

# Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, January 5, 2025



## 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's Scripture is Matthew 2 with the sermon titled "Here We are Again!"*

## 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 – January 5, 2025

## Gather to Worship God -----

### Prelude

“Come Thou Font”

*(Worship is our response to the goodness of God. We are blessed to be called together, by God, to offer our praise & bring our joys & concerns, leaving renewed in spirit & eager to go & live our faith.)*

### The Welcome & Announcements

*(\*We invite you to please stand if you are able.)*

### \*The Call to Worship (I Corinthians 1:27-31 – Message Translation)

Leader: These are the words of the Apostle Paul to the church: “Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don’t see many of ‘the brightest and the best’ among you, not many influential, not many from high-society families.”

All: Isn’t it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks and exploits and abuses, chose these “nobodies” to expose the hollow pretensions of the “somebodies”? That makes it quite clear that none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God. Everything that we have – right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start – comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. That’s why we have the saying, “If you’re going to blow a horn, blow a trumpet for God.”

### \*The Hymn of Praise

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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Isaac Watts William Croft

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
3. A thous - and a - ges, in Thy sight, Are like an ev - 'ning gone;  
4. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way;  
5. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come;

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!  
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night, Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the ope - ning day.  
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home! A - men.

**\*The Unison Prayer of Confession**

**All:** Holy God, looking back we can see many times we have failed you. We know you know all about us and invite us to a new beginning that includes forgiveness for those failures. We confess them to you today and ask that you help us remember the lessons we have learned, as you release us from the guilt we have felt for having made those decisions. We give you thanks that your Son, Jesus, the Christ, has been born into our lives and offers us an opportunity to know you. We bring our prayers before you today, in his name asking that you hear our personal prayers as we pray in silence...

**\*Words of Assurance (Romans 5:1)**

Leader: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*The Prayer Response #126**

“Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

**\*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 2 (Page 2 – New Testament – Pew Bible)

**The Message**

“Here We are Again!” – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

**Responding to God’s Word -----**

**Hymn of Response #150**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

**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 #695**

“Change My Heart, O God”

**All:** Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.  
You are the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.



## The Call to Dedication (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)

Leader: He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity which will produce thanksgiving to God.

## The Offertory

"Immortal, Invisible"

## \*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: On the first Sunday of this New Year, we bring tithes and offerings to worship you, O God. In this year ahead, give us many opportunities to worship you and praise your Holy Name. Accept the cheerful spirit with which we invest these resources and we ask that they may be used to show forth the light of Christ's love. We present our gifts in his name. Amen.

## Going Out to Serve -----

### \*The Closing Hymn #151

"We Three Kings"

### \*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

### Postlude

"We Three Kings"

# Announcements for the Week of January 5th

**Lead Usher:** Judy Gnade  
**Communion Servers:** Judy Gnade, Carole Swanson  
**Lay Leader:** Carol Sindelar

**Fellowship volunteers needed.** We need volunteers to provide fellowship on Sundays. Please see the sign-up sheet if you'd like to help out on a future Sunday.

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the staff Christmas gift! It's very much appreciated! – *Dennis Morey, Sandy Minger, Michael Becker, and Jill Laping*

**Annual reports** are due to Michael by this Wednesday, January 8th. Printed annual reports will be available next Sunday, January 12th. The annual meeting and soup lunch will be held after worship on Sunday, January 19th.

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Communion  
**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

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

## Our 2025 Per Capita is \$45.34 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 per capita for 2025 is \$45.34. Of this, \$10.84 goes to the General Assembly, \$5.50 goes to Synod, and \$29.00 goes to the Presbytery of East Iowa. Please write "per capita" in the memo line of your check. Please contact Sandy Minger in the church office with any questions.

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