



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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Order of Worship

January 28, 2024
10:00 am

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

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

PRELUDE

“Prelude Modal”

J. Langlais

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦**

Phil Davidson

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

All: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

All: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

All: God is the light of our lives.

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

All: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

***HYMN #12 vs 1-4**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Becky Erbe

Leader: God our rock and refuge,

All: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

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		Aubrey Barnett
ANTHEM	“In the Bleak Midwinter”	arr. A.L. Page
SCRIPTURE READING	Mark 1:21-28	Becky Erbe
Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.		
All: Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	“On Who’s Authority”	Becky Erbe
*HYMN # 722 vs 1-5	“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”	CANONBURY
PASTORAL PRAYER		Phil Davidson
LORD’S PRAYER	<p>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</p>	
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		Darlene Riddle
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SONG OF OFFERING	“Do Lord” Carillons	Trad. Spiritual/arr. V.W. Stephenson
*DOXOLOGY #606		
*PRAYER FOR DEDICATION		Darlene Riddle
*HYMN #322	“We Are One in Christ Jesus”	SOMOS UNO
*BENEDICTION		Becky Erbe
POSTLUDE	“Morning On the Milkweed” <i>please remain seated for the postlude</i>	J. Cotter

- ◆ based on materials by Peter K. Perry, and posted on Richard Fairchild’s Kir-shalom website
- ◆◆ Sundays and Seasons Year B

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
 Steve Muntz, Wes Hegge sound, video
 Bob Langford, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers Randy Beeman(Holly Beeman brother)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.

Contribution Statements are available for you to pick up today. They are in the back of the Sanctuary on the Ushers Table.

Fair Trade Store is having a sale. All Christmas items are 50% off. Stop in today for great deals.

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. Coffee, Sugar, Creamer, and individual packets of Hot Chocolate would be greatly appreciated.

Week at a Glance January 28, 2024 – February 4, 2024

<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> <p>Monday, January 29 11:30 AM – Serious Soup</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 30 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 12:00 PM – Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday, January 31 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM – Martins</p> <p>Thursday, February 1 9:30 AM – Carillons 7:00 PM – Bellcantos 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, February 2 No Scheduled Activities</p> <p>Saturday, February 3 9:00 AM – Bridge Clinic</p> <p>Sunday, February 4 Jim Ozee Choir Communion 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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