

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

Please sign the attendance pads found in the pews.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 27: 4-7

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

People: **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

Leader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

People: **Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!**

*OPENING HYMN *“O Worship the King”* Hymn 29

*OPENING PRAYER (Together)

“O God, You are the light to the lost, bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing to the sick, eternal vision to the dying, and harbor to every soul in peril. Gather the wanderers from every corner of the world into the community of your mercy and grace, that we may eternally praise you for our salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

A TIME WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 1-4 (page 638; large print—page 780)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4: 12-23 (pages 3-4; large print - page 4)

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”* Hymn 101

SERMON *Rev. Goanar Chol*

“Jesus, the Light of the World that was in Darkness”

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Offertory

*The Doxology

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(We use the words ‘debts’ and ‘debtors’ in The Lord’s Prayer)

*CLOSING HYMN *“Standing on the Promises”* Hymn 306

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

First Presbyterian Church of Grimes - ANNUAL MEETING

Today following Worship

Copies of the Annual Report are available on the table at the back of the church.



Alpha Youth: Gear up for some snow tubing fun! We’ ll meet

at the church at 3:30pm **TODAY** for carpooling to

Seven Oaks Recreation near Boone.

Cost is \$14/person for two hours of tubing.

Leading us in worship this morning is Rev. Goanar Chol. Read more about him...

Rev. Goanar J. Chol was married to Batul K. Chol in 1989. They have three children: Esther (Nyajal) Chol, in Pre-Med at the University of Iowa; Lam Chol, Drake University; and Lieb Chol, a freshman at Iowa State University.

I was born on May 29, 1951 in Waat County, Akobo district under the former Upper Nile Province, South Sudan. I was educated partly in Sudan and went to Grace Bible College in Jimma, Kaffa Province, Ethiopia. I graduated in 1977, after which I went back to Sudan and became a teacher at Giffen Bible School in Doleib Hill, South Sudan (1977-78). This is where pastors are trained for ministry before ordination.

I worked as an International Evangelist for Ambassadors for Christ International and traveled worldwide in the Middle East and Singapore in southwest Asia from 1979 to 1983. I also worked as an Area Community Development Officer with the Sudan Council of Churches (SCC) from 1983 to 1991. While working with the SCC, I received training at Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada in 1986 and graduated with a degree in Social Development.

In January 1991, the Chol family was displaced and then separated for three years, til July 1994 by the war that had erupted in 1983. While in exile, my church called me and I was ordained December 15, 1991 as Minister of Word and Sacrament (without a salary, but serving God) by the Presbyterian Church of the Sudan. I had been in exile in Akobo areas controlled by the Sudan Liberation Army/Sudan Liberation movement (SPLA/SPLM) fighting the Islamic government.

Due to the war, I went to study again in St. Paul's University, Lumuru Kenya, East Africa for my Masters of Divinity. I graduated in 1995.

In March 1996, the Chols came to the United States and lived in Bloomington, Indiana until August 15, 1999. At that time, the Presbyteries of Des Moines and Missouri River Valley called the Chol family to come and minister to the Sudanese in the two states. We have been living in the Des Moines area ever since. I also worked for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies from 2000-2004, returning once again to the two presbyteries. At the present time, I am the Sudanese Ministries Resource Person in the Des Moines Presbytery.

As of June 2013, I am now in the Doctor of Ministry program at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. With this comes lots of new challenges. God Bless!

Next Sunday, February 2nd:



More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Be a part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously next Sunday, Feb. 2nd, Super Bowl Sunday. Our youth will be here to help with collecting. Every dollar donated goes to the **Grimes Food Pantry**, our 2014 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon."

Isaiah 58:10



Help feed the hungry through Iowa's own
Meals from the Heartland

The 2nd Annual
Grimes Hunger Fight
February 15, 2014

@ Grimes United Methodist Church

More info coming soon!

Meals from the Heartland has a new goal for 2014: to package 10 million meals! Volunteers packaged almost 8.7 million meals in 2013.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

Offering Counters for today: Cyndy Bolsenga & Tom Wengert

Today: Sunday, January 26th, 2014:

Guest Speaker ~ Rev. Goanar Chol • Acting Youth Director ~ Beth Johnston

Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Denny & Kyle Rosenberg

Coffee Hosts ~ Workman Family

Nursery Attendants ~ Camily Deitrick & Melissa White

Serving next Sunday, February 2nd, 2014:

Guest Speaker ~ Rev. Bob Burnett • Acting Youth Director ~ Beth Johnston

Organist ~ Colene Townsend • Pianist ~ Nancy Mitchell

Ushers & Greeters ~ Klug Family

Coffee Hosts ~ Altman Family

Nursery Attendants ~ Melissa White & Camily Deitrick

Offering Counters Feb. 2nd & 9th: Robbin McClelland & Phyllis Rosenberg

Feb. 16th & 23rd: Bob Heston & Chris Klug

**In service to the congregation, we ask that compliments,
complaints or concerns please be directed to the appropriate
committee chairperson (below) as a first step.**

We Are Sincerely, *Your Church Session*

Building & Grounds Committee: Leon Altman, *Curt Klyn

Christian Education Committee: Ben Johnston

Evangelism Committee: Bob Heston, Chris Klug

Fellowship Committee: *Linda Wong

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Memorial Committee: Chris Klug

Nominating Committee: Bob Heston

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Stewardship Committee: Ben Johnston, *Curt Klyn, *Melodee Grefe

Worship Committee: Cyndy Bolsenga, Bob Heston

*** = after Ordination and Installation on 2-9-2014**

Session Members

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