



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

Second Sunday after Epiphany
Order of Worship

January 14, 2024
10:00 am

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

Thank you for being vaccinated. Wearing masks is strongly recommended.

PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

H. Schroeder

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INTROIT

“Let It Be”
Peanut Bells

P. McCartney, arr. S. Hallberg

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Kris Harden

Leader: We've come to worship God,

All: who loved us before we were yet born,

Leader: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

All: whose presence never leaves us,

Leader: and whose love for us never ceases.

All: This is our God. Let's worship together!

***HYMN # 450 vs 1 - 4**

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

CALL TO TRANSFORM◆◆

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Darlene Riddle

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit?

All: Or where could I get away from your presence?

Leader: If I climbed the heavens, you would be there; if I made my bed in Sheol, you would be there.

All: If I were to fly with the morning light and settle at the farthest limits of the sunset,

Leader: even there your hand would lead me,

All; and your right hand would take hold of me.

Leader: If I asked the darkness to cover me,

All: and the light around me to become night,

Leader: even the darkness is not dark to you;

All: the night is as bright as the day, for light and dark are just the same.

Leader: Forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and shape what we shall be;

All: that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

*THE PEACE

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darlene Riddle

ANTHEM

“If With All Your Hearts”
Nicolai Janitzky, baritone

from *Elijah*
F. Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139 1-6; 13-18

Becky Erbe

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Cross Stitch Work”

Becky Erbe

*HYMN # 488 vs 1 - 3

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

WATERLIFE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Darlene Riddle

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

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

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Nicolai Janitzky, baritone

A. Malotte

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION

Darlene Riddle

*HYMN # 741 vs 1 - 6

“Guide My Feet”

GUIDE MY FEET

*BENEDICTION

Becky Erbe

POSTLUDE

“Standing On the Promises”
please remain seated for the postlude

R. Kelso Carter/arr. J. Raney

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Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video
John Maynard, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers **Hayden Hallberg**, Lenore Lund, Jayne Pheiffer, Sharon Ockerlander, Bethany Stiltner, Linda Miller, Kathy Moton, Ann Stites, Katy Paterson, Peter Joachim, Sally Baker, Stephanie Cooper, Beckett Krieg, Philip and 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: Betty Klingensmith, Shirley Anderson, Jeanne Page, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche, Carol Eggleston, and Ruby Beckman.

Serious Soup has been serving an increasing number of people on Mondays. We are in need of donations of saltine crackers, ranch dressing, and Thousand Island dressing. Thank you for your generosity.

Overnight Café has opened.

Our Overnight Café opened on Wednesday, January 3 at 8:00 pm. Returning staff along with new staff are in place. Look for ways to volunteer and donate on the sign-up sheets posted on easels in the South Narthex. Please keep your meals simple; single course easy to eat items like soup, pasta, tacos, and bar-b-que go over really well with our guests. Clothing items; Hoodies, sweatpants, snowblowing gloves and boots.

Mission Ministry Field Trip 2.0! Join members of the Mission Ministry Team in visiting Brooke Road United Methodist Church on Thurs, Jan 18, 10am. Brooke Road UMC has developed a community center in their space. Come check it out and maybe our visit will spur some creative ideas for our Town Hall meeting on Jan 21st! Contact Karen Hill, call/text 815-742-0873 if you are interested!

Town Hall Meeting Join us January 21 after worship for a Town Hall meeting. Some of the items we will talk about is where do we go now? What creative ways can we decrease costs and build revenue. All opinions and inputs are important. The meeting will be in the dining room. Coffee will be served and there will be a link listed in the worship bulletin online for those who would like to join via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89845302115?pwd=RzFvaUNTRmZqMkpqUIVUQ3BsVVdEUT09>

Week at a Glance January 14, 2024 – January 21, 2024

<p>Sunday, January 14 Peanut/Special Guest 8:00: AM – Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p> <p>Monday, January 15 11:30 AM – Serious Soup</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 16 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 12:00 PM – Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday, January 17 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – Trustees 6:00 PM – Martins</p> <p>Thursday, January 18 9:30 AM – Carillons 7:00 PM – Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, January 19 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Saturday, January 20 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Sunday, January 21 Choir 8:30 AM – Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 11:15 AM – Town Hall Meeting</p>
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