

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CHRIST THE KING

November 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

"I would rather die and come to Jesus Christ than be king over the entire earth. Him I seek who died for us; Him I love who rose again because of us."
Ignatius of Antioch



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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*ALL WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

PRELUDE

"He Is King of Kings"

by Colin Curtis

GREETING

LEADER: The Lord be with you. (extending arms)

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**
(Congregation responds with extended arms)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Children of God, whom do you follow?

PEOPLE: **We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.**

LEADER: Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

PEOPLE: **Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.**

LEADER: Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

PEOPLE: **We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.**

LEADER: Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

All: **Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #58

***INVOCATION:** **We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At His birth the angels proclaimed His name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!". AMEN.**

***CHURCH COVENANT** (see screen)

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASS THE PEACE**

YOUNG DISCIPLE'S MOMENT

Brea Schmidt

***PASTORAL PRAYER**

& LORD'S PRAYER (see screen)

THE OFFERING Ponder the gifts you will offer to God:
your tithes, your time, your resources.

OFFERTORY "Jesus Shall Reign" by Larry Shackley

***DOXOLOGY** #563

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

MIDDLE HYMN "To God Be the Glory" #41

GOSPEL READING John 18:33-37 pg. 827

SERMON "Hail King Jesus" Pastor Shazzy Britz

***CLOSING HYMN** "He Lives" #206

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING** "God Be With You" #580

**God be with you till we meet again
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Ye Servants of God" by Douglas E. Wagner

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**Community Thanksgiving
Service
Tonight
5:30**

**Congo Night Out
December 3
5:30-7:00
Chen's Garden
Dutch Treat**

COMMUNITY NIGHTS



**December 1
10:30 Service**

**Candlelight Service
of Remembrance
December 2
6:30 pm
Grace United Methodist**

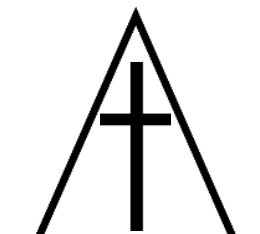


Thanksgiving Offering:

**Operation Christmas Child
Shipping & Customs Expenses**



Acolyte: Kingston Baltes
Fellowship Hour: Steve & Beth Berends
Greeter: Nate, Brea, Maisy, Louie, Willa, & Etta Schmidt
Nursery: Ada Conover
Sight, Sound & Light: Matt Bryant, Robbie Gerlock, Tommy Gerlock, Max Moser, Max Munter
Ushers: Bob, Heather, Pearl, & Vivian Whittenburg
Worship Assistant: Amy Simpson



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MISSION STATEMENT ~ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ~ SPENCER, IOWA

The First Congregational Church of Spencer joyfully worships and praises God. Bound by our covenant, we strive to be the Body of Christ throughout the world by loving, helping and supporting our church family and others through fellowship, missions, and outreach. Our philosophy encourages all people to experience God's grace by freely thinking and building personal relationships with Christ to the glory of God.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

- † Please let us know your joys and concerns, if you would like something announced during worship please advise an usher when you come into the sanctuary or if you are live streaming go to the YouTube chat box and type in your prayer request and they will be announced in worship.
- † If you are visiting the church, we have welcome sacks in the back of the sanctuary for you. Please leave your name and contact information on the table. We are so very happy you are here, welcome!
- † Ecumenical Thanksgiving service tonight at 5:30.
- † Thanksgiving Offering: Operation Christmas Child has been chosen. Funds will go toward shipping and customs fees.
- † Christmas Program practice tonight from 5:30-6:30.
- † The Adopt-a-Family tree with names are now up and located at the back of the church! Senior ornaments are also on the tree. Be sure to put your name on the white tag and leave it in the basket, take the colored tag with you and purchase your gift, bring your gift back wrapped and with the colored tag on the gift with the gift info facing down. All gifts need to be returned by December 3.
- † The Mitten Tree is in the Education wing. Accepting mittens, gloves, socks or any other items you wish to donate.
- † Operation Christmas Child box drop-off dates and times: November 24 4:00-7:00, November 25 8:00-10:00.
- † Favorite Hymn Survey—Grab a gold sheet and write down your favorite hymns and place the form in the ballot box by December 1.
- † Church office closed at 12:00 November 27 and all day November 28-29.
- † Hanging of the Greens December 1 during worship; note that communion will be moved to December 8.
- † LifeServe Blood Bank is here Monday, December 2 from 9:00—2:00.
- † Congo Night Out Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at Chen's Garden, Dutch treat. .
- † Mayflower Circle coffee & treats Thursday, December 5 at St. Luke 9:30. All women of the church are invited to attend.
- † The Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held in Spencer on Sunday, December 8th at 3 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The community is invited to this annual program of music and the Christmas story.
- † Christmas Caroling at Spencer Hospital December 15 at 6:30.
- † UDMO November Donations—stuffing mix.
- † Please help ensure all doors to the church are locked, check the door behind you when exiting the church if it is not during office hours.
- † Joys & Concerns: Spencer Community, Norma Drake, Bill Green, Karen Forbes, Mary Lou Hoffman, Cliff Hoover, Allison (Swenning) Mason, David Ozolins (brother of Elina Ozolins-Leander), Cindy Peterson Journey (sister of Linda Norgaard), Marcie Muckey, Denny Phillips, Darlene Prather, Mark Wedel, Mary Kay Zinn...
- † We pray for our military personnel: Evan Ball, Brandon Black, Mark Ivey, Nathan Jones, Adam Norgaard, Kathryn Polking, Patrick Sullivan, Daniel Wilkerson, and Matt Wilkerson.
- † We pray for our nursing home residents and those at home: Dixie Barber, Marlyn Barglof, Jennie Byrn, Bonnie Crosser, Norma Drake, Bill Green, Mary Lou Hoffman, Cliff Hoover, Carol Kettelkamp, Marcie Muckey, Frank Nelson, Polly Nelson, Darlene Prather, Dean Saunders, Janet Swanson, Gloria Tingle, Ina Faye Underwood, Mary Kay Zinn.

Upcoming Events:

November 24 Worship 10:30
November 24 Fellowship Hour 11:30
November 24 Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship 5:30
November 25 Operation Christmas Child Drop off 8:00-10:00
November 25 Grief Share 6:00-8:00
November 26 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:00
November 26 CMCC 4:00
November 27 Staff Meeting 10:00
November 27 Office closing at 12:00
November 28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
November 29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
December 1 Adult Education 9:00
December 1 Sunday School 9:15
December 1 Worship—Hanging of the Greens 10:30
December 1 Fellowship Hour 11:30
December 2 LifeServe Blood Bank 9:00-2:00
December 2 Grief Share 6:00-8:00
December 2 Candlelight Service of Remembrance 6:30 pm at Grace United Methodist
December 3 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:00
December 3 Congo Night Out Chen's Garden 5:30-7:00 Dutch Treat
December 3 CME 6:30
December 4 Staff Meeting 10:00
December 4 Staff Lunch 12:00
December 4 Bell Choir 5:00
December 4 Choir 6:00
December 4 PF 6:00-8:00
December 4 Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00
December 5 Mayflower Circle coffee & treats at St. Luke 9:30
December 5 Executive Council meeting 6:30
December 8 Adult Education 9:00
December 8 Sunday School 9:15
December 8 Worship & Communion 10:30
December 8 Fellowship Hour 11:30
December 9 Grief Share 6:00-8:00
December 10 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:00
December 10 CMF 5:30
December 11 Staff Meeting 10:00
December 11 Bell Choir 5:00
December 11 Choir 6:00
December 11 PF 6:00-8:00
December 11 Confirmation 6:00-8:00
December 11 Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00
December 15 Adult Education 9:00
December 15 CMM 9:00
December 15 Sunday School 9:15
December 15 Worship & Children's Program 10:30
December 15 Roast Beef Dinner 11:30
December 15 Worship service at SPARC 4:30 & 5:00
December 15 Christmas Caroling at Spencer Hospital 6:30
December 16 Life Serve Blood Bank 1:00-6:00
December 17 Tuesday Morning Bible Study 10:00
December 18 Staff Meeting 10:00
December 18 Bell Choir 5:00
December 18 Choir 6:00
December 18 PF 6:00-8:00
December 18 Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00
December 19 MARS 5:30
December 22 Adult Education 9:00
December 22 Sunday School 9:15
December 22 Worship 10:30
December 22 Fellowship Hour 11:30