# **Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!**

Sunday, March 30, 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

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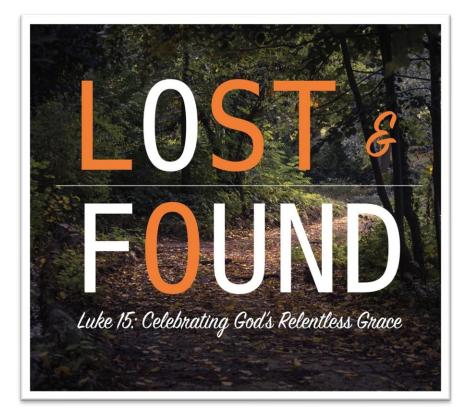
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# · Today's Scripture ·

Today's Scripture is Luke 15 with the sermon titled "Lost and Found."

# 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	Connection		
Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Best Contact Phone:			
Email:			
Check if changes in	contact informat	tion	
If 1st- or 2nd-time gue	st, how did you h	ear about	the church?
Church website	Church member	O Even	t O Facebook
Other:			

# Order of Worship – March 30, 2025

## Gather to Worship God -----

**Prelude** 

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

(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 32)

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

All: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night, your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

All: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

\*The Hymn of Praise #475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

### \*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: In humility we bow before you, O God. You have given us the gift of life and this day to worship you. We want to begin our week in your house thanking you for your amazing love. You have invited us to be your own. We can choose to be your children. As this part of your family, we seek your forgiveness and the blessings that come from having a relationship with you. Although we stray from you, you always welcome us back home. We give thanks in the name of Jesus as we continue to pray in silence...

### \*Words of Assurance (II Corinthians 5:16-21)

Leader: So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

\*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 Luke 15

**The Message** "Lost and Found" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

# Responding to God's Word ------

**Hymn of Response #649** 

"Amazing Grace"

### **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** (Colossians 3:12-14 – Message Translation)

Leader: So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

## **The Noisy Offering**

Ecumenical Community Center/Helping Hands Ministry

The Offertory

"O, How I Love 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: Dear God, this offering we present to you today, and our Ecumenical Center offerings, is one way we have to declare that we are yours. Use us and this offering to help many find their way back to your loving arms. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### Going Out to Serve -----

\*The Closing Hymn #442

"Just as I Am"

\*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

**Postlude** 

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

# Announcements for the Week of March 30th

**Lead Usher:** Linda Kipp **Lay Leader:** Darlene Worden

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This morning, you're invited to stick around after worship for a potluck lunch! Thanks to all who provided food for today's meal.

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**Please see the sign-up sheet** if you'd like to help out with fellowship for a future Sunday. Please contact Bev Slager at 319-270-6681 if you have any fellowship questions.

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**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.

Jack Worley Mar 30
Dennis Morey Mar 31
Marilyn Randall Apr 2
Audra Larimer Apr 3
Mike Peiffer Apr 3

### **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday:

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

**11:00 AM:** Anniversary Planning Mtg-Room #1 **11:00 AM:** Pastor Morey Birthday Potluck

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

<u>Tuesday:</u> Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm **9:30 AM:** Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

<u>Wednesday:</u> 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

## **Noisy Sunday for Ecumenical 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. Today's 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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