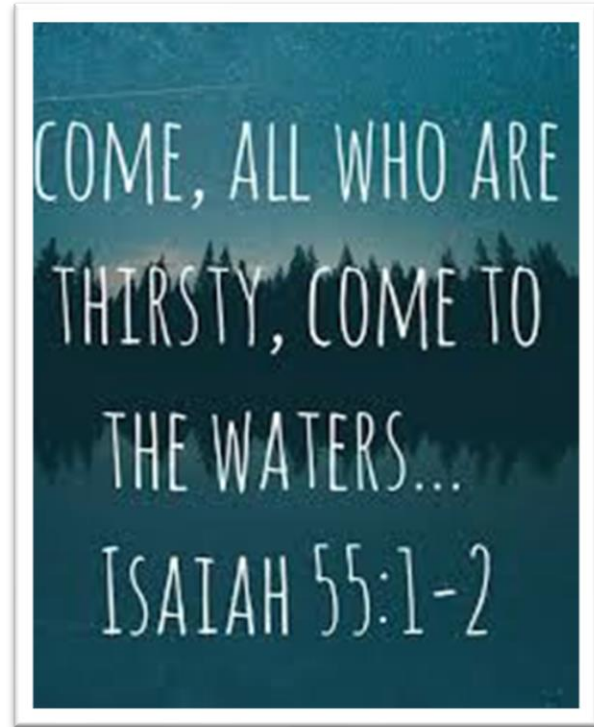


Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, March 23, 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.crfait.org

Email: crfaith@crfaith.org

Phone: (319) 377-4360

Address:

715 38th St. SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

• Today's Scripture •

Today's Scripture is Isaiah 55:1-9 with the sermon from Greg Ennis titled "The Invitation."

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 – March 23, 2025

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

(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 (Psalm 63:1-8)

Leader: O God, you are our God; we seek you; our souls thirst for you; our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

All: So we will bless you as long as we live; we will lift up our hands and call on your name. Our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast, and our mouths praise you with joyful lips when we think of you on our beds and meditate on you in the watches of the night, for you have been our help, and in the shadow of your wings we sing for joy. Our souls cling to you; your right hand upholds us.

*The Hymn of Praise #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves as we amend and awaken to who you desire us to be. We confess that we have not always brought forth good fruit. In the midst of chaos and frenzy, we have often lost our way. Our feet have strayed from the place where we met you. Our egos have kept us from noticing our missteps; yet, with you, we know there’s another chance for change. There is another opportunity to bear good fruit in a world full of spoiled and rotten produce and systems designed to kill; we are called to be the change that sustains generations. Let us lean with you into this chance for transformation. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus, asking that you continue to hear us as we pray in silence...

*Words of Assurance (Matthew 11:28-30)

Leader: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

*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

Isaiah 55:1-9

The Message

"The Invitation" – Elder Greg Ennis

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #435

"There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy"

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 (*Psalm 96:8*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

The Offertory

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*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: Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings. We pray that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

"Shout to the Lord!"

Announcements for the Week of March 23rd

Lead Usher: Bev Slager
Lay Leader: Linda Kipp

Thank you to Don & Darlene Worden and Judy Gnade for providing fellowship this morning. Next Sunday, March 30, we'll have a potluck lunch after worship to celebrate Pastor Morey's birthday! Please see the sign-up sheet if you'd like to help on a future Sunday.

We welcome Greg Ennis to the pulpit this morning!

Rev. Morey is on vacation through today.

Happy birthday to the following people celebrating their special day this week! Please contact the church office if you'd like to send someone a card and need their address.

Katheryn Reed Mar 27
Harper Ellerbach Mar 29

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Dennis Morey on Vacation

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

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Let's Help the Ecumenical Community Center!

During the month of March, we will be supporting the Ecumenical Community Center/Helping Hands Ministry. The Center provides assistance such as rent, utility, auto gas, and ID assistance, as well as financial and life coaching. The March 30 Noisy Sunday offering will be given to the Ecumenical Center. They are in need of toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and body soap (family size or the 3-in-1), laundry soap or sheets (the bigger bottles of Dollar Tree soap are the best deal at \$1.25 for 21 loads), and gloves. – *Missions Ministry*

Non-Stretch Blue Jeans Needed

The Missions Ministry team is planning another Sole Hope shoe cutting party on May 10. We need your old non-stretch blue jeans. Men's jeans usually have no stretch. Place your donated jeans on the donation table by the fireplace. Contact Lynda Nelson at 319-533-3451 if you have questions.

Harmony Hawks Spring Show

The Harmony Hawks Barbershop Choir will present their spring show "Coast to Coast" on April 5 at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door or from Steve Nelson or J.P. McDonald.

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