



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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Order of Worship

November 10, 2024  
10:00 am

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

**PRELUDE** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" W. Kirkpatrick/arr. J. Raney

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME** Becky Erbe

**CALL TO WORSHIP♦** Marge Maynard

Leader: Come and worship!

**All: We will praise the One between, within, and over.**

Leader: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

**All: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.**

Leader: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**All: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

Leaders: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

**All: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!**

**HYMN #463 vs. 1-4** "How Firm a Foundation" **FOUNDATION**

**CALL TO TRANSFORM♦♦** Phil Davidson

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

Leader: God of Sarah, Rebekah and Ruth, We have worked without letting you work in us; We have not let you watch over us; We perversely cherish our busy, busy days.

**All: By your very present Spirit give us the freedom to let you work in us, to let you care for us, to let you fill our days, that we may live, not in the strength of our own hands, but in the strength that comes from life in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*One Minute of silent reflection*

**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.

## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Katy Paterson

## **ORDER OF CONFIRMATION**

Johsanny Massenet  
Seth Reinhold  
Nicholas Archer

## **PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION**

Leader: Let us pray. Gracious God, by the waters and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your witness in the world.

**All: Renew in Johsanny, Seth and Nicholas the covenant you made in their baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in them. Send them forth in the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **ACT OF LAYING ON OF HANDS**

## **RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP**

**All: We do!**

**Welcome**

Leader: Johsanny, Seth and Nicholas, by publicly professing their faith, have expressed their intention to continue covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of this congregation.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him. Alleluia! Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

“My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me”  
Dorothy Paige-Turner, vocalist

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Ruth 1:1-18

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **LATER WORD**

“From Empty to Full”

Becky Erbe

## **HYMN #324 vs. 1-4**

“For All the Faithful Women”

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## **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](http://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](mailto:becky.erbe@secondfirst.org).*

## **SONG OF OFFERING**

“Give Me Jesus”

Dorothy Paige-Turner, vocalist

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN #716 vs. 1-3**

“God, Whose Giving, Knows No Ending”

**BEACH SPRING**

## **\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING SONG**

“I Will Trust in the Lord”

Dorothy Paige-Turner, vocalist

*Please Join us in the dining room for Confirmation reception.*

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Valerie Blair, organist, pianist, director of music

Hayley Gotzsche, choir director

Nancy Marvell and Jan Novak, greeters

Wes Hegge, sound, video

Tim Riddle, van driver

## **Prayer Requests**

- Continue prayers for Rick Gallegos, Jean Reese, Bethany Stiltner, Joyce Pogue, Peg Joachim, 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, 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: Linda Roy, Betty Klingensmith, Shirley Anderson, Jeanne Page, 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

**Coffee Class...**Our six part "Called to Community" series continues this Sunday with lesson 4: A Call to a Kingdom Worldview. The session begins with a short video from renowned theologian N.T. Wright, and he begins by asking "What did God do in Christ that we can't do for ourselves?" Come join us in the gathering place @ 8:30am for another thoughtful and lively discussion.

**Boots for Haskell...**SecondFirst Church will once again be providing boots for the Haskell School Students. These boots enable the students to go outside for recess year round, getting the necessary fresh air and exercise that is so important for physical health, mental health and improved ability to learn. On Saturday, November 23rd starting at 8:30am, we will have our annual boot sorting party in the sanctuary. Boots will be tagged for each individual student and sorted by classroom. Please let Karen Olson know if you can help on this day or you can call the church office. THANK YOU in advance for your support of this wonderful ministry.

**Today** is the last day to RSVP for the Discernment workshop on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Darlene Riddle to RSVP.

**Mark your calendars** for Stewardship Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be having brunch in the dining room following service.

**Euchre Night...**Please join us this Wednesday night, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for Euchre in the Dining Room. Please bring a snack to share and your own beverage. Everyone is welcome!

**Serious Soup-** Due to increasing numbers of hungry guests we are nearly out of soup crackers. Donations of saltine crackers would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**Calendar at a Glance**  
**November 10, 2024 – November 17, 2024**

<p><b><u>Sunday, November 10</u></b>  <b>Confirmation</b>  10:00 AM – Worship Service  10:20 AM – Sunday School  11:00 AM- Confirmation Reception</p> <p><b><u>Monday, November 11</u></b>  11:30 AM- Serious Soup  5:30 PM- Deacons/Fellowship</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, November 12</u></b>  7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast  9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, November 13</u></b>  10:00 AM – Staff Meeting  6:00 PM- Martin Ringers  6:30 PM- Euchre Night</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, November 14</u></b>  9:30 AM- Carillons  7:00 PM- Choir  7:00 PM- El Shaddai (Dining Room)</p> <p><b><u>Friday, November 15</u></b>  Office is closed</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, November 16</u></b>  No Scheduled Activities</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, November 17</u></b>  <b>Eric Heinekamp</b>  10:00 AM – Worship Service  10:20 AM – Sunday School  11:00 AM- Discernment Workshop</p>
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