



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

Reign of Christ
Order of Worship

November 24, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE

“We Gather Together”

Dutch hymn/arr. J. Sanborn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Becky Erbe

CALL TO WORSHIP♦

Marge Maynard

Leader: Grace to you and peace, from the Alpha and Omega, the A and the Z, who is, and who was, and who is to come;

All: from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead,

Leader: To Christ who loves us and liberates us by his blood, and makes us priests of his God and Father,

All: Be glory, and dominion, forever and ever!

HYMN #336 vs. 1-3

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

We gather together to ask for God's blessing, to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own; the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us. O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

Beside us, to guide us, O God, we perceive you ordaining, maintaining the power of life. Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story. Our God be ever with us, in gladness and strife.

May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant, defend us, befriend us, whatever may be. May your congregation escape tribulation. Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free.

CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Darlene Riddle

Leader: Ever-living, ever-loving God,

You who rule over all of us with justice and care,

We your people confess that we do not submit ourselves to your rule,

That we do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity,

That we have not followed the example you set forth.

All: Instead we often place our trust in leaders who let us down,

And in our own flawed leadership of others.

Lead us, Christ our Sovereign,

And set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do.

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

Aubrey Barnett

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jim Burrignt

ANTHEM

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”
Sanctuary Choir

H. Willan

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18: 33-37

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

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

“It’s The End of The Year?”

Becky Erbe

HYMN #263 vs.1-4

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’Name!”

CORONATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

David Jones

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

“Wherever You Go”
Sanctuary Choir

S. Boersma/D. Lantz III

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN #363 vs. 1-4

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

DARWALL’S 148TH

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”
please remain seated for the postlude

arr. S. Karg-Elert

◆written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer’s Homepage. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>
◆◆ Worship Ways UCC

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist, director of music
Hayley Gotzsche, choir director
Jim and Kris Delmore, greeters
Wes Hegge, sound, video
John Maynard, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for **Kim Craft**, Rick Gallegos, Jean Reese, Bethany Stiltner, Joyce Pogue, Peg Joachim, 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.

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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.

Join us for Stewardship Sunday Brunch TODAY! The Hospitality Team invites you to a special brunch in the dining room after church. Please join us for fellowship and great food.

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.

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.

Calendar at a Glance
November 24, 2024 – December 1, 2024

<p><u>Sunday, November 24</u> Stewardship Sunday 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM- Brunch</p> <p><u>Monday, November 25</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup 6:30 PM- Worship/Music</p> <p><u>Tuesday, November 26</u> 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop 12:00 PM- Bible Study (zoom)</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, November 27</u> Office is Closed</p> <p><u>Thursday, November 28</u> Happy Thanksgiving! Office is Closed</p> <p><u>Friday, November 29</u> Office is closed</p>	<p><u>Saturday, November 30</u> 10:00 AM- Soup Kitchen (Jubilee)</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 1</u> Jim Ozee 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p>
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