

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of MASON CITY, IOWA

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WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN "I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)"

I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live!
Do not be afraid, I am with you. . . .

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PSALTER Psalm 27: 1-5, 14

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
then, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.
For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high upon a rock.
Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1: 1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS

THE 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.

HYMN "God Will Take Care of You"

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.
 God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
 He will take care of you, God will take care of you.
No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.
 God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
 He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

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BLESSING

RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.