

# Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, March 24, 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](http://www.crfaitth.org)

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## • Today's Scripture •

*Today is Palm Sunday! The Scripture is Mark 11:1-11 with the sermon titled "Rolling Out the Red Carpet."*

## 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!

## 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 – March 24, 2024

## Gather to Worship God -----

### Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*(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 (from Psalm 118 – The Message Translation)

Leader: Thank God because he’s good, because his love never quits. Tell the world, Israel, “His love never quits.” Swing wide the city gates – the *righteous* gates! I’ll walk right through and thank God! This temple gate belongs to God, so the victors can enter and praise. Thank you for responding to me; you’ve truly become my salvation!

**All: The stone the masons discarded as flawed is now the capstone! This is God’s work. We rub our eyes – we can hardly believe it! This is the very day God acted – let’s celebrate and be festive! Blessed are you who enter in God’s name – from God’s house we bless you! God is God, he has bathed us in light. Festoon the shrine with garlands, hang colored banners above the altar! You’re my God, and I thank you. O my God, I lift high your praise. Thank God – he’s so good. His love never quits!**

### \*The Hymn of Praise #197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

### \*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**All: In the silence of these moments, we bow before you, O God. We confess our need to know you. Your mercies are what we need most. We seek to live honoring you, but cannot achieve that on our own strength. Our will gets in the way of our service to your Kingdom. Remind us that your Holy Spirit is present, in our lives, to guide us toward knowing you better each day. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ and his willingness to give himself connecting us to God forever. We offer this prayer in his name asking that you hear us as we continue to pray in silence...**

### \*Words of Assurance (From Psalm 118)

Leader: Pushed to the wall, I called to God; from the wide open spaces, he answered. God’s now at my side and I’m not afraid; who would dare lay a hand on me? God’s my strong champion; I flick off my enemies like flies. Far better to take refuge in God than trust in people; far better to take refuge in God than trust in celebrities. God’s my strength, he’s also my song, and now he’s my salvation. 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

Mark 11:1-11

The Message

"Rolling Out the Red Carpet" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

## Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #197

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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 (*Psalm 118:29*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Offertory

"Unshakable Faith"

\*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: Although we were not there to lay before you our coats and palms honoring your rule in our lives, O Christ, we bring tithes and offerings asking that they be used for your eternal glory. There is none that loves us so as to lay down his life so we may have life eternal. We join other congregations as we bring our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. With glad and grateful hearts, we worship you, O Christ. Amen.

## Going Out to Serve -----

\*The Closing Hymn #199

"Filled with Excitement"

\*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

\*The Congregational Response #700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Postlude

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

# Announcements for the Week of March 24

**Lead Usher:** Judy Gnade  
**Lay Leader:** Bob Payne

**Maundy Thursday service:** The Cedar Rapids Presbyterian churches are joining together for a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1285 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE in Cedar Rapids. A meal will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by the service at 6:30 pm.

**The church office will be closed Friday, March 29** in observance of Good Friday.

**Thanks to Carmen Ohrt & Margaret Morey** for providing fellowship this morning. Next Sunday, we'll have an Easter Breakfast at 8:30 am. See the sign-up sheet if you'd like to bring a breakfast casserole or orange juice.

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

Harper Ellerbach  
Jack Worley

Mar 29  
Mar 30

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Palm Sunday  
**9:00 AM:** Bible Studies  
**10:00 AM:** Worship-Sanctuary

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
**9:00 AM:** 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  
*Maundy Thursday*  
**6:00 PM:** Worker Bees  
**6:30 PM:** Maundy Thursday Service at Westminster

Friday: Good Friday – Church Office Closed

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

## Items of Greatest Need for Ecumenical Center

If you haven't done your shopping yet for the Ecumenical Center, we have learned that they are in great need of laundry detergent in the smaller size bottles. Their other big need is 2-in-1 shampoo/body wash. We will be collecting these items through March 31. You are invited to deliver our donations on Tuesday, April 2, at 9:00 am. Let Lynda Nelson know if you can join us.

## Help Our Community by Serving a Meal

Be like Jesus. Help serve a meal to those who are hungry. You are invited on April 7 at 4:00 pm, to serve SEMP (Sunday Evening Meal Program) at First Presbyterian Church at 310 Fifth Street SE. Sign up on the sheet at the welcome table. After serving, we will continue our fellowship at Irish Democrat.

## Start Collecting Your Items for the Sale!

Our annual Mission Sale is June 13 and 14, but we need your help now. Start collecting your items you no longer need. Remember your junk is somebody else's treasure! We are not accepting clothing. Ask your family and friends if they have items to donate. Starting April 1, you'll be able to bring your items to the church to store them in room #4. All proceeds from the mission sale will be given to Olivet Neighborhood Mission.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Taken Today

Our gifts for One Great Hour of Sharing support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. To contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, please write "OGHS" in the memo line of your check. The offering will be taken this morning, Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

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