



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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

November 17, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

“Prayer”
Carillons

Jeanne C. Warzyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Maynard

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

INTROIT

“Amazing Grace”
Peanut Bells

New Britain

CALL TO WORSHIP♦

Marge Maynard

Leader: There is no holy one like God above.

All: There is no rock like our God.

Leader: There is no hope like the hope of God's strength for us.

All: There is no hope like our God.

Leader: There is no promise like the promise of Christ's mercy and grace.

All: There is no promise like our God.

Leader: There is no love as great as the love God offers today and all days.

All: There is no love like our God!

HYMN #687 vs. 1-6

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦

Becky Erbe

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Leader: Our hearts are hard, O God –

All: Soften them with your love.

Leader: Our hands are clenched, O God –

All: Open them with your grace.

Leader: Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –

All: Invite us to dance with you.

Leader: Our lives are not our own, we know –

All: Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jess Lindblade

EARLY WORD

ANTHEM

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Arr. Bob Burroughs

Carillons

Flute- Molly Doolittle

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 9-16

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

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

“Radical Hospitality”

Eric Heinekamp

HYMN #39 vs. 1-3

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

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

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Carillons

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Marge Maynard

HYMN #322 vs.

“We Are One in Christ Jesus”

SOMOS UNO

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary in G”
please remain seated for the postlude

H. Heron

*The flowers on the chancel are in celebration of the birth of Jan Novak’s great-grandson,
Oliver Jon Kohout.*

♦ *Ministry Matters*

♦♦ *Beth Merrill Neel- Hold Fast to What is Good*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Hayley Gotzsche, choir director

Bob and Sue Saunders, greeters

Wes Hegge, sound, video

Bob Langford, van driver

We welcome Rev. Eric Heinekamp to our worship today from Blackhawk Presbytery.

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for Rick Gallegos, Jean Reese, Bethany Stiltner, Joyce Pogue, Peg Joachim, Brad Delmore, 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, Billye Vernam, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Sunday Brunch is next Sunday, November 24th. The Hospitality Team invites you to a special brunch in the dining room after church. Please join us for fellowship and great food.

Serious Soup- Due to increasing numbers of hungry guests we are nearly out of soup crackers and ranch dressing. Donations of saltine crackers and ranch would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

The Thrift Shop needs some help! Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays from 9-1. Please see Alice if you are able to help out.

Boots for Haskell... SecondFirst Church will once again be providing boots for the Haskell School Students. These boots enable the students to go outside for recess year-round, getting the necessary fresh air and exercise that is so important for physical health, mental health and improved ability to learn. On Saturday, November 23rd starting at 8:30am, we will have our annual boot sorting party in the sanctuary. Boots will be tagged for each individual student and sorted by classroom. Please let Karen Olson know if you can help on this day or you can call the church office. THANK YOU in advance for your support of this wonderful ministry.

On The Way To Bethlehem- Join us for this Advent Bible Study beginning Tuesday, November 26th at noon via Zoom. This Advent study will take us on a journey through Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem as we discover and rediscover Jesus in new and profound ways. Contact Pastor Becky if you would like to join us. There will be light reading each week which Becky will provide for you, as well as the Zoom link.

Poinsettia Sunday is December 22nd...We will be taking Poinsettias orders now through Monday, December 9th. The cost this year is \$12.00. You can send or drop off your check to the office. Let us know if you want the poinsettia in Memory or in Honor of your loved ones.

Calendar at a Glance November 17, 2024 – November 24, 2024

<p><u>Sunday, November 17</u> Eric Heinekamp 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM- Discernment Workshop</p> <p><u>Monday, November 18</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup 5:30 PM- Missions (Hybrid)</p> <p><u>Tuesday, November 19</u> 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, November 20</u> 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM- Martin Ringers 6:00 PM- Trustees</p> <p><u>Thursday, November 21</u> 9:30 AM- Carillons 5:30 PM- DVT (Zoom) 7:00 PM- Choir</p> <p><u>Friday, November 22</u> Office is closed</p>	<p><u>Saturday, November 23</u> 8:30 AM- Haskell Boot Sorting Party 9:00 AM- Bridge Clinic</p> <p><u>Sunday, November 24</u> Stewardship Sunday 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM- Brunch</p>
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