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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany — February 5, 2023
Order of Worship — 10:00am

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

Thank you for being vaccinated. Wearing masks is strongly recommended

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" ARR. M. HAYES/D. WAGNER

***WELCOME** Becky Erbe
Leader: May the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Children in grades Pre-K through 5th may leave for Sunday School and will return to their parents/guardians for Communion.

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦** Katy Paterson
Leader: Holy God, we have left our homes and warm beds to be in your presence.
All: We gather in your name to worship and praise you.
Leader: May this first day of the week…
All: be only one of many days in which we sing your praises and worship you.

***HYMN** #65 vs 1-3 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou are mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire, and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION♦♦ David Jones

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE
Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.
Silence is kept

One Minute of silent reflection

ASSURANCE FOR GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

***THE PEACE**
Leader: Peace be with you.
All: And also with you.

***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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Darlene Riddle

ANTHEM "You Are the Salt and the Light" P. CHOPLIN
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-20
Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Which are We? Salt or Light" Becky Erbe

***HYMN** #450 vs 1-4 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking of sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

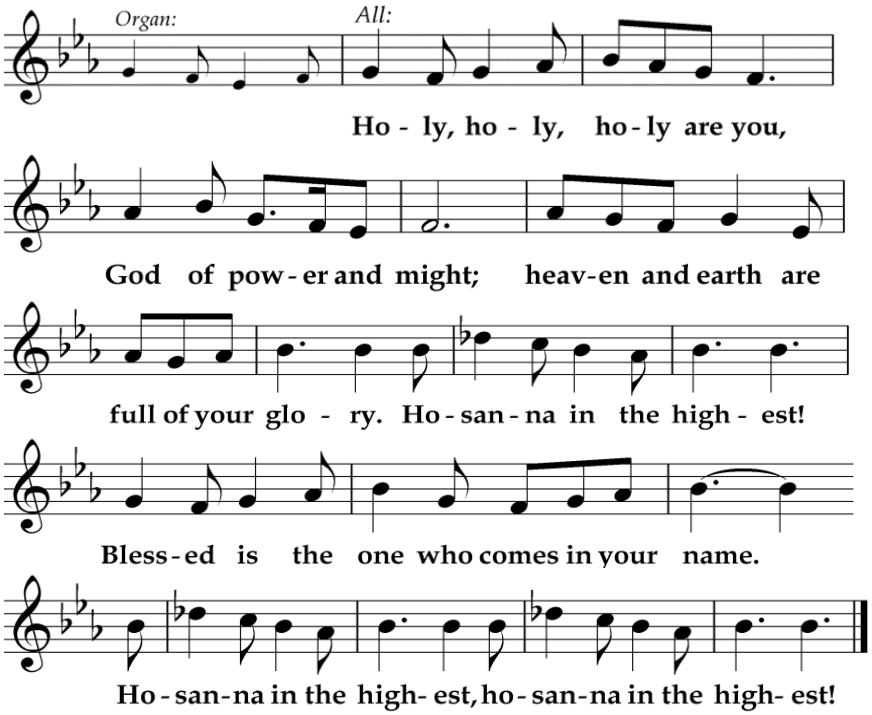
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Becky Erbe, David Jones

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Leader: We offer our thanks and praise, O God, for the glories of creation…
…we on earth sing with them above as we sing together these words.



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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

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE WINE

SHARING THE FEAST

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are all guests at the table, and Jesus himself is our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of Holy Communion is open to all, including children, and not merely members of this congregation or denominations. This is a joyful feast for all the people of God. In order to extend hospitality to more of God's children, the cup is non-alcoholic and the bread is gluten free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Darlene Riddle

There are many ways to give of yourself to the church: The obvious, money. You can mail in your offering or click the orange DONATE button top right at secondfirst.org. Text to give is live! Text Give $__ *to 815-335-9911 and follow the instructions. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Becky: becky.erbe@secondfirst.org.*

SONG OF OFFERING "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" P. SCHOLTES

Sanctuary Choir

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Darlene Riddle

***HYMN# 853** "We Are Marching in the Light of God" SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God….
We are singing….
We are praying….
We are dancing….
We are marching….

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Ellacombe" ARR. V. LABENSKE

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE POSTLUDE

Annual Budget and Foundation Meeting

Please plan to stay after worship Sunday, February 5, 2023 11:15 for the Annual Budget and Foundation Meeting. This meeting will be on Zoom. Please be patient as we switch from Facebook Live to Zoom. It will take 10 minutes or so. Zoom link for Annual Budget Meeting, https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86468415664?pwd=cEFMWkZmanlwRjlRZHlpS1VLVWhWdz09
Meeting ID: 864 6841 5664 Passcode: 100024 +13126266799
Budget Pages http://www.secondfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Budget-Book.pdf

♦*Ministry Matters*
♦♦Written by Rev. Iona Maclean First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, Nova Scotia in *Change is Happening*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Richard Stiltner, choir director
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video
Tim Riddle, van driver

Prayer Requests

- **We offer prayers and sympathy, and support for friends and family of Liz Dickinson, whose Grandson Matthew Bailey, passed away.**
- Continue prayers for Carol Eggleston, Stephanie Cooper, Gerrie Gustafson, Lenore Lund, Winona Beeman (mother of Holly), Julie Cook-Ramirez, Sam Marlow, Cara Keller, Vernon Carter, Don Freedlund, Shirley Barber (mother of Sandy Williams), Dan Truttmann (nephew of Jan Novak), Dustin Eklund, Bill and Becky Kallmann, Beckett Krieg, Katy Paterson, Cathy Toepfer, 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: Shirley Anderson, Arlene Snap, Jeanne Page, Joyce Pennow, Phyllis Seeman, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Charles Rosche, Lillian Smith, and Don Freedlund.

Join the Deacons Fellowship team Sunday, Feb, 12 after church for coffee, brownies and visiting with your church buddies.

Join us for a Valentine Bake-Off Sunday, February 19, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Easy-Bake Oven treats, cookie decorating, crafts, fun, and fellowship! This event will be held in the dining room. RSVP to to aubrey.barnett@secondfirst.org

Lenten Study Tuesday's Starting February 21, 12:00 PM Via Zoom
A Lenten study led by Pastor Becky **"Hard to Dance with the Devil on Your Back"**
Sometimes in life it is difficult to dance during trials and tribulations. To have faith is to find the strength and endurance to Dance.

Let us together find the passion to dance again. There is some homework before each class. Email Pastor Becky if you are interested in attending. We send out materials prior to the class.

The Grace of Les Misérables

Whether you have actually read the 1,462 pages of the novel, seen the Broadway musical, listened to the soundtrack or watched one of the several screen adaptations you already know the power of the story. Through a video series from Matt Rawle, this 6-week Lenten Experience dives into six themes found in the story- grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope-each represented by a character in Hugo's story and our Christian calling. **This Lenten Experience begins Wednesday, March 1**, so you have plenty of time to get caught up with the story. Join us at 6:00 pm for a soup dinner or come to just the class which begins at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Call the office or Pastor Becky if you would like to attend.

The Annual Program of Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, April 30, 11:15 am in person or via zoom.

Calendar at a Glance February 5, 2023-February 12, 2023

Sunday, Feb 5 Budget Meeting 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 11:15 AM – Budget Meeting **Monday, Feb 6** 11:30 AM – Serious Soup	**Tuesday, Feb 7** 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 5:30 PM – Presbytery Meeting 6:00 PM - DVT **Wednesday, Feb 8** 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – Martin Ringers **Thursday, Feb 9** 9:30 AM – Carillons 6:00 PM - Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal	**Friday, Feb 10** No Scheduled Activities **Saturday, Feb 11** 12:00 PM – RUM Meeting **Sunday, Feb 12 Norm Shirk** 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Coffee Hour 11:15 AM – Family CE 2:00 PM – Gun Violence Forum

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