

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, July 26, 2026



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

Email: crfaitth@crfaitth.org

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

• Today's Scripture •

*Today's Scripture is Matthew 13:21-33 & 44-52
with the sermon titled "The Searching God."*

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:			
☐ 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 – July 26, 2026

Gather to Worship God -----

The Church in its worship and service is a living sign of the reign of God, which is both a present reality and a future promise. The Church's activities do not bring about God's realm; they are our grateful response to the grace of God at work in the world. We seek to worship and serve God faithfully, with the confidence that God's reign has already been established and the hope that it will soon be revealed in fullness and glory. We do all of this in the name of Jesus, looking for the day when "every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:10-11)

Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

The Welcome & Announcements

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

*The Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-4)

Leader: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

*The Hymn of Praise #824

"Near to the Heart of God"

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, in the words of the Psalmist, "You have searched me and you have known me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you know my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways." Help me to forsake anything that keeps me from knowing you better. Help me to focus on searching for what pleases you, O God. I am counting on your Holy Spirit as I live out my days focused on your kingdom. I am counting on your mercy, the love you have sent in Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection mark me as yours... praying in the name of Jesus, we continue to pray in silence...

*The Words of Assurance (II Corinthians 5:17-19)

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

*The Prayer Response #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

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 13:21-33 & 44-52

The Message

"The Searching God"—Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

The Hymn of Response #771

"What is the World Like"

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 (*Psalms 24:1*)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

The Offertory

"Simple Gifts"

*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.

*The Unison Prayer of Dedication

All: Holy God, we come with an offering, asking that you use it for the good of your Kingdom. Thank you for calling us to be a part of what you are doing. Your faithfulness inspires us to be faithful in our service to you. Our blessings are more than we can count, and in response to those blessings, we give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #831

"I Depend upon Your Faithfulness"

*The Closing Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

"I'll Fly Away"

Announcements for the Week of July 26th

Lead Usher:

Tracy Barton

Lay Leader:

Linda Kipp

Thanks to Judy Worley and Bev Slager for providing fellowship this morning. See the sign-up sheet if you'd like to volunteer for a future Sunday. Please contact Bev Slager at 319-270-6681 with any questions.

Provide a ride! We're looking for volunteers to provide a ride for Lori Waggoner to and from worship on Sundays. We still have a few open Sundays in August. Please see the sign-up sheet if you can help out. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered!

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

Ila Van Dyke
Blaine Worley

July 31
Aug 1

Weekly Calendar

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Study

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

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

9:00 AM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

4:30 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

No Events Scheduled

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

No Events Scheduled

Saturday:

No Events Scheduled

Photo Directory Schedule

As you most likely know, we have been working on developing a pictorial directory of members and friends of Faith Presbyterian Church. Greg Ennis has been using his photography skills to take pictures on several Sundays. If you have not had your picture taken, we're hoping you will choose to participate to make our directory complete.

The next day Greg will be taking pictures is the first Sunday in August, which is August 2nd. He is available at the 9:00 am study hour and before or after the 10:00 am worship service. Everyone who has their picture taken will be given a directory when the directories have been printed. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Connection Cards

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.

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