



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)
Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

September 22, 2024
10:00 am

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

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. M. Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS Marge Maynard

WELCOME Becky Erbe

CALL TO WORSHIP♦ Marge Maynard

Leader: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

All: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Leader: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

All: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Leader: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

All: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

Leader: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

All: Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

HYMN #403 vs. 1-3 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦ Phil Davidson

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

O God,
we live our lives as best we can— dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace.

Silence is kept

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.

EARLY WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 54

Kris Harden

ANTHEM

“Use Me, Lord”

S. Hughes/P. Drennan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 11: 18-20

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

LATER WORD

“When No One Wants to Listen ”

Becky Erbe

HYMN #342 vs. 1-3

“Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”

RHUDDLAN

PASTORAL PRAYER

Phil Davidson

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

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

“Somebody’s Knockin’ at Your Door”

A. A. Spiritual/arr. E. Larter

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN #547 vs. 1-3

“Go My Children, with My Blessing”

AR HYD Y NOS

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Paeon”

J. Dixon

please remain seated for the postlude

◆~ posted on Literature & Liturgy. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>

◆◆~ Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Posted on the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

Val Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Sarah Hallberg, greeter

Wes Hegge, sound, video

Katy Paterson, van driver

Prayer Requests

- Continue prayers for **Joyce Pogue**, Peg Joachim, Chris Bayar (son-in-law of Holly Beeman), Brad Delmore, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Linda Miller, Jacob Crow (Adrian and Joshua Crow's nephew), Randy Beeman (Holly Beeman's brother), Brian and Patty Breuhaus and family (Lenore Lund and John DeWaters Son), Hayden Hallberg, Lenore Lund, Sharon Ockerlander, Bethany Stiltner, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Pig Roast...All members and neighbors are invited to join us **Saturday, October 5th** for a Delicious meal of roast pork, sides and dessert. The pork is prepared by Penguin Foods. Join us at the church side yard and driveway off of Park Street. Meal begins at 3 pm and goes until there is no more!

Jeremiah Development Open House! Come see JD's new digs- October 9th from 4:30-7pm. 806 N. Church Street. Appetizers and refreshments will be available.

Calendar at a Glance
September 22, 2024 – September 29, 2024

<p><u>Sunday, September 22</u> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p> <p><u>Monday, September 23</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 24</u> 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, September 25</u> 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 6:00 PM- Martin Ringers</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 26</u> 9:30 AM- Carillons 5:30 PM- DVT 6:00 PM- Bellcantos 7:00 PM- Choir</p> <p><u>Friday, September 27</u> Office is closed</p>	<p><u>Saturday, September 28</u> 9:00 AM- Bridge Clinic</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 29</u> Kris Delmore 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School</p>
---	--	--

Second Congregational (UCC) / First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)
Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God’s grace

Ministers: All Members

Moderator: Marge Maynard moderator@secondfirst.org

Acting Senior Pastor: Becky Erbe becky.erbe@secondfirst.org

Children and Family Coordinator: Aubrey Barnett aubrey.barnett@secondfirst.org

Music Director, Organist/Pianist: Valerie Blair valerie.blair@secondfirst.org

Choir Director: Hayley Gotzsche choirdirector@secondfirst.org

Director, Peanut Bells: Sarah Hallberg sarah.hallberg@secondfirst.org

Director, Carillons: Joyce Zartman joyce.zartman@secondfirst.org

Bookkeeper/Business Manager: Nancy Yoeckel nancy.yoeckel@secondfirst.org

Church Receptionist: Jacqueline Bradford receptionist@secondfirst.org

Graphic Designer: Charles Fernandez graphicdesign@secondfirst.org

Building Manager: Jeff Byrne jeff.byrne@secondfirst.org

Housekeeper: Maria Mandujano

Gatekeepers: Todd Wilson, Christoffer Banks

318 N. Church Street Rockford, IL 61101 • 815.963.8431 • www.secondfirst.org