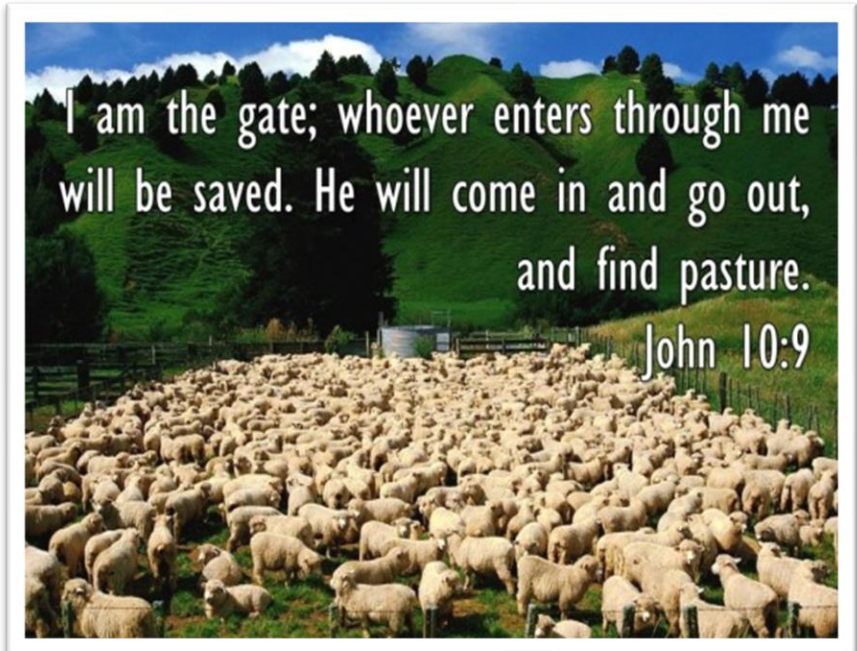


Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, April 30, 2023



Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00 am: Worship-Sanctuary

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday
(held virtually via Zoom)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am – Noon

Can't make it to today's worship? Visit the church website to watch today's service: www.echohillchurch.org

Email: echohill@echohillchurch.org

Phone: (319) 377-4360

Address:

715 38th St. SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

• Today's Scripture •

Today's Scripture is John 10:7-21 with the sermon titled "Smart Sheep."

Worship is...

Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.

Parking: Street parking is available, plus you can also park in the Dental Center parking lot to the south.

Restrooms: Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

Large print hymnals (words only): Available on the back table.

Hearing assistance devices are available: Ask an usher.

Questions? Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!



"Like" the church page on Facebook! Just go to www.facebook.com/EchoHillPresbyterianChurch.

Connection Card

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

Welcome to Worship! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Are you a: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee	

Order of Worship – April 30, 2023

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

“Be Still and Know”

(Worship is our response to the goodness of God. We are blessed to be called together, by God, to offer our praise and bring our joys and concerns, leaving renewed in spirit and eager to go and live our faith.)

The Welcome & Announcements

*(*We invite you to please stand if you are able.)*

*The Call to Worship (Psalm 23 – GNT)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water. He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised.

All: Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord, for you are with me. Your shepherd’s rod and staff protect me. You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim. I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life and your house will be my home as long as I live.

*The Hymn of Praise #801

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, you lead us on a journey that draws us closer to you each day. Often we stray from that path and find ourselves regretting decisions and living with consequences lost and without hope. Thank you for coming to get us. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to point out our sin and invite us to hear your voice and follow you again. Keep shepherding us. Keep calling us back. Help us to be sensitive to your voice and eager to join you in the way of life you have designed. We ask that you hear our personal prayers of confession as we pray in silence...

*Words of Assurance (1 Peter: 2:24-25)

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*Response #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

**All: 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.**

*Passing the Peace

Listening to God's Word -----

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture

John 10:7-21

The Message

"Smart Sheep" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #518

"Your Only Son"

Sharing Joys & Concerns in Prayer

If you have a special request you'd like to share with the prayer chain, please use the green connection card and place it in the offering plate.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

The Call to Dedication

Leader: Today, we bring our tithes and offerings for the work God is doing among us.

All: With grateful hearts we dedicate our offerings to God.

The Offertory

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

*Congregational Response #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

All: Thank you God for giving us the opportunity to join you in bringing Good News of your love to the world around us. We ask that you accept our tithes and offerings as well as this noisy offering, to be used to help protect Ugandan children's feet so they can go to school. Bless our time together next Saturday as we work to cut out the shoes for children we will never meet. We know your hand is at work among us and we give thanks that you have included us in this work. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #353

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

The Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

"Wondrous Love"

Announcements for the Week of April 30

Ushers: Bess Naujoks & JoAnn Ingels
Lay Leader: Lynda Nelson

Thank you to Marilyn Bonesteel and Sharol Irish for providing fellowship this morning. Carolyn Evans will provide fellowship next Sunday, May 7. If you would like to help with fellowship on a future Sunday, please see the sign-up sheet.

Happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating their special day next week!

Joshua Barton May 2
Jim White May 5

Weekly Calendar

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Studies
10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary
12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday:

9:00 AM: Sole Hope Shoe-Making Party

Sole Hope Shoe Party – May 6

We are having a party and you are invited! Last year we had so much fun, and we made a difference for 30 children in Uganda! The goal for this year is 40 pairs. We cut the shoes from denim, and then send them to Uganda (along with \$14/pair) where the women gain employment putting the shoes together. These shoes help protect the Ugandan children from jiggers (sand fleas) that infest their feet. If you would like to contribute to this mission, please write "shoes" on the memo line of your check. Mark your calendar for these events:

Apr 30: Today is Noisy Sunday. Your coins and dollars are needed to help cover the cost of \$14 per pair of shoes.

Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 am: Shoe cutting party. This year we invite you to bring your old, still usable, pair of shoes. We will donate these shoes to a non-profit location. Coffee and refreshments provided. – *The Caring Team*

Drop-Off Times for Mission Sale in June

Our Pickin' for a Mission sale is coming up soon. It is June 15 (8:00 am-7:00 pm) and 16 (8:00 am-1:00 pm). We hope you have been saving your items. All proceeds go to Olivet Neighborhood Mission. Most items will be accepted, but not clothing.

Here are the drop-off times for your articles:

June 12: 9:00 am-12 noon and 5:00-7:00 pm

June 13: 9:00 am-12 noon and 5:00-7:00 pm

June 14: 9:00 am-12 noon

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