



July 31, 2022
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA

Order of Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* arr. Wolaver
(Thank you for placing your offerings in the baskets by the doors as you enter the sanctuary.)

Call to Worship

One: Let us call on God and give thanks.
All: **Let our hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise**
One: Let us open ourselves continuously to God's presence
All: **Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.**

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* #630, Hymnal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of all peoples and places,
You call us as equal heirs of Your grace.
You call us together to make disciples of all nations,
to share Your love and mercy in word and in deed,
but we have not been faithful to our calling.
We let the divisions of the world divide Your people.
We pray to You as "Our Father", but we do not live together
as brothers and sisters.
Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us together
as a people made one in Christ Jesus.
(*Silent confession*) Amen.

Words of Assurance and Peace

One: Hear the good news! The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abiding in steadfast love.
God does not deal with us according to our sin.

All: As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove
our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Song of Response “Glory Be to the Father” #581, Hymnal

Passing The Peace
One: May the peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Colossians 1:15-23 (pg. 200, NT)

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17 (pg. 200, NT)

Sermon “Jesus Is...Therefore We Are” Rev. Dr. Dave Kivett

Song of Response “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” #108, Hymnal
(verses 1-2, 5)

Affirmation of Faith **From the Confession of Belhar**
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who
gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This,
God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We
believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints
called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in
the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with
God and with one another.

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for
the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a
binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly
pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built
up to attain.

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.

Presentation of Our Offerings

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

Prayer of Dedication

Song of Sending “To God Be The Glory” #634, Hymnal

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” arr. Wolaver

*Rev. Dr. Dave Kivett is the head pastor at Cedar Heights Community
Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls*

The Lay Leader for Worship today is Jean Seeland

First Church Supported Missionaries
James McGill – *Niger and South Sudan*
Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley – *Democratic Republic of Congo*
Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez – *Philippines and Southeast Asia*

First Church Staff
Visiting Pastor: Rev. Johnny Janssen
Tyler Gajewsky, Sanctuary Choir 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