



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)
Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

November 14, 2021
10:00am

**= please rise, whether in body or in spirit*

Thank you for being vaccinated and for wearing your mask to protect our children and immunocompromised.

PRELUDE "Christians We Have Met to Worship" M. HAYES/D. WAGNER

CENTERING Rebecca White Newgren

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Leader: Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.

All: We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.

Leader: Come with joyful expectation.

All: We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.

Leader: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.

***HYMN #611 vs 1,3** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" BEETHOVEN/HODGES
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION Andy Newgren

PRAYER OF CONFESSION◆◆

Divine Provider, We confess we sometimes doubt your provisions for us. When we start scraping the bottom of the barrel, we cut back on sharing with others who have already run out and are hungry or in need. Forgive selfishness and independence that prevents interdependence. Teach us how to work together to solve our impulses that separate us from you and each other. We continue to pray in this silence...

One Minute of Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE AND PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Katy Paterson

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT KFACT

EARLY WORD Rachel Huffman

SONG

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"
Linda Johnson, piano; Valerie Blair, organ

TRAD./ARR. L. SMITH

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

SERMON

"Everflowing Stream"

Rebecca White Newgren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Becky Erbe

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

There are three ways to give of yourself to the church: 1. The obvious, money. There is a basket in the Narthex. You can mail in your offering or click the orange DONATE button top right at secondfirst.org. Text "Give \$__" to 815-335-9911 and follow the instructions. 2. Drop a prayer card in the basket or send your prayer requests to Pastor Becky: becky.erbe@secondfirst.org. 3. Make yourself known to this community or offer your time/talent with a Welcome card or by emailing Rev. Rebecca: rebecca@secondfirst.org.

***SONG OF OFFERING #769 vs 1,3,5**

"For Everyone Born"

S. MURRAY/B MANN

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,

Refrain

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,

Refrain**PRAYER FOR OFFERING****BLESSING AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

W. FISCHER/ARR. J. RANEY

The flowers on the chancel are in Celebration of Jacob Crow (nephew of Josh and Adrian Crow) who is done with his chemo.

The rose on the chancel is in Honor of the birth of Jonah Jesse Stucky. Jonah arrived on Wednesday, November 3. Parents are Madeleine and Ben Stucky.

◆ *Worship Ways*

◆◆ *Prayers for the Season's of God's People, Year B*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Jim Burright, head usher
Wes Hegge, sound
Tim Riddle, van driver

Prayer Requests

Please keep these members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. Additions to the prayer list are always welcome. Prayer requests will be listed for one month. If you would like to remain on longer, please notify the office.

- Continue prayers for Darlene Miller, Jeanne Page, Joyce Pennow, Judy Diehl and family (quarantined for COVID), Greg Makulec, Beckett Krieg (great nephew of Sandy Williams), Shirley (friend of Janet Hendricks), Jill Torgerson's son Wayne Gahl, and family, Dan Truttman, (nephew of Jan Novak), Jacob Crow (nephew of new members Josh and Adrian Crow), Roman Ramirez, Doris Rowald, Marsha Martin, Ron Schaad, Katy Paterson, Barbara Smith (daughter of Alice Pampe), Cathy Toepfer (daughter of Jackie Chamberlain), and Philip & Shirley Davidson.
- And we pray for all those at home and in long-term care facilities, who may not be in worship regularly, but who remain part of our family of faith: Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Norman Fry, Arlene Snap, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Charles Rosche, Lillian Smith, and Betty Haegg.

Haskell Boot Sorting Party *Saturday, November 20, 8:30 am*

As has been our tradition the last few years, SecondFirst Church will be providing boots for all the students at Haskell Elementary School again this year. The boots have been purchased (254 pairs this year), name tags are in the works. We will be holding a boot sorting party starting at 8:30 am in the sanctuary. Boots will be tagged and sorted into classrooms. Please let Deb in the office know if you can participate. We will be following all current church COVID guidelines during this time. I am also looking for someone to drive the van at 11:30 am on that day to deliver the boots to Haskell. Please contact Karen Olson with any questions.

Pop Up Peanuts *Sunday, November 21, 9:30 am*

Please join in ringing! –Peanuts to meet at 9:30 prior to church, in the Sanctuary, for a rehearsal. We will be playing the introit.

Stewardship Sunday is November 21st

Why Do You Go To Church?

If you were asked that question, how might you respond? Some might say through church I am part of a collective body that has the power, through our actions and advocacy, to bend a little quicker and more effectively the arc of the moral universe towards justice than my individual efforts alone. What would you say? Mission Partner KFACT will share news of its ministry as our stewardship season continues.

Two Chances for Pumpkin Bars *Next Sunday, November 21*

Join us on for Pumpkin Bars after worship. If you with us on Sunday, November 21, you can take a bar home with you. If you attend worship via Facebook, come by church beginning at 11:30 am and we will host a drive thru.

Poinsettia Sunday, *December 19*

We will be taking orders for poinsettias through ***Wednesday, December 8***. The cost is \$14.00 and you can call or email Debbie with your order. Please mail your check to the church and note Poinsettia. Please let us know if you want the poinsettia to be in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Special Memorial Service *Sunday, December 12, 5:00 pm*

It is difficult to lose someone you love. It is hard to say goodbye to a dear friend or family member. Due to the COVID, we were not able to say goodbye to friends and family of our church congregation who passed away during the shutdown. We will have an opportunity to say our goodbyes. The service will be filled with words of comfort and beautiful music. Please join us for this special service.

Men's Prayer Breakfast *Tuesday's, 7:00 am in the Dining Room.*

The cost is still \$1.00. Masks required to enter; social distancing is requested (like at a restaurant). We hope to reunite with all former attendees and are looking for others to join for fellowship, breakfast, and prayer. Contact: [Steve Showers](#) Second Congregational / First Presbyterian Church.

Calendar at a Glance November 14-21

Sunday Nov. 14 8:30 AM – Coffee Class* 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School	Wednesday Nov. 17 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:00 PM – Trustees Ministry* 6:00 PM – Martin Ringers	Friday Nov. 19 IL Conference Annual Celebration
Monday Nov. 15 No Serious Soup	Thursday Nov. 18 IL Conference Annual Celebration 9:30 AM – Carillons 1:00 PM Advisory Committee for Overnight Café No Governing Council 6:00 PM – Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal	Saturday Nov. 20 IL Conference Annual Celebration 8:30 AM – Boot Sorting 9:00 AM – Bridge Clinic 10:00 AM – Jubilee Soup Kitchen
Tuesday Nov. 16 IL Conference Annual Celebration 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00 PM–Narrative Bible Study* 5:00 PM – Missions Ministry*		Sunday Nov. 21 Bells 8:30 AM – Coffee Class* 9:30 AM – Peanuts Rehearsal 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:15 AM – Family CE Team 11:30 AM Pumpkin Bars Drive Thru

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Rooted in Love

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

Psalm 1:3a



Leadership Message

by Jim Delmore

"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again - I dwell among the people." - John Henry Newman

I've always liked this quote. For me, one of the ways God seems most real is when I'm around my church friends. These are the ones I see week after week in church, but also people that I work with on church projects, such as repairing the lift, clean-up days, fixing door locks, etc. I've met new friends through Trustees, the Foundation, helping the neighborhood, and being a part of Governing Council. As past moderator, I had the chance to get to meet people I wouldn't have ordinarily talked to.

What's unique about these church friends is that they are different ages and come from different backgrounds. Yet we all have one thing in common: our love for the church and the desire to live out our faith by doing active things for the church. I feel very fortunate to be a part of something bigger than myself where we help others and belong together.

So, as you can tell, the church is very important to me. And I realize that if I want our groups and ministries to continue, I need to give financially to the church. I have found God among the people of SecondFirst Church and it has meant the world to me.

What does the church mean to you? Would you miss SecondFirst Church if it didn't exist? Without you, and you, and you, and me, the church couldn't function. Please be generous so that our missions, our ministries, our staff and our friendships can continue into the future.