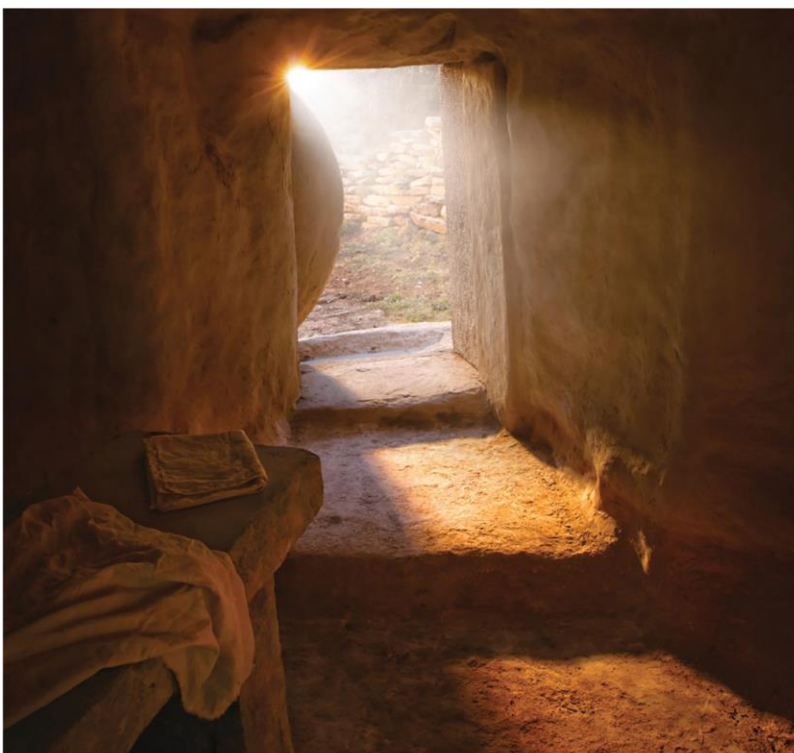


Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, April 20, 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 •

He is risen! Happy Easter! Today's Scripture is John 20:1-18 with the sermon titled "Expecting the Worst."

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="radio"/> Church website <input type="radio"/> Church member <input type="radio"/> Event <input type="radio"/> Facebook			
<input type="radio"/> Other:			
Are you a: <input type="radio"/> 1st-time guest <input type="radio"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="radio"/> Member/regular attendee			
(Over)			

Order of Worship – April 20, 2025

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

(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 (700 years before Jesus – Isaiah 53 – Message Translation)

Leader: Who believes what we've heard and seen? Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this? The servant grew up before God – a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field.

All: There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was *our* pains he carried – *our* disfigurements, all the things wrong with *us*.

Leader: We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him – *our sins*! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way.

All: He was beaten, he was tortured, but he didn't say a word. Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered and like a sheep being sheared, he took it all in silence. Justice miscarried, and he was led off and did anyone really know what was happening? He died without a thought for his own welfare, beaten bloody for the sins of my people.

Leader: They buried him with the wicked, placed him a grave of a rich man, even though he'd never hurt a soul or said one word that wasn't true. Still, it's what God had in mind all along, to crush him with pain. The plan was that he give himself as an offering for sin so that he'd see life come from it – life, life, and more life. And God's plan will deeply prosper through him.

All: Out of that terrible travail of soul, he'll see that it's worth it and be glad he did it. Through what he experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make many "righteous ones," as he himself carries the burden of their sins. Therefore I'll reward him extravagantly – the best of everything, the highest honors. Because he looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because he embraced the company of the lowest. He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many, he took up the cause of all the black sheep.

*The Hymn of Praise #215

"What Wondrous Love is This?" (verse 1)

***The Unison Prayer of Confession**

All: What a wonderful God you are! You have made us your own. We confess there is nothing we have done to earn such love. We come before you with our sins and you offer us forgiveness. We come before you with anxiety and you offer us peace. We come before you with life's challenges and you offer us the opportunity to pause to count our blessings. Hear us when we pray. Accept our worship and humble gratitude for your marvelous plan to love us. The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus creates joy in our hearts that inspire us to want to worship you. We offer our prayers in his name, asking that you continue to hear us as we pray in silence...

***Words of Assurance** (*Romans 5:1-2 – Message Translation*)

Leader: By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us – set us right with him, make us fit for him – we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: we throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand – out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise. **Amen.**

***The Prayer Response #232**

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Leader: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

***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 20:1-18

The Message

"Expecting the Worst" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #233

"The Day of Resurrection"

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 Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing – *Carol Sindelar*

The Call to Dedication (*Psalm 116:12, 17-19*)

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

The Offertory

*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, we bring tithes and offerings to worship you and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to help those in particular needs to relieve hunger, promote self-development of people, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #238

“Thine is the Glory”

*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

Announcements for the Week of April 20th

Lead Usher:

Linda Kipp

Lay Leader:

Carol Sindelar

Thank you to everyone who provided food for this morning's Easter breakfast. Erin Ennis and Linda Kipp will provide fellowship next Sunday, April 27th. Please contact Bev Slager at 319-270-6681 with any fellowship questions.

Thank you to everyone who provided jeans for the Sole Hope project. It appears that we have enough and do not need any more this time around. The shoe cutting party will take place on May 10. Contact Lynda Nelson at 319-533-3451 if you have questions.

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.

Steve Nelson	Apr 23
Don Worden	Apr 24
Jessica Marcus	Apr 26

Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Easter Sunday

9:00 AM: Easter Breakfast

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

4:00 PM: Sunday Evening Meals @ 1st Pres.

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:00 AM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM: Mission Ministries Meeting-Room #1

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

10:00 AM: Worship & Music Meeting

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