



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

Order of Worship

10:00 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Maynard

PRELUDE

“Children’s Song Medley”

M. Hayes

WELCOME

Marge Maynard

CALL TO WORSHIP♦

Marge Maynard

Leader: How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

All: This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!

Leader: Happy are those who find their strength in you.

All: Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!

HYMN #2 vs 1-4

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Italian Hymn

CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION♦♦

Phil Davidson

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Phil Davidson

Mighty One of Israel, we walk in paths well trodden by generations of fellow believers.

We love to claim you as our God and to be known as your people. We love to hear the great deeds of the saints who went before us. We love to count ourselves in their mighty company. Forgive our hesitancy to build our own monuments to your importance in our lives. Forgive our reluctance to put on our own armor of faith as we face the powers of sin and death in our own lives.

Silence is kept

WORDS OF GRACE

Phil Davidson

***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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Aubrey Barnett

ANTHEM "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. W. Haeger
Up North Four

SCRIPTURE READING John 14: 16-17 Norm Shirk

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Life-Changing Truth" Norm Shirk

HYMN #366 vs 1-4 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

PASTORAL PRAYER Phil Davidson

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 Marge Maynard
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 "This Little Light of Mine" arr. V. Hicks
Up North Four

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Marge Maynard

HYMN #838 vs 1-4 "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION** Norm Shirk

POSTLUDE "Irish Blessing" traditional

please remain seated for the postlude

The flowers on the chancel are given by Jennifer Archer to Madeline Archer as she starts at Illinois Wesleyan and to all students and teachers heading back or starting school.

◆~ written by Amy Loving. Posted on The Worship Closet website. <http://worshipcloset.com/>

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Val Blair, organist, pianist, director of music
Jennifer Archer, greeter
Wes Hegge, sound, video
Katy Paterson, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for Peg Joachim, Chris Bayar (son-in-law of Holly Beeman), Brad Delmore, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Ron and Donna Schaad, Linda Miller, Jacob Crow (Adrian and Joshua Crow's nephew), Randy Beeman (Holly Beeman's brother), Brian and Patty Breuhaus and family (Lenore Lund and John DeWaters Son), Hayden Hallberg, Lenore Lund, Sharon Ockerlander, Bethany Stiltner, Kathy Moton, Ann Stites, Katy Paterson, Sally Baker, 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, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche.

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Rock River Valley Pantry requests Peanut Butter and MORE Peanut Butter! It's that time of year to help make sure the peanut butter inventory is in great shape at the Rock River Valley Pantry. Jars of any kind of nut butter are needed. The Pantry is able to buy 12 jars of peanut butter for \$20.00. Donate online at www.rrvp.org, or mark Pantry in the Memo line of your check made out to SecondFirst Church.

Rockford Urban ministries presents **Join or Die at SecondFirst Church** a documentary movie screening based on the work of sociologist Robert Putnam. FREE TICKETS! Optional \$5 pizza dinner.

Upcoming Jubilee Center Soup Kitchen Date: September 7th from 10-1! We will serve lunch on the 1st Saturday at the Jubilee Center and we would love to have YOU on the team. Call, email or talk to Marge Maynard.

Court Street UMC's chapter of United Women in Faith (UWF) is holding a luncheon on **Wednesday, September 4th**. All women and men are invited to come for a program featuring guest speaker Brad Keyes from the Center for Learning in Retirement (Rock Valley College). We request participants RSVP to Donna Dow at (815) 963-3020 by Sunday, September 1. Cost is \$10 per person.

Calendar at a Glance
August 25, 2024 – September 1, 2024

Sunday, August 25- Norm Shirk Blessing of the Backpacks 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 6:00 PM – Rockford Urban Ministries Movie Monday, August 26 11:30: AM Serious Soup 5:30 PM- Missions Tuesday, August 27 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop	Wednesday, August 28 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting Thursday, August 29 No Scheduled Activities Friday, August 30 No Scheduled Activities Office closed	Saturday, August 31 No Scheduled Activities Sunday, September 1 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store
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