

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, April 7, 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 John 20:19-31 with the sermon titled "Created to Sail."

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	
<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 – April 7, 2024

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

“I Surrender All”

(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 3:1-4 & 8 – The Message Translation)

Leader: God! Look! Enemies past counting! Enemies sprouting like mushrooms. Mobs of them all around me, roaring their mockery: “Hah! No help for *him* from God!”

All: But you, God, shield me on all sides; you ground my feet, you lift my head high. With all my might, I shout up to God. His answers thunder from the holy mountain. Real help comes from God. Your blessing clothes your people!

*The Hymn of Praise #231

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we confess: life is a struggle. We work and worry; we do our best using all our strength. Much like a boat out on the sea, we can see a storm brewing with only an oar and the safety of the shoreline far away; we wonder if our strength can keep us afloat. Forgive us. We have placed our faith in ourselves, in the efforts of those who say they want to help, and the promises of processes and politicians. In fear we ask, “Is the storm greater than my strength?” How foolish we are. You have created us. You know what we need. You have raised Christ from death and promised us the kind of strength that calls us to forsake the oar and pull up the sail, allowing your Holy Spirit to take us to that place you have in mind. Help us to hold onto the peace Christ offered his disciples when he met them behind locked doors. Hear us as we pray in silence...

*Words of Assurance (1 John 1:1-4 – The Message Translation)

Leader: John, the disciple of Jesus, writes to the church, “From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in – we heard it with our own ears. Saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we’re telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. We saw it, we heard it, and now we’re telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ.” 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 20:19-31

The Message

"Created to Sail" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" (*please see insert*)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.

Minute for Mission

Sole Hope

The Call to Dedication

Leader: With grateful hearts we bring tithes and offerings to God.

The Offertory

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

*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, often we ask, "What do I have that could be used for the Kingdom of God?" We bring tithes and offerings, knowing that the life and work of the church is dependent on its members' faithful giving, and we are glad to support your church in that way. Yet we know that your word will go forth in the lives who are committed to hearing your voice and sharing this Good News with the world around us. As we give offerings today, we ask that you continue to inspire our hearts to raise the sails and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us to achieve your purposes. We worship you in the name of our risen Christ. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #501

"So Send I You"

*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

*The Congregational Response #700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (*v. 3 only*)

Postlude

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Announcements for the Week of April 7

Lead Usher: Judy Worley
Communion Server: Judy Worley, Lynda Nelson
Lay Leader: Carol Sindelar

Gluten-free bread: To allow everyone the opportunity to partake in communion, the bread used for this sacrament is gluten-free.

SEMP (Sunday Evening Meal Program) is today, April 7, at 4:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church at 310 Fifth Street SE. After serving, we will continue our fellowship at Irish Democrat.

Greg & Erin Ennis and Steve & Lynda Nelson will provide fellowship next Sunday, April 14.

Thank you for all the Christmas cards. It was great to hear from my church family, and my shipmates thank you for their cards, too.
– *Khory Nobles*

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

Carole Swanson	Apr 9
Diane Tyne	Apr 9
Steve Thomas	Apr 10
Paul Varcoe	Apr 13

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Communion

9:00 AM: Sailboat Church Study Group

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

4:00 PM: SEMP at First Presbyterian

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

9:30 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 Begins Today

Today, Sunday, April 7, we begin "The Sailboat Church" study group at 9:00 am. 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.

Will You Buy a Pair of Shoes?

For the past several years, we have cut a children's size 5 shoe from blue jeans. The parts of the shoe are mailed to Uganda, where the women provide the labor to assemble the shoes and the children get shoes to prevent jiggers in their feet. During the month of April, we will be raising the funds to send these shoe parts to Uganda. Sole Hope no longer has their corporate sponsor, so we need to send \$35 per pair of shoes. The Mission Ministries team invites the congregation to support this project for a donation of \$17.50 for a single shoe, or \$35 for a pair of shoes. Write "Sole Hope" on the memo line on your check. We will have a board in the church showing our progress. Look for details of the shoe cutting party on May 11 later on. – *The Missions Ministry Team*

Bring in 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. You can 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.

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