



February 20, 2022
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA

Order of Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo
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Prelude *"My Tribute"* Crouch
(Thank you for placing your offerings in the baskets by the doors as you enter the sanctuary.)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Awake, my soul!

People: Awake, O harp and trumpet!

Leader: We will give thanks to You, O God.

People: We will sing praises to You.

Leader: For Your compassion is greater than the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory cover the earth!

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* #1, Hymnal

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You have called us, God, to live as Christ did. It is difficult. We confess to You and to ourselves how often we fall short of Christ's example. We have gone off after our own goals, forgetting to test them by Your intention for us. We have failed to understand the needs of those around us and seek their good. We have relied on our own strength and given in to despair, when we ought to have turned to You. Cleanse and renew us, that we may know the joy of Your presence and be bearers of Your light, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Peace

Leader: In Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Let us give thanks for God's love, mercy, and new life.

Glory Be to the Father #581, Hymnal

Passing The Peace
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!

Choir Anthem “Christ in You” arr. Vogt

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:11-14 (pg. 731, OT)

Sermon

Song of Response “Be Thou My Vision” #450, Hymnal

Affirmation of Faith written by Bruce Prewer
I believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way. I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God’s crucial initiative, that when He calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God. I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow Him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship. I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ’s people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the “promised land” of God’s future. Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #606, Hymnal

Song of Sending “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” #707, Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude “O God Our Help in Ages Past” arr. Young

First Church Staff and Worship Participants

- Rev. Dr. Amy Wiles, Pastor/Head of Staff
- Rev. Dr. Pat Geadelmann, Associate Pastor of Care and Visitation
- Tyler Gajewsky, Sanctuary Choir Director
- Melody Steed, Handbell Director
- Linda Wiles, Organist/Pianist
- Amber Gilles, Office Manager
- Gary Gilles, Jr., Streaming Service Operator

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9:00am to 4:00pm; Closed Fridays