

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, January 21, 2024



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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• Today's Scripture •

Today's Scripture is Matthew 4:12-25 with the sermon titled "The Big Reveal."

Worship is...

Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.

Parking: Additional 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 search for "Faith Presbyterian Church."

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: _____
 Check if changes in contact information
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?
 Church website Church member Event Facebook
 Other: _____
Are you a: 1st-time guest 2nd-time guest Member/regular attendee
(Over)

Order of Worship – January 21, 2024

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 (Isaiah 9:1-7)

Leader: But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

All: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

Leader: For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

All: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*The Hymn of Praise #192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, as people who were once walking in darkness, you are calling us into your marvelous light. You have revealed your love in Jesus Christ, and through the power of that love, you call us back to yourself. We want that light. We want to abandon our sins and live in your blessed presence. Forgive us for excusing our sin that calls us into darkness. Hear us as we bring our personal prayers of confession before you...

*Words of Assurance (John 8:2)

Leader: Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” 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

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 4:12-25 (*Pew Bible – New Testament, page 3*)

The Message

“The Big Reveal” – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #169

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

The Service of Installation of Elders: Don Worden and Ila Van Dyke

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 Minute for Mission

Ministries 2024 Preview

The Call to Dedication (*Matthew 5:14-16*)

Leader: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they set it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine, that others may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

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: These tithes and offerings we bring to you today, O God, are a portion of what you have given to us. The light of your love has touched our hearts. We want to support the work of your church and our place in the community sharing the light of Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for your faithfulness and your faith in us. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #309

“Stepping in the Light” (*please see insert*)

The Closing Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

Announcements for the Week of January 21

Lead Usher: Linda Kipp
Lay Leader: Carole Swanson

Thanks to Roger & Chris Tucker and Linda Kipp for providing fellowship this morning.

There is a connection card in each newsletter for our services. This has many purposes, and we'd like to remind you of these. There's space for changes in addresses, phone numbers, or other changes the office needs to update. On the back, there is space to put prayer requests. Many people speak about their requests during the prayer as part of the service, and we ask that you also put that request on the connection card. This helps us put that request accurately on the prayer chain. We don't want to miss any of the prayer requests. There is also room to request information about some of the groups we have. You may also indicate this on the card. When the connection cards are gathered after each service, they are read and forwarded to the appropriate person.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Studies

9:40 AM: Special Session Meeting-Room #1

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

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

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

5:30 PM: Session Meeting-Room #1

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: No Events Scheduled

Annual Meeting & Soup Lunch

Good news! The annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 28th after worship. The annual report will be emailed to members beforehand and printed copies will be available today at worship, January 21st. We will also have a soup lunch on January 28th.

Our 2024 Per Capita is \$42.17 Per Member

The per capita is the amount each congregation pays to help the larger Presbyterian church. It is the "glue" that holds us Presbyterians together. The breakdown includes the General Assembly (\$9.80), the Synod (\$5.50) and the Presbytery of East Iowa (\$26.87). The 2024 Per Capita, per member, equals \$42.17. Make your check to Faith Presbyterian Church, and in the memo line, write "per capita." Your contribution will be forwarded to the Presbytery.

Save Your Stamps & Receipts

Bring in your stamps and Hy-Vee receipts! Faith Presbyterian is giving Hy-Vee receipts to Erskine Elementary across the street. You can drop off your receipts at the church office or leave them in the basket on the table outside the office. We are also still collecting canceled stamps, which help raise money for Presbyterian mission funds. You can drop off stamps at the church office.

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