

THE WEEK – Beginning September 12, 2021

Today

8:45 Worship
9:00 “First Church on the Air”
(KCOB Radio 95.9 FM/1280 AM)
10:00 Park Centre Worship

Monday

2:00 Bible Study (Library)

Tuesday

10:00 Worship Planning Team Mtg

Tuesday (Continued)

11:00 Leadership Development Mtg
6:30 Trustees Committee Mtg

Wednesday

9:00 Staff Meeting
9:30 Mary Circle @ PJ’s Deli
5:30 Community Meal (Curbside)

Thursday

9:30 Park Centre Study

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**“Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out,
Making Connections through Jesus Christ within Our Community and World.”**

September 12, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM

Service of Praise and Worship

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Jean Ibbotson

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Call to Worship

Patty Dykstra

Leader: Come into this sacred space to worship God,

People: Whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

Leader: Come into this holy place to worship God,

**People: Whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear;
whose judgments are true.**

Leader: Come with holy fear — to be given life and made wise,
to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.
Come — let us worship God.

**People: Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts
be according to your will, O God. Amen**

—Based on Psalm 19

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja” (The Faith We Sing #2026 x3)

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halleluja! Halleluja!

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“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (The Faith We Sing #2129)

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Sept 13th** – Aliza Iverson, Rod Simpson, Roxene Tedrow; **14th** – Aleynah Dewar, Jason Hill; **15th** – Pam Conklin, Dylan Farver, Chase Madison, Rick Rewis; **16th** – Kaylee Guthrie, Kendra Potter, Dale Richards, Wade Sheeler; **17th** – Dennis Hildebrand; **18th** – Judy Snook; **19th** – Sue Ely, Dale Pretzer, Ava Van Maaren

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Sept 13th** – Jordan & Amanda Roberts; **14th** – Jeff & Karen Kriz; **17th** – Kyle & Kristina Marshall; **18th** – Duane Daniels & Joy Osborn-Daniels, Ken & Jen Lehrman

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley
Custodian – Kraig Holubar
Technical Engineers – Christine Dawson, Projection;
Jerry Dawson, Sound; Kenny Skinner-Havens, Videography

Administrative Assistant – Joy Osborn-Daniels
Coordinator of Lay Ministries – Mel Wilson
Organist – Jean Ibbotson; Park Centre Pianist – Rachel Faidley
Lay Leader – Karen Kriz

*The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me no turning back, no turning back.*

*Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow no turning back, no turning back.*

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"Where He Leads Me" (UMH #338, vs 1 & 4)

*I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.*

*He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way.
Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow; I'll go with him, with him all the way.*

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**Hymn of Praise 77 "How Great Thou Art"*

*O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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The Scripture Reading – Mark 8:27-28 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 41)

*Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his
disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others,
Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Thanksgiving to God for...

All God's blessings
Family & Friends

Guests & Visitors
Good Health

New Beginnings
All Volunteers

God's Guidance & Direction for...

People Unemployed/Economic/
Housing Struggles
Natural Disaster Recovery
All Who Are Grieving

World Peace
Local, State & National Leaders
Sunday School Teachers/Leaders
School Students/Teachers

God's Protection & Safety for...

Those in the Military
Kevin Ehresman
Dylan Drew
Austin Leytham

Those in Mission Work
Cherie Miner
Dr. Emmanuel & Florence Mefor
Lynn & Sharon Fogleman
Rev. Doug Williams
Larry Kies
Tim Morgan

Those Protecting Us
Law Enforcement
Firefighters
EMTs

Those Who Mourn...

The family of Stephanie McCumber

Those in Care Facilities...

Betty Ashby
Ruby Blount
Pam Conklin
Andy Jackson

Wilma Mott
Helen Newton
Alice Schwarz
Rita Skinner

Phyllis Snook
Elsie Ulland
Phyllis Yeutsy

Healing & Health Concerns...

Sue Antle
Pat Beckham
Dorothy Carpenter
Steve Dailey
Cash Dickerson
Nick Dreyer
Mackenzie Eldred

Paul Frohardt
Jody Gooch
Wilma Grout
Jill Hoffman
Vicky Holmquist
Pat Ingledue
Clayton Killian

Sylvie Miller
Connie Myers
Sally Rorabaugh
Merna Rusk
Rev. Janna Steed
Theresa Stewart
Judy Wittenberg

**PLEASE NOTE: If you have a prayer request or know of a change and want it reflected in the
bulletin, please call the church office at 792-4648. Please keep us updated and let us know when you
would like to be removed from the prayer list.**

MARY CIRCLE WILL MEET on Wednesday, September 15th at 9:30 AM at PJ's Deli.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS are under way from 5:30 PM—6:30 PM with the meals served curbside at the church's 2nd Ave E elevator entrance. Sacred Heart and First Lutheran Churches will rotate weeks of service with FUMC. As food donations are needed, sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. All meals are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY for a new year of Kids Club beginning Wednesday, October 6th. Please watch the bulletins, newsletter, and Facebook for further information.

PASTOR PAUL IS MAKING PLANS for a Confirmation class to begin sometime in October. Watch the bulletin and Messenger for further information.

WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES becoming available to purchase, now is a good time to remind everyone about the kits needed for the Ingathering. At the Welcome Center you will find a list of the Midwest Mission Kits that will be accepted for 2021. The kits are Personal Dignity Kit "PDK", Student Kit, Feminine Hygiene Kit, Layette Kit, and Birthing Kit. They also have a bazaar and live auction where items can be donated. They are accepting empty one-handle cloth bags and some of the kits require being placed in these same bags. All instructions and patterns can be seen at www.midwestmission.org and click on kits, projects, and patterns.

DUST OFF YOUR WALKING SHOES! The Jasper County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 3rd. More information will be forthcoming. Call Tori Reynolds at 792-5391 if interested.

DORCAS CIRCLE WILL BE MEETING every other month on Saturday mornings, October 2nd and December 4th at 9 AM at the home of Patty Dykstra, 4 Chancery Ct, Newton. Please contact Patty at tdykstra@iowatelecom.net for further information or questions. All ladies are welcome.

WE WANT TO HONOR all veterans this year in a special way on Sunday, November 14th during the 8:45 AM service. We are requesting you provide a military picture of the veteran, years of service, and branch of service. Please get these details to the church by Friday, October 22nd by email (office@newtonfirst.org), or by placing it in the offering plate or bringing it to the church office. We look forward to this special day.

Prayers of the People

Hymn 2200 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (The Faith We Sing x2)

O LORD, hear my prayer. O LORD, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O LORD, hear my prayer. O LORD, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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Call to Prayer – Eternal and loving Father, you comfort, support, and encourage us. Your goodness and kindness go beyond our understanding. Your grace is richer and deeper than we can begin to comprehend. Yet despite your gracious love and faithful care, we seek to go our own way and to trust our own resources. Time after time, we choose our plans over your will. Over and over again, our pride, self-reliance, and self-centeredness lead us astray. We admit we are flawed, broken people in need of mercy. Cleanse our hearts, and make them fresh and new. Renew our minds for your kingdom's sake. Empower us to be your Son's disciples for his glory. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

In Children's Time

Hymn 349 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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Children's Message

Offertory Scripture – Psalm 34:1 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 480)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"It Took a Miracle"

J.W. Peterson

Ilene Brass, soloist

The Doxology 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Dedication of Gifts

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Reading – James 3:1-12 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 216)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships:

though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Witness to the Word Pastor Paul Smith
“The Tongue Is the Early Warning System to What Is in Your Heart”

SENDING FORTH

*In Song 402 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response 666 “Shalom to You”

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

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*The Postlude

AS OUR CREATOR DESIGNED green leaves to turn fiery yellow, orange and red, may today's worship rekindle your faith with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Welcome.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL met on August 24th and has decided to keep the current guidelines in place for in-person worship. The council will review the guidelines at their September 28th meeting. Face masks remain optional. For a review of the guidelines, please visit the church website (newtonfirst.org).

USHERS: Calvin Holmquist, Shawn McFarling, Bob Lane, Wade Sheeler

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Jim Marshall and Joy Stout

VAN MAINTENANCE (September): TBD

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAUL or the church office if you or a family member is admitted to a hospital.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 68; Park Centre: 31; Total: 99

IF YOUR SCHEDULE keeps you from attending worship, join our live-streamed worship services, devotions, and past services by visiting our website at newtonfirst.org.

THIS WEEK'S RADIO BROADCAST on KCOB is sponsored in memory of Jeff Stout from Alan & Joy Stout.

DONATION GIVING STATEMENTS can be picked up for one final time today and will save us postage. They are on the table in the narthex.

AS A REMINDER, if you are unable to join us in worship, please send your offering to the church office at 210 N 2nd Ave E, Newton IA 50208. Online giving is also available for donations to First United Methodist Church. This can be done by going to the church's website (newtonfirst.org) and selecting the “Give” tab. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

TODAY IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY. Envelopes are included in today's bulletins for this special offering that benefits our Conference's Iowa Religious Media Service, Iowa Camping Program, and Christian Educators' scholarships. Your gifts are appreciated.

THE MONDAY AFTERNOON Men & Women of the Bible study, led by Christine Pauley, will begin tomorrow at 2 PM in the church library. We will start with Lesson 4—John the Baptist. Everyone is invited. Please call or text Christine at (641) 521-7472 and she will send or bring to church the lesson for September 13th. It is a pleasure to work together and learn about the faith (and failures) of people of the Bible. God will be glorified.