

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, September 1, 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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• Church Snapshot •

Thanks to everyone who made the Erskine staff appreciation lunch a success on Thursday, August 22! Whether you volunteered your time or donated food or supplies, you are an important part of what has become an annual event at Faith Presbyterian! Shown left to right are Bev Slager, Carol Sindelar, Lynda Nelson, Carmen Ohrt, Ila Van Dyke, Linda Kipp, JoAnn Ingels, Diane Tyne, and Jan Karr.

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: _____
 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 – September 1, 2024

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

“Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”

(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

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

All: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

*The Hymn of Praise #610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we do not deserve to be in your dwelling place, for we have not lived blameless lives. We have not done what is right in your sight or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts. We have refused to love as we should and have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been blessed. Redeeming God, save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom. Gather us in your righteousness. Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation. Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Leader: Though we are not worthy to enter God’s dwelling, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!

*The Prayer Response #519

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

All: You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

*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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Message

"Untraditional Tradition" – Rev. Mike Andrew

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #442

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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.

The Prayer Response #469

All: Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The Call to Dedication

Leader: Giving is not a casual act, it relates God's work to our work. Each has received a gift, with a responsibility to employ it for one another. In this way, we become good stewards of God's grace, such that God may be glorified. Let us share our gifts, tithes, and offerings together...

The Offertory

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" with "Nearer, Still Nearer"

*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: Almighty God, giver of every good perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn

"Trust and Obey" (*please see insert*)

*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

Announcements for the Week of September 1

Lead Usher: Judy Worley
Communion Servers: Judy Worley, Dan Gnade
Lay Leader: Bob Payne

Thanks to Lynda Nelson and Kathy Yoder for providing fellowship this morning. Marilyn Bonesteel and Sharol Irish will provide fellowship next Sunday, September 8.

We welcome Rev. Mike Andrew to the pulpit this morning!

Michael Becker is on vacation this week. Thanks to Sandy Minger for filling in at the church office! Office hours this week will be Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-1:30 and Friday 8:00-noon. The office is closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

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

Jill Laping Sept 3

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Communion
9:00 AM: Bible Studies
10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

Monday: Labor Day – Church Office Closed
9:00 AM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-1:30 pm
Michael Becker on Vacation
9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-1:30 pm
Michael Becker on Vacation
7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-1:30 pm
Michael Becker on Vacation
6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Michael Becker on Vacation
10:00 AM: Leadership Retreat-Cedar Rapids Library

Sole Hope Shoe-Cutting Party – September 10

It's time to cut shoes for the people of Uganda. Our goal is to cut 40 pairs. We will gather on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 am to cut children's shoes from old blue jeans. These are then shipped to Uganda where the completed shoe will protect the children from jiggers. Bring a sharp pair of scissors to cut the jeans. Invite your family and friends. If you would like to contribute toward the cost of the shoes, the cost is \$35 for a pair or \$17.50 for a shoe. Write Sole Hope on the memo line. – *Missions Ministry Team*

Please Fill Out Your Connection Card

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.

Invite Someone to Church!



Have you ever wanted to invite someone to worship, but didn't have the church information handy? We have Faith Presbyterian invitation cards that provide information like worship time, address, phone number, email, website, and Facebook page. They look like the image to the left and are available at the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a few and when the opportunity comes, invite someone to worship with us.

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