

Sundays

Nursery Care 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
Christian Education 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship following service
Youth activities 4:00 p.m.

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Welcome to FPC.

Our prayer is that all will be blessed by the Word read and proclaimed as we are bound together by the Spirit as a community of faith. Children are invited to participate in our worship and welcome as loved, squirmy, laughing, crying children of God. We have busy bags for younger children and binders for young readers to help them in their journey, and a staffed nursery is available for children under 5.

✠ *Please rise, in body or spirit.*

***Bold lines** are spoken or sung by **All**. Non-bold lines are spoken or sung by one.*

Please be seated by a Gathered Community Pad and sign in so that we may have a record of your time with us.



We seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ and his call to the realm of God: the practice of justice, mercy and faith. Our mission is represented by the Celtic cross, a shepherd's crook, the extension of the right arm of fellowship into the world and the church's hospitality toward the world.

21 January 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Greeting

Psalm 118: 24

This is the day that the Lord has made | **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prelude

Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

✠ Gathering Prayer

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

✠ Gathering Hymn 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

✠ Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

✠ Prayer of Communal Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

✠ Time of Individual Confession

✠ Words of Assurance

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

✠ Confessional Response 578

Kyrie Eleison

**O Lord, have mer-cy; O Lord, have mer-cy;
O Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, have mer-cy; O Christ, have mer-cy;
O Christ, have mer-cy on us**

✠ The Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you. | **And also with you.**
(The people may exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.)

Prayer for Illumination

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

The First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.816

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. | **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Time

All children, if they are so moved, are invited to gather on the steps

The Second Lesson

Mark 1:14-20 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 30

Response

The words of the prophets for the people of God. | **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 170

170 You Walk Along Our Shoreline

Message

Rev. Carol Holtz-Martin

Preparation for Prayer 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing v3

We will sing again after the Silent Prayer

Praise yet our Christ a-gain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Life shall not end the strain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! On heav-en's bliss-ful shore his good-ness we'll a-dore, sing-ing for-ev-er-more: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayer

*During the prayers of the people, please respond to the words "God, in your mercy" with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

For your Church in every place, that we may worship and serve you faithfully, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For leaders and people in every land, that they may know your way and do your will, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For justice throughout the world, that there may be peace and plenty for all, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the earth you have made, that it may flourish in beauty and show your glory, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who hunger and thirst, that they may be filled with good things, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who are ill or close to death, that they may know your loving care, God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to the Offering

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory

Loving Shepherd of the Sheep

Arr. by Walter Ehret



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✦Doxology (tune: 607)

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
 to Christ revealed in earthly night
 To God the Spirit now we raise
 our joyful songs of thankful praise. *Amen*

✦Prayer of Dedication

God of all wisdom, power, and joy, we dedicate these gifts to the work
 your Spirit causes us to do in our world. *Amen.*

Commissioning

✦Sending Hymn 410 *God is Calling Through the Whisper*

✦Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

OLD HUNDREDTH

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Carol Holtz-Martin
 Ministry of Music: Sarah Beerends, Sanctuary
 Choir, J. Kyle Coleman
 Liturgist: Mark Beerends
 Ushers: Tom Martin
 Elder: Jeremy Fletcher
 Fellowship: Green Deacons Team

From your FPC Endowment Committee

Did you know ...

Real estate offers excellent opportunities for giving to your church.

- Consider a gift of land, a condominium, commercial property, home, farm, or other types of real estate.
- You may be able to avoid capital gains taxes and also be entitled to an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the property at the time the gift is made.

For more information, contact Bob and Millie Youngquist at
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FPC's week at a glance

Sunday, 21 January

8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
 9:00 Breakfast & Good Morning, Ryerson Hall
 9:30 Parent's Group, Pastor's Place
 9:30 Bibel Study, Coover
 9:30 3rd–6th Grade Sunday School, Young Youth Room
 9:30 K–2nd Grade Sunday School, Beach Room
 9:30 Wired Word, Room 14, Hybrid
 9:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, Choir Loft
 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 Fellowship, Ryerson Hall
 7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Room 14, Hybrid

Wednesday, 24 January

7:00 Men's Group, Zoom
 10:30 Staff Mtg., Coover
 6:00 Compeer Board, Coover
 7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, 25 January

11:45 Taste Our Cookin', Ryerson, Kitchen

Sunday, 28 January

8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday, January 21

Sunday AM: Sunday,
programming returns

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Sunday AM: Breakfast and
Sunday school classes

Sunday, February 4

Sunday AM: Breakfast and Sunday School Classes

Sunday PM: Youth Choir, Youth Group, Dinner

**Winter Retreat with Friends from
all over the Presbytery!**

6th–8th Graders at Camp Bear Creek

February 9–11

Sunday February 11

Sunday AM: Breakfast and Sunday school classes

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 11

An All Ages Super Bowl Potluck?

Join us in the Young Youth Room where kids of all ages can play
with the various games. We'll eat, laugh at commercials and cheer!

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