

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, squirming, 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.

10 March 2024
Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Three-Part Invention, No. 3

by J.S. Bach

Greeting

Psalm 118: 24

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

✦ **Gathering Hymn 127** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
(Jesus, the Light of the World)

✦ Call to Confession

We find ourselves imagining judgment all around us: judgment from our family, from our friends, from society, and even judgment from our own minds. Come and confess the ways you think you have failed.

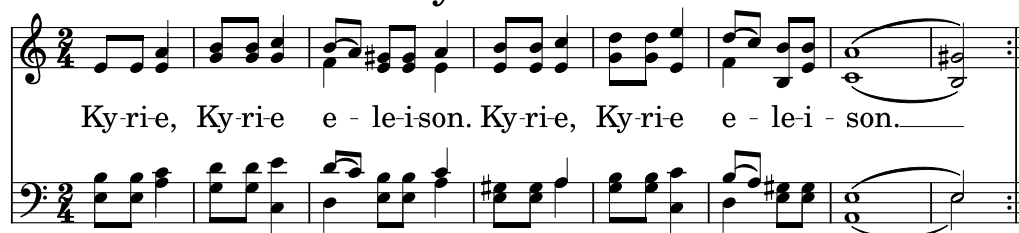
✦ Prayer of Communal Confession

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 remained in bondage to our mistakes, and never freed ourselves to be better. We have held ourselves up to an image of perfection even you did not achieve in your life as Jesus Christ. We have shame at our own inaction keep us from being the healing and serving presence that our world needs. We have thought the messy work of humanity a task for someone else, rather than the path to finding you. 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. Moses lifted up the cause of his people's pain and so ended it. Lifting up your sin gives God a chance to say, "You are forgiven. 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.**

✠ **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

Numbers 21:4-9 Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 130

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

John 3:14-21 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 81

Response

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

Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Message

"In the Midst of Deprivation"

Pastor Nathan Willard

Anthem

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

by J.S. Bach

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. by J. Kyle Colema

✠ **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



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✦Prayer of Dedication

Thank you for bringing your light into the world. We dedicate these gifts to finding the truths we need to live. Amen.

Commissioning

✦Sending Hymn 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

✦Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Send the Light

arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Willard
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir, J. Kyle Coleman
Liturgist: Mary Linn
Ushers: Jeanie Wade-Nagle
Elder: Mary Ellen Stamp
Fellowship: Stewardship Committee

It is time to beautify our Sanctuary for Easter.

The Deacons will once again be ordering flowering plants to decorate the Sanctuary “in Honor of / or in Memory of” loved ones of the church. Names will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Look for order forms located in the Narthex. For more information contact Sue VanDuyn at 319-338-4132 or Tammy Schroeder in the office 319-351-2660.



Join the FPC Book Club

On March 26, as we discuss The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann

Meet in person in Room 14 on the lower level or via Zoom.

For more information, contact Mary Linn jmLnn@aol.com



Happy Spring Break to Families!

No PM Programs tonight.

Next Sunday, March 17-
Sunday Schools AND PM Youth Programs

Needles, Hooks, and Yarn

Join this bunch of lively ladies as we work on projects and enjoy each other's company.

March 16 and 23 from 9–11 a.m.

Eastside Panara

Need more info? Call Tammy Schroeder at 319-351-2660.



From your FPC Endowment Committee

Consider taking out a new life insurance policy to benefit your church. When you name your church as owner and beneficiary,

- All premiums you pay may be considered tax deductible contributions.
- The death benefit will be paid to your church and could create a significant endowment for a cause of your church you have selected.

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



Save the Dates for these upcoming FPC events:

May 4 Join "Team FPC" at the NAMI Walk. Registration and donation information pending.

May 18 FPC Annual Outdoor Clean-up Day, 8:30–noon (rain date June 1); bring gloves and a leaf rake; contact John Barr at BarrJohnO@sau.edu



The Annual Congregational Meeting to review the year of 2023 will be held Sunday, March 17 after worship.

Copies of the report will be available soon.

EAT OUT GROUP
March 21 at 6 p.m.



Hosts: Glenn & Audrey Van Roekel
The signup sheet is located in the narthex or call the church office at 319-351-2660.

FPC's week immediately

Sunday, 10 March

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
7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Zoom

Tuesday, 12 March

10:00 NL Mom's Group, Nursery
6:30 PEO Group, Ryerson Hall
7:00 Deacons Mtg., Coover and Hybrid

Wednesday, 13 March

10:00 Martha Circle, Ryerson Hall
10:30 Staff Mtg., Coover

Thursday, 14 March

1:00 Newsletter Mailing, Coover
7:00 Finance Comm. Mtg., Zoom

Sunday, 17 March

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
11:35 Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
5:00 Youth Group
6:00 Dinner Together, Ryerson Hall
7:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Zoom

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