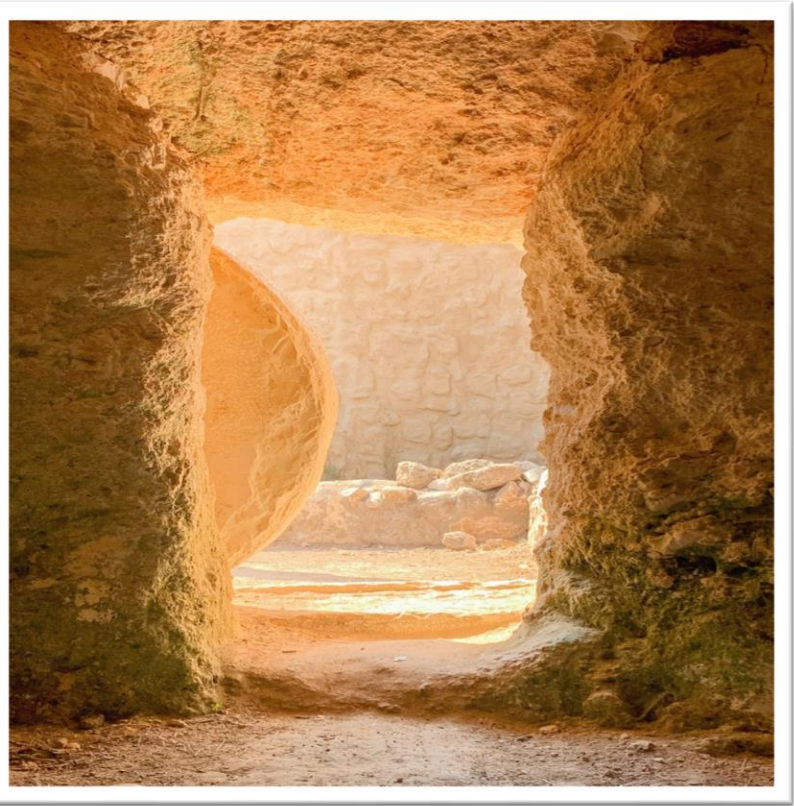


Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, March 31, 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

Email: crfaitth@crfaitth.org

Phone: (319) 377-4360

Address:

715 38th St. SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

• Today's Scripture •

He is risen! Happy Easter! Today's Scripture is John 20:1-18 with the sermon titled "My Father, and Your Father, My God and Your God."

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:	_____
<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	
(Over)	

Order of Worship – March 31, 2024

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

“Christ Arose”

(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 (Mark 16:1-8)

Leader: When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

All: "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

*The Hymn of Praise #232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, in the silence of these moments we come before your throne rejoicing that our Christ has conquered death. He has risen from the dead and offers eternal life to all who believe in him. Forgive us for doubting your plan for us. Forgive us for worrying about what is next in life and frantically trying to prepare for harder times ahead. Our hope is in you alone. You know us. You love us. Our future is secure in your promises. You have given us a Savior who has taken our sins upon himself so that we may be your children and you may be our God. With joyful hearts we give thanks in the name of Jesus, who is the Christ. Hear us as we continue to pray in silence...

*Words of Assurance (Colossians 3:1-4)

Leader: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 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

John 20:1-18

The Message "My Father, and Your Father, My God and Your God" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #241

"Woman, Weeping in the Garden"

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

The Offertory

"Resurrection Medley"

***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, we dedicate our noisy offering and the personal care supplies we have collected for the Ecumenical Center. May they be used to bless the lives of those in need. In response to your great gift of love, in giving your Son, Jesus, as the payment for our sins, we give to you, O God. Use these tithes and offerings to proclaim the Good News that death has been conquered and heaven's gates have been opened to all those who trust in you. With grateful hearts, we give in the name of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

***The Closing Hymn #238**

"Thine is the Glory"

***The Closing Prayer & Benediction**

***The Congregational Response #700**

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

Postlude

"Regal Praise"

Announcements for the Week of March 31

Lead Usher: Judy Gnade
Lay Leader: Carol Sindelar

This morning, we'll have an Easter Breakfast at 8:30 am. Thanks to everyone who brought a breakfast casserole, orange juice, etc. There will be no fellowship time following worship.

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.

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

Dennis Morey	Mar 31
Marilyn Randall	Apr 2
Audra Larimer	Apr 3

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: *Easter Sunday*
8:30 AM: Easter Breakfast
10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

Monday: *Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm*
9:00 AM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: *Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm*
9:00 AM: Ecumenical Center Tour
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*

The Sailboat Church

Next Sunday, April 7, we begin "The Sailboat Church" study group at 9:00 am. The books are coming, and you can pick up yours this morning. You can find your book in your mailbox. Please read the first chapter for April 7th. These 45-minute sessions will help us define the direction God is leading our infant congregation. We need the faithful prayers and attendance of every person if we're going to be the successful Christ-sharers God has in mind.

Connecting with Members & Friends

Pastor Morey has asked the Deacons to lead an effort to involve the congregation in connecting with members or friends of the church who are homebound, in care centers, or otherwise cannot attend church for some reason. If you know one of these people, or even if you don't and would be willing to visit them once a month or so, please sign under their name on the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall. You could go alone, with a friend, or with their Deacon. More than one person is welcome to sign up for any individual.

This is in the beginning stages and I'll be gone for three weeks, but wanted to get it started. All of the Deacons are women and I know a couple of the men on the list crave having conversations with other men, so I hope everyone will consider signing up. Thank you! – *Linda Kipp, Moderator, Board of Deacons*

WOW – It's the Little Things

Recently those attending the WOW (Worship on Wednesday) service illustrated the value of the service by merely being there. There were 13 attending, and Zoom allowed them to participate regardless of their location or situation. One couple are snow birds and have been attending weekly from Arizona. Another couple was also south visiting family, attending from a hotel that overlooks an Atlantic Ocean beach. Another is a care giver and needed to be home; one was recovering from COVID. All were able to feel the support of the church family. WOW is a small service, but serves a big purpose. It's a mid-week pick-me-up. Consider attending WOW when you can, when there is a need. It takes place Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. People start gathering at 6:45 for fellowship before the service. Please contact Carol Sindelar or the church office if you'd like the Zoom link. WOW: come as you are... leave a little better.

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