

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.

18 February 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Sonata no. 8, Op. 13, Mov. II: Adagio cantabile* by L. van Beethoven

Greeting

Psalm 118: 24

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

✦ **Gathering Hymn 165** *The Glory of These Forty Days*

✦ Call to Confession

Today's scripture tells us that Jesus himself was tempted to be other than himself. Surely we are, too. Come and confess those times that you have given in.

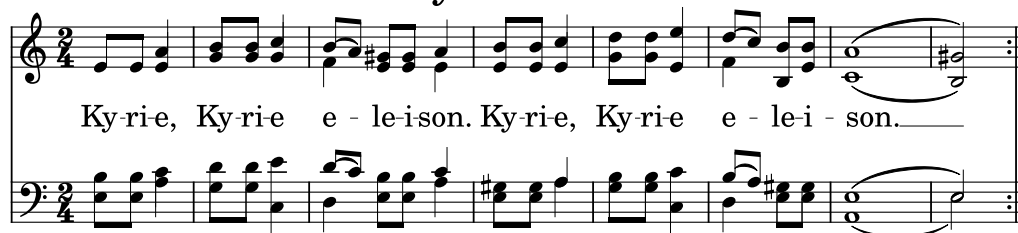
✦ Prayer of Communal Confession

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 heard your call to reconsider our lives, and ignored it. We have not found time to reflect with you, to listen to the voices tempting us, and to sort out where we want to go. We have looked at rainbows but not seen the signs of hope and promise that you gave to all of your children. We have forgotten that you are with us. For these and all the sins we now lift up silently and aloud, we confess and humbly repent.

✦ Time of Individual Confession

✦ Kyrie

Kyrie 10



✦ Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News. The rainbow did come out after the flood. God did make promises to us, and fulfilled them in the life of Jesus Christ. Know that you are forgiven to go and create a new future with God's help. Amen.

✦ Confessional Response 31 *Let Us with A Gladsome Mind (v3)*

**All things liv-ing God does feed; with full mea-sure, meets their need:
for God's mer-cies shall en-dure, ev-er faith-ful, ev-er sure.**



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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.)

Choral Prayer for Illumination 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life (v1)

*Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves
be-side the sea. Be-yond the sa-cred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spir-it pants for thee, O liv-ing Word!*

The First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 7

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 1:9-15

Pew Bible, New Testament, p.30

Response

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

Hymn 168

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

Message

"Wilderness Time"

Pastor Nathan Willard

Anthem

Angus Dei

Igor Stravinsky

Preparation for Prayer 168

Within Your Shelter, Loving God v4

We will sing again after the Silent Prayer

As of-ten as I call to you, you kind-ly hear my prayer.

In times of trou-ble and dis-tress I rest in your own care.

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 *Now Quit Your Care and Anxious Fear and Worry* arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

✠Doxology 608 (tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;

Praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low;

Praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more;

Praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore. Amen

✠Prayer of Dedication

**God of wilderness and wisdom, of conflict and covenant, we dedicate
these gifts to living into the promises you make to us. Amen.**

Commissioning

✦ Sending Hymn 167

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Overture to Part 1 of The Messiah

by G.F. Handel

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Willard
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir, J. Kyle Coleman
Liturgist: Leah Bergman
Ushers: Lara Marsh
Elder: Lara Marsh
Fellowship: Teal Deacon Team

Wednesdays Lenten Prayer Practices

Pastor Nathan will be teaching and leading this time of reflection on Wednesdays 5:30–7 p.m.

For our youngest Disciples, Anna will have an age-appropriate program available.

Feb. 21, Lectio Divina

Feb. 28, Coloring

Mar. 6, Journaling/Labyrinth

Mar. 13, No meal or practices

Mar. 20, Taize

Mar. 28, Maundy Thursday Supper at 6 p.m.
followed by Tenebrae service at 7 p.m.

This month's Eat Out Group is Thur., Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.



On the Coralville strip across from the Heartland Inn.

The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or call the office at 319-351-2660.

From your FPC Endowment Committee

Did you know that life insurance beneficiary designations take precedence over your will? Beneficiary designation is part of a contract between you and your insurance company.

- ❖ If you wish to name your church as a beneficiary or partial beneficiary, just request a new beneficiary designation form from your insurance company.

For more information, contact Bob and Millie Youngquist at endowment@firstpresiohwacuity.org

February is Spread the Love month. Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive



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

FPC's week at a glance

Sunday, 18 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
11:45 Creation Care Colorado, Coover
4:00 Youth Choir, Choir Room
5:00 Youth Group, Young Youth Room
6:00 Sunday Night Dinner, Ryerson Hall, Kitchen
7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Zoom

Wednesday, 21 February

7:00 Men's Group, Zoom
10:30 Staff Mtg., Coover
5:30 Soup Supper & Lenten Practices, Ryerson Hall
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, 22 February

11:15 Tase Our Cookin', Ryerson Hall, Kitchen
6:00 Eat Out Group, Off-site
7:00 Reconciliation Ministry Mtg., Zoom

Sunday, 25 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
2:00 Recital/Reception Prep, Sanctuary, Ryerson Hall
3:00 Piano Recital & Reception, Sanctuary, Ryerson Hall
4:00 Big Event, Ryerson Hall, Kitchen, Young Yth Room
6:00 Potluck Dinner, Ryerson Hall, Kitchen
7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Zoom

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