

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.

4 February 2024

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit arr. by Dean M. Estrabrook

Greeting

Psalm 118: 24

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

✦ Gathering Prayer

Come into the presence of God! | **We come with Jesus in our midst.**

In this place, find comfort, find respite, and find inspiration.

In this place, we find the gifts the Holy Spirit has for us.

Then in the presence of the triune God, let us come and worship.

Come and Worship!

✦ Gathering Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

✦ Call to Confession

Whether looking at demons in a crowd or into the pain of our silent suffering, Jesus sees all. Come and speak aloud what God already knows.

✦ Prayer of Communal Confession

Gracious and most merciful God, we have sinned against you in thought and word and deed, both in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have not gone into new places, but have been content to let people come to us. We have assumed we knew where we were going, without asking you to help us make our way. Always rushing, we did not take the time to sit with you in quiet to discern your will. In your infinite mercy, forgive us for these and all the sins we now lift up silently and aloud.

✦ Time of Individual Confession

✦ Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News. You are not alone Christ's closest followers sometimes misunderstood what he was doing. To them, Jesus entrusted the care of all his people, a gift of grace that you have inherited. You are forgiven. **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, have mer-cy on us.



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✠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

Holy Spirit, guide our steps with these questions and confidences. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31 Pew Bible, Old Testament p.627

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 1:29-39 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 30

Response

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

Hymn 657

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

Message

"Keeping the Gospel Moving"

Pastor Nathan Willard

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."*

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

Offertory

When I Think About the Lord

James Huey

✠Doxology (tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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, your Word reaches us in our homes, in our solitude, and in our
sojourning. We dedicate these gifts to encountering and expanding the
beloved community among your children. Amen.**

Commissioning

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✦ **Sending Hymn 547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

✦ **Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Willard
Ministry of Music: J. Kyle Coleman
Liturgist: Sharon Raffensperger
Ushers: Nancy Gardner
Elder: Nancy Gardner
Fellowship: Red Deacon Team

Tonight's PM Schedule is:

4 p.m. Youth Choir with Kyle, Choir Room

4 p.m. NEW Parents Group with Anna, Pastor's Place
Come and learn about the three questions vital to each child. We'll talk, learn, and even watch some Bluey!

5 p.m. Youth Group for 5th+ Graders, Youth Room
We'll get together and start thinking about Identity- Who Am I? And how do we figure that out?

6 p.m. Dinner together provided by Anna and answer the BEST question of the week.

Pick up is at 7 p.m. tonight.

Parents must come into the building to pick up students.



HELP SUPPORT COMPEER OF JOHNSON COUNTY
Sound of Friendship
Concert and Dessert Reception
Saturday, February 17
6:30 p.m. Doors open.
7:00 p.m. Concert begins.
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Tickets: \$25
For more info:



**Signup sheets are available
on the
Narthex table**

If making a pot of soup or baking bread
is up your alley—sign up today.

Wednesday night Soup Suppers

Everyone is invited for supper on
Wednesdays starting with
Ash Wednesday through Lent
(and Maundy Thursday).



11:45 a.m. AFTER Service TODAY
VBS 2024 Quick Check-In

If you are interested in helping,
sharing ideas, or learning about ways
to participate in VBX 2024; please
come to this short meeting after
worship in Coover Lounge.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBX

Camp Firelight
August 4–8, 2024.

FPC's week at a glance

Sunday, 4 February

8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
 9:00 Breakfast & Good Morning, Ryerson Hall
 9:30 Parents Group, Pastor's Place
 9:30 Bible 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
 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening, Ryerson Hall
 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 Fellowship, Ryerson Hall
 11:35 Blood Pressure Screening, Ryerson Hall
 11:45 VBX Meeting, Coover
 4:00 Youth Choir, Choir Room
 5:00 Parents Group, Pastor's Place
 5:00 Youth Group, Young Youth Room
 6:00 Sunday Night Dinner, Ryerson Hall
 7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Zoom

Wednesday, 7 February

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

Friday, 9 February

5 pm Winter Retreat 6th–8th Grades, Camp Bear Creek

Saturday, 10 February

9:00 PEO Mtg., Ryerson Hall, Kitchen

Sunday, 11 February

8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
 9:00 Breakfast & Good Morning, Ryerson Hall
 9:30 Parents Group, Pastor's Place
 9:30 Bible 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
 5:00 Super Bowl Party for All, Young Youth Room
 7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Zoom

February is *Spread the Love* Month
 Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive



Bring your donations to Ryerson Hall and
 let's fill up the tubs to support
 CommUnity Food Bank.

**Winter Retreat for 6th–8th Graders;
 Friday, February 9–Drop off at 6 p.m.**

There's still time to sign up



**Superbowl Potluck & Party
 Sunday, February 11, 5 p.m.–?**

Join in the Youth Room for our annual Super Bowl Party and Potluck. One TV devoted to the games and commercials; one TV for the Switch; and all other games ready to play. This is an easy night for youth and children of all ages to come and be together. Leave whenever it's bedtime!

**Creation Care in Colorado Mission Trip
 Info Meeting- Sunday, February 18 after church**

Join us in Coover Lounge if you are interested to learn more about the upcoming Intergenerational Mission and Train Trip to Colorado. Please come if you are curious and want to know more!

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