

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, August 20, 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.crfaitth.org

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52403



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• Church Snapshot •

Have you checked out the new signage on the outside doors?

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!

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 Faith Presbyterian! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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	
(Over)	

Order of Worship – August 20, 2023

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

(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 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Unison: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*The Hymn of Praise #649

“Amazing Grace”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, if it were not for your amazing grace reaching out to us, we would be unable to experience your love. We come confessing that we have nothing to bring you that is worthy of your attention. While we may do our best to keep score of our good deeds, and proclaim our sacrifices as worthy of recognition, we know you are looking for those who will accept your gift of love, given to all in Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we trust in our own righteousness, and forget our need for forgiveness. We ask that you accept our prayers in the name of Jesus, and bless us as we continue to pray in silence.

*Words of Assurance (Romans 11:33-36)

Leader: How great are God’s riches! How deep are his wisdom and knowledge! Who can explain his decisions? Who can understand his ways? As the scripture says, “Who knows the mind of the Lord? Who is able to give him advice? Who has ever given him anything, so that he had to pay it back?” For all things were created by him, and all things exist through him and for him. To God be the glory forever! Amen.

*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

The Baptism of Aletta Barber

Hymn #486

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Listening to God's Word -----

The Prayer for Illumination

The Congregational Response

All: Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

The Scripture

Matthew 15:21-28

The Message

"It's All About the Dogs" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #318

"In Christ There is No East or West"

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 (*Matthew 6:30-33*)

Leader: "If God gives attention to the appearance of wildflowers – most of which are never even seen – don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's *giving*. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

The Offertory

*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: Holy God, you have given attention to us. You have provided us with everything we need. Now we bring an offering to support the work of your church and the ministry done here. Bless us as we give with cheerful hearts and open hands. May we see your hand at work through our willing gifts. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

*Congregational Benediction Song #747

"Lord, Send Us Forth"

Postlude

Announcements for the Week of August 20

Lead Usher: Bev Slager
Lay Leader: Linda Kipp

This morning, we celebrate the baptism of Aletta Barber, daughter of Casey Barber & Jessica Marcus! Thanks to Casey & Jessica, Cheryl Paulsen, Margaret Morey, and Jayne Peremsky for providing fellowship this morning. Joyce Boesenberg and Maureen Thompson will provide fellowship next Sunday, August 27.

You're invited to His Hands Free Clinic's Tours and Treats this Monday, August 21 at 5:30 pm. They'll give tours and answer questions about the ministry. Plan for an hour. The clinic is at 1245 2nd Ave. SE. Please RSVP to Sheryl@hishandsclinic.org. Please note that this is NOT a fundraising event.

Happy birthday to the following people celebrating their special day this week!

Deb Foege	Aug 21
Joyce Boesenberg	Aug 22
Bob Payne	Aug 24

Weekly Calendar

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Studies

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost

4:00 PM-6:00 PM: SEMP at First Presbyterian, CR

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

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

11:30 AM: Erskine Staff Appreciation Lunch

5:30 PM: Mission Ministries Meeting-Room #1

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

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM: Finance Team Meeting

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: No Events Scheduled

SEMP Today

The Sunday Evening Meal Program (SEMP) at First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids is today, Sunday, August 20. If you signed up to volunteer, please be there at 4:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church at 310 Fifth St. SE. Note the change of entrance: Enter through the glassed doors off the parking lot. After serving, let's continue our fellowship and eat at Starlite. Contact Lynda Nelson at 319-533-3451 if you have questions.

Erskine Staff Lunch Tomorrow

Faith Presbyterian will be hosting the Erskine teachers and staff on Monday, August 21. This will be the second annual appreciation luncheon for these hard-working, caring individuals. We received many compliments on the walking tacos/taco salad and homemade pies we served last year, so we will be serving the same meal. Thank you to all who are volunteering at the event and/or providing food. Thank you for serving the staff at our neighborhood school! – *Mission Ministry Team*

Congregational Meeting – August 27

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, August 27, at 9:55 am for the purpose of electing a deacon. The Nominating Team has a deacon nominee to fill the unfulfilled term from the class of 2024. Judy Worley has accepted this nomination. Please come a few minutes earlier to church on August 27!

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