



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)

Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 2025

Order of Worship

10:00 am

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

Children in grades Pre-K through 5th may leave for Sunday School and will return to their parents/guardians for Communion.

PRELUDE

"A Second Light"

D. White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marge Maynard

CALL TO WORSHIP♦

Marge Maynard

Leader: God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

All: From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.

Leader: So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

All: Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.

Leader: Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

All: Let's worship God together.

HYMN #401 vs. 1-4

"Gather Us In"

GATHER US IN

PRAYER FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES (inspired by Luke 4:22)

Darlene Riddle

"They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?'" (Luke 4:22)

God of grace and clarity, We pray for people who are overlooked, unnoticed, hidden away by policy, in the corners of our minds, of our society, of our world. We give thanks for the people who look us in the eye, Who do not flinch at our humanity, Who do not turn away from our vulnerability, Who see us with the eyes of love, that different way of seeing. Give us your grace and clarity among us and within us; Your different way of seeing.

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.

ANTHEM

“Can You Drink This Cup?”
Sanctuary Choir

P. Martin/C. Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:21-30

Reader: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

“Can’t go Home Again Part #2”

Becky Erbe

HYMN #722 vs. 1-5

“Lord, Speak to Me”

CANONBURY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Becky Erbe and Josanny Massenat

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: We offer our thanks and praise, O God, for the glories of creation...

...We sing with them above as we say together these words:

Organ: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you,
All: God of pow - er and might; heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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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

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE WINE

SHARING THE FEAST

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion, we are all guests at the table, and Jesus himself is our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of Holy Communion is open to all, including children, and not merely members of this congregation or denominations. This is a joyful feast for all the people of God. In order to extend hospitality to more of God's children, the cup is non-alcoholic and the bread is gluten free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”
Sanctuary Choir

T. Shaw

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #539 vs. 1-2, Choir vs. 3

“We Will Go Out With Joy”

WE WILL GO OUT

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“When I Can Read My Title Clear”
please remain seated for the postlude

arr. M. Hayes

◆ *Re:Worship Blogspot Epiphany 4C*

◆◆ *Originally posted on the Monthly Prayers page (now Weekly Worship) of the Christian Aid website.*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Hayley Gotzsche, choir director

David and Arlene Noel, Steve Erbe, Sarah Hallberg, Sarah and Seth Reinold, communion servers

Jay Baker, greeter

Wes Hegge, sound, video

Bob Langford, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for **Richard Cook (Julie Cook Ramirez father)**, Christopher Scharnweber (John Lindblade's cousin in law), Bethany Stiltner, Kim Craft, Rick Gallegos, Jean Reese, Joyce Pogue, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Linda Miller, Jacob Crow (Adrian and Joshua Crow's nephew), Randy Beeman (Holly Beeman's brother), 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: 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

Calendar at a Glance February 2, 2025- February 9, 2025

<p><u>Sunday, February 2</u> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p> <p><u>Monday, February 3</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup 12:30 PM- Hospitality</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 4</u> 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 5</u> 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM- Martin Ringers</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 6</u> 9:30 AM- Carillons 7:00 PM- Choir</p> <p><u>Friday, February 7</u> Office is closed</p>	<p><u>Saturday, February 8</u> 8:30 AM- Agape Handbell Workshop</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 9</u> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p>
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