



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

Third Sunday after Epiphany
Order of Worship

January 21, 2024
10:00 am

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

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

PRELUDE

“Here I Am, Lord”

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP◆**

Nora Lancaster

Leader: For just this hour,

All: Follow me!

Leader: Listen to my word,

All: Follow me!

Leader: Think about your life as my disciple every day,

All: Follow me!

Leader: Pray,

All: Follow me!

Leader: Sing,

All: Follow me! Come, let us worship God!

***HYMN #307 vs 1 - 4**

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO TRANSFORM◆◆

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Darlene Riddle

God...you call us...and sometimes...we duck under the table... hoping you didn't notice us when you walked into the room. You call us...and sometimes...we grab a stapler and a stack of papers... trying to look too busy to be bothered at the moment. You call us...and sometimes we just say, “No!” We know that we aren't expected to do everything... but we often forget that you call us to be ourselves in the places where our very self is what is most needed. So, give us the grace to say “Yes” to your call... even now...as we offer our silent confessions...

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

EARLY WORD

Rachel Huffman

ANTHEM

“Here I Am, Lord”
Sanctuary Choir, Madeline Archer, flute

Arr. Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20

Becky Erbe

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Follow, Where Ever it May Lead”

Becky Erbe

***HYMN # 170 vs 1 - 3**

“You Walk Along Our Shoreline” WIE LIEBLICH IST DER
MAIEN

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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

“Just A Closer Walk”
Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Jack Schrader

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER FOR DEDICATION**

Darlene Riddle

***HYMN # 751 vs 1 - 6**

“From the Nets of Our Labors”

HAMILTON

***BENEDICTION**

Becky Erbe

- ◆ written by Carolyn Brown, and posted on her excellent Worshipping with Children website
- ◆◆ written by Rev. Scott Cervas, and posted on the LiturgyLink website

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video
Tim Riddle, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers **Randy Beeman(brother of Holly Beeman), Brian and Patty Breuhaux and family (Lenore Lund and John DeWaters Son), 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. Food donations, in addition to the evening meal, would be appreciated; Breakfast Bars, Pop Tarts, and rolls for breakfast on the go. Clothing needed too; hoodies, sweatpants, snowblowing gloves and boots.

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>

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!

Week at a Glance January 21, 2024 – January 28, 2024

<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> <p>Monday, January 22 11:30 AM – Serious Soup 6:30 PM – Worship /Music Team</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 23 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 12:00 PM – Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday, January 24 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – Martins</p> <p>Thursday, January 25 9:30 AM – Carillons 5:30 PM – Governing Council 7:00 PM – Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, January 26 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Saturday, January 27 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Sunday, January 28 Carillons 8:30 AM – Adult Ed 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store</p>
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