



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

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

October 27, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

“Eine Feste Burg”

D. Buxtehude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

CALL TO WORSHIP♦

Marge Maynard

Leader: Let us begin this day by rejoicing!

All: The Lord has done such wonderful things for us.

Leader; Let us be glad!

All: The day before us is uncertain.

Leader; We know not what we will encounter on our way.

All: Wherever we go, we go forth as people of the living God,

Leader: And we go forth to touch the lives of all with his healing touch.

**All: Let us begin this day with rejoicing!
and return to our homes with gladness!**

HYMN #275 vs. 1-4

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦

Becky Erbe

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light.

One Minute of silent reflection

WORDS OF GRACE

***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.

EARLY WORD

Becky Erbe

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jim Ozee

ANTHEM

“Pastorale”
Martin Ringers

J. S. Bach

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

“Loss But Not Lost”

Jim Ozee

HYMN #451 vs. 1-3

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

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

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

“In Thee Is Joy”
Martin Ringers

J. S. Bach/arr. Litterst

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN #611 vs. 1-3

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Toccatina and Fugue in D minor”

BMV 565 J.S. Bach

please remain seated for the postlude

*The flowers on the chancel are in memory of Rae and Burdette Anderson given by their daughters
Susan Vetro and Linda Oshita*

◆ posted on the Starters for Sunday website of the Church of Scotland. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

◆◆ *Ministry Matters*

Val Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Phil and Shirley Davidson, greeters

Wes Hegge, sound, video

John Maynard, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for the family and friends of Kathryn Burkholder, longtime Second Cong. member. Private services were held October 23rd.
- Continue prayers for **Rick Gallegos**, Jean Reese, Bethany Stiltner, Joyce Pogue, Peg Joachim, Chris Bayar (son-in-law of Holly Beeman), John Livermore, Jeanne Page, 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, 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: Linda Roy, Betty Klingensmith, Shirley Anderson, Jeanne Page, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche.

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CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: At SecondFirst Church we feel it is important for families to worship together. Do not feel that your child must be absolutely quiet and still. We can't overlook children's ability to worship even though they wiggle, giggle and drop hymnals. We are glad to have our children in worship! As Christ taught us, "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me." (Matt. 18:5) For those who prefer, we do offer Sunday school for preschool through elementary school age children. Class meets on the third floor. We also offer childcare which is also on the third floor.

Rock River Valley Pantry needs --- Boxes of cereal, pasta, cans/jars of spaghetti sauce, and/or canned vegetables and fruits. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller.

Serious Soup continues to feed record numbers of people! We can use donations of jelly or jam, Italian dressing, crackers and soup. Homemade soups are especially popular! We go through about 5 gallons of soup each Monday. Any amount is welcome. Thank you from the Serious Soup Team and our hungry neighbors.

Cleaning Closets? The Thrift Shop is in need of towels, sheets, blankets, men's clothing, kitchen ware, Fall and Christmas decorations. Drop donations off between 9am-1pm Monday through Thursdays at the church.

**Calendar at a Glance
October 27, 2024 –November 3, 2024**

<p><u>Sunday, October 27</u> Jim Ozee 10:00 AM– Worship Service 10:20 AM– Sunday School 11:00 AM- Pumpkin Bars and Cider</p> <p><u>Monday, October 28</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup 6:30 PM- Worship/Music</p> <p><u>Tuesday, October 29</u> 7:00 AM- Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM- Thrift Shop</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, October 30</u> 10:00 AM- Staff Meeting 6:00 PM- Martin Ringers</p> <p><u>Thursday, October 31</u> 9:30 AM- Carillons 7:00 PM- Choir</p> <p><u>Friday, November 1</u> Office is closed</p>	<p><u>Saturday, November 2</u> No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><u>Sunday, November 3</u> All Saints Day Remembering Our Loved Ones 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p>
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