



**January 25, 2025**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Waterloo, IA**



**Order of Worship**

\*Please stand as you are able

**Prelude**

*Like a River Glorious*

arr. Sanborn

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

--- Psalm 148 (Selected verses)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

**\*HYMN**

*"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

#35, Hymnal

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus comes to us with grace and truth.  
**He tells us the truth about ourselves – that we all do things that hurt God and others.**  
The grace is that even when we couldn’t help ourselves, Jesus came to save us.  
**Jesus stands in our place and takes on the consequences of our sin.**  
Because we can trust in God’s mercy and love,  
**Let us confess our sins to him so we are restored and made whole.**

O Gracious Lord and Savior, we are your people  
**Though at times our focus on ourselves obscures this.**  
So we confess our sins, describing the hurt and damage they create.  
**We recall the things we have done that are wrong and the good things we have not done.**  
Yet you desire more.  
**You want our thoughts and attitudes to follow your way.**  
So help us, we pray.  
**May we learn to have the same attitude of Jesus in all we do and say. This we ask in his name. Amen**

Hear the good news. In Christ we are separated from our sin and given new life in him.  
We are forgiven and made whole.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

**Response to Grace: “Break Thou the Bread of Life” #460, The Hymnal, Vs 1 ONLY**  
**1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,**  
**As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.**  
**Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!**

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone happens to have a complaint against anyone else. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also forgive others. And to all these virtues add love, which is the perfect bond.  
Let the peace of Christ be in control in your heart (for you were in fact called as one body to this peace), and be thankful.  
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and exhorting one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, all with grace in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

I Peter 4:11

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>“The Chosen Ones”</i>	Rev. Tim Dyck
<b>*Song of Response</b>	<i>“In Christ Alone”</i>	<i>see insert</i>

Apostle’s Creed

<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer</b>	<i>pg. 35, Hymnal</i>
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Presentation of Our Offerings

Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God. With joy, we offer our gifts to God as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness. 1

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Moment by Moment</i>	arr. Berry
<b>*Doxology</b>	<i>“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	<i>#606, Hymnal</i>

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

We are not our own; we belong to you. You have created us and given us life anew, O God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. We extend our arms and open our hands to present our offerings to you. We make these gestures to display outwardly our hearts' overflowing gratitude for all your gifts. Receive these gifts from us, O Triune God, and through them bring life and hope to many. In the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. 2

**\*Song of Sending**

*"Live into Hope"*

*#772, Hymnal*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*(Col. 3:15-17)*

Let the peace of Christ control our hearts as we are thankful.

**Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly, as we teach and exhort one another with all wisdom,**

Singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,

**All with grace in our hearts to God.**

And whatever we do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

**Giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen**

**Postlude**

*"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"*

arr. Martin

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*The lectionary reader today is Nancy Catterson*

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid, p. 247q