks, cool down, or fellowship. Any weather-related schedule changes will be relayed by way of a call chain.

Sunday thought to Ponder

*The book is called “Opportunity”, and its first chapter is
NEW YEAR’S DAY!*

Edith LoveJoy Pierce - Poet

Prayer of Confession (read responsively, remain standing if able)

L: Dear Lord:

For everything there is a season:

C: And a time for every matter under heaven:

L: A time to be born and a time to die.

C: A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

L: A time to break down, and a time to build up.

C: A time to weep and a time to laugh.

L: A time to keep and a time to throw away.

C: A time to be silent and a time to speak.

L: A time to love and a time to hate.

C: A time for war and a time for peace.

L: God has made everything suitable for its time.

C: God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.

L: God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

C: Whatever God does endures forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 72: 1-20 Pages 908-909 (read responsively)

Gloria Patri # 812

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination "Crown Him Lord of All" # 42 (read responsively)

Reading of Scriptures

New Testament: Revelation 21: 1-6 Page # 1937

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13 Page # 1037

Hymn: "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" # 686

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 25: 31-46 Page #1542

Sermon: "God's Judgement"

Affirmation of Faith: "Praise Him With Your Heart" # 24 (read responsively)

Offertory:

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving: "Shout With Joy To God" # 25

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" # 45 (stand if able)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Music: Denise Lev **Worship Leader:** Al Grigg

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

12/25/22 - Attendance: 21 Regular Offering: \$1353

***Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 - \$48.35; Per Capita 2022 Pd: 23**



From our Presbytery: Pray for the Pastor and Church at Memorial in Cherokee

If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Church Office 712-832-3401

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 8:00 – 11:00 am
For urgent matters outside of office hours contact Church Secretary Marcy Troendle (712) 320-3508



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Thu Jan. 5, 2023: Food Pantry**

First Presbyterian Church – 4:30-6:30 pm

- **Fri Jan. 6, 2023: Epiphany of our Lord**

Epiphany is a **time of revelation**. Jesus revealed himself to the Israelites and the Gentiles as represented by the Wise Men. God doesn't play favorites but receives all whose hearts long for him. May we open our hearts to receive revelation from God this year.