

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.

2701 Rochester Avenue
Iowa City, IA 52245
319-351-2660
www.firstpreswacacity.org

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.

31 March 2024
Easter Sunday

Prelude

Easter Alleluia Medley

arr. by Gary Lanier

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! | **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

✠ Gathering Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, — Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, — Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say — Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - al - ted Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye - heavens, and earth, re - ply, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened pa - ra - dise, — Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours — the cross, the grave, the skies, — Al - le - lu - ia!

✠ **Call to Confession**

Know that Christ is risen and conquered death, bring forth everything that keeps you from thinking resurrection is for you and confess it before God and neighbor.

✠ **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 believed the women in our midst, nor found truth in unfamiliar voices. Instead, we have denied the resurrection even when we have experienced it with our own senses. We have not spread the Good News with excitement, but remained quiet and denied its power. We have not done the work of building a world worthy of Christ's return. For these and all the sins we now lift up silently and aloud, we confess and humbly repent.

✠ **Time of Individual Confession**

✠ **Words of Assurance**

Hear the Good News. Christ is risen. With him rises all our hopes, and in his wake follows not only eternal life but also eternal forgiveness.

Christ is risen. You are forgiven! Alleluia and Amen!

✠ **Confessional Response 583** *Gloria, gloria*

Glo-o-ri-a, glo-o-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo-o-ri-a, glo-o-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

✠ **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 453 *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (v2)*

They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, no let them hear; they who would learn the way of wis-dom, let them hear God's word.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible, New Testament, p.612

Congregational Sung Response 453 *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (refrain)*

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

God has spo-ken to the peo-ple, hal-le-lu-jah! God has spo-ken words of wis-dom, hal-le-lu-jah! God has spo-ken to the peo-ple, hal-le-lu-jah!

God has spo-ken words of wis-dom, hal-le-lu-jah!

Children's Time

The Second Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 47

Response

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

Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Message

"Messages From the Grave"

Pastor Nathan Willard

Anthem

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg



Want to give
online?
Scan our QR
Code or text
FPCIC to 73256

Preparation for Prayer 796 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord (v1)*

We will sing again after the Silent Prayer

**We come to you for heal-ing, Lord, of bod-y, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spir-it's touch we may a-gain be whole.**

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

Moment for Mission

John Barr, Reconciliation Ministry

Boxes for tithes and offerings are at the back of the sanctuary, and we invite you to give to the mission of the church on your way in or out of the church.

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

At First Presbyterian Church we celebrate an open table for communion. If you wish to partake of the feast, please do. If you are at home, we invite you to celebrate along with us.

Communion Hymn 511 Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven

Prayer of the Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all you have done. You made this world and everything that is in it. You raised mountains and filled oceans. You created each of us different and yet in your own image and guided us in our journey together and toward you. In the fullness of time, you came to us in the form of Jesus Christ and showed us how seriously you took your covenant with us, making it anew with water and Spirit. Therefore, with all creation we join to say:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

The prayer continues, ending in the words: "*Marveling at this love that is without end, we celebrate with joy and praise, knowing how great is the mystery of faith. We say together:*"

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Come again in glory.

Come, Holy Spirit, into this meal and bless it that it may be for us a meal of reconciliation with you.

Gloria Gloria © 1978,1979 Les Presses de Taizé; We come to you for Healing ©2006 GIA, Music arr ©1938 H.W. Gray
Open Your Ears O Faithful People text ©1966, 1982 Willard F. Jabusch
Music arrangement ©2006 Augsburg Fortress
Reprinted and streamed with OneLicense.net license A-703444

Sharing the Feast

You are invited to come forward to receive communion at the front of the church. Gluten-free wafers are available at a station near the Bible. If you would prefer to receive communion in your seat, make yourself known to a server. At FPC, all are welcome to partake of the feast.

Prayer after Thanksgiving

Commissioning

✦ Sending Hymn 236

The Strife Is O'er

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Halleluja from Messiah

G.F. Handel

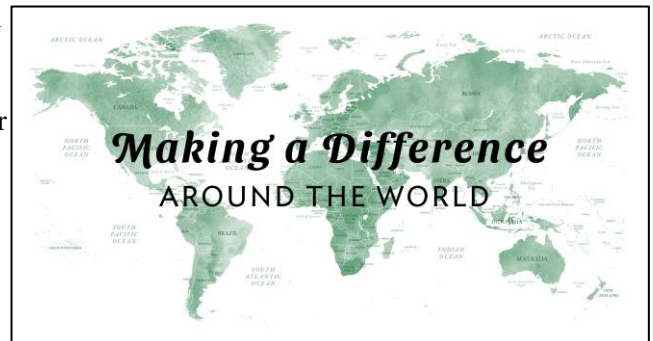
WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Willard
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir, Jarrid Jaynes, J. Kyle Coleman
Liturgist: George Minot
Ushers: Rick Boland
Communion Servers: Jen Adams, Ann Grosscup, Sue Van Duyn, Jeanie Wade-Nagle, Annie Westfall
Elder: Jen Adams
Fellowship: Building and Grounds Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing Our First PC(USA) 2024 Special Offering

Following World War II, Protestant churches in the U.S. appealed for relief and reconstruction of devastated areas, primarily in Europe & Asia. A program called "One Great Hour" broadcast on March 26, 1949, closed with a request that listeners attend their local church and make a sacrificial contribution. It was estimated that more than 75,000 churches worldwide participated. The next year, the offering was repeated, using the name "One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)." Over the past 74 years, OGHS has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

Donations are being accepted through Easter Sunday, March 31, and can be made via our website at <https://firstpreswacounty.org/donate-online/> or by check payable to FPC, with One Great Hour in the memo line.



the Monday following Easter.

The Easter plants decorating the Sanctuary this morning are donated “in honor of” or “in memory of” loved ones. The Deacons are grateful to all who have contributed to beautifying the Sanctuary. Please feel free to take a plant home after Easter Services if you donated to the fund.



Dwight and Pauline Miller, in honor of their loved ones
Jane Cranston, in honor of Harry N. Barnes
Kathy Maxey, in honor of Ken and Judy Chow
Martha Circle, in honor of Anita Burnett
Elizabeth Hall Bolin, in honor of Ginny Hall and in memory of Robert Hall
Susan Van Duyn, in memory of her parents, Richard and Joyce Van Duyn
Bob and Millie Youngquist, in memory of Harry and Fran Youngquist, Richard W. Bordwell and Ted Stewart
Barbara Meier, in memory of Dallis Meier and her parents
Jim and Mary Linn, in memory of their parents
Jeanette Winegarden and Greg and Ann Muilenburg, in memory of James Winegarden
Jeff and Tammy Foster, in memory of Carol Nemitz and Jeanie Merryfield
Ruth Westfall, in memory of parents and grandparents
Steve and Kathy Smith, in memory of Earl and Lois Smith and David and Mary Noble
Rick and Deb Boland, in memory of Joyce Turner and Jenny Boland
Nancy Ross and family, in memory of Don Ross
Lara Marsh, in memory of Jerry Thorius
Jeanie Wade-Nagle, in memory of Gary Nagle
Debbie Beermann, in memory of her parents Walter and Leone, her sister Carol, and brother Ron
David Van Dusseldorp, in memory of his dad Ralph and brother Dean
Sharon Raffensperger and family, in memory of John Raffensperger
Bill and Kathy Follows, in memory of Anne Jackson
Steve and Karen Hurt and Kevin Viksten, in memory of Ray and Esther Viksten and all their loved ones who have gone before them.
Karen Nicklaus, in memory of Del Nicklaus
Helen Sheets, in memory of Dale Sheets
Gary and Anita Burnett, in memory of Cynthia Burnett
Beth Yale, in memory of Jane Yale and Lee Ortmeyer
Jerry and Mary Ellen Stamp, in memory of their parents
David and Norma Carlson
Glenn and Audrey Van Roekel
Richard and Ann Burton
Loretta Ross

All flower donations are given to the FPC Emergency Fund after the flowers are paid for.



Students of all ages are invited to join us this Summer for **CAMP FIRELIGHT!** This is the first-time camper Sam will be away from home; how will they find God, learn a little, and have lots and lots of fun? Come find out!

**Sunday, August 4–Thursday, August 8
5:30–8 p.m.**

Dinner included each Night
Sign up today in Ryerson Hall!

YOUTH LED SERVICE

Sunday, May 12

You're invited to glimpse the future of the church as the youth take over! We will gift Bibles to the children, we will have a youth (or two) preaching, we will be invited to the streams of water as we learn about what the next generation can teach us about Psalm 1.

FPC's week immediately

Sunday, 31 March Easter Sunday

- 8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
- 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
- 9:30 FPC Family Easter Breakfast, Ryerson Hall
- 9:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, Choir Loft
- 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 Worship, Celebration of the Resurrection with Communion
- 11:30 Fellowship, Ryerson Hall

Monday, 1 April Office Closed

Tuesday, 2 April

- 7:00 Christian Education, Coover

Wednesday, 3 April

- 7:00 FPC Men's Group, Hybrid
- 10:30 Staff Mtg., Coover
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, 4 April

- 6:00 Child Protection Policy Team Mtg., Coover
- 7:00 Stewardship Committee Mtg., Zoom

Sunday, 7 April

- 8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
- 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
- 9:30 3rd–6th Grade Sunday School, Young Youth Room
- 9:30 Bible Study, Coover
- 9:30– K–2nd Grade Sunday School, Beach Room
- 9:30 Parents Group
- 9:30 Wired Word Class, Room 14
- 9:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening, Ryerson Hall
- 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 Blood Pressure Screening, Ryerson Hall
- 11:30 Fellowship, Ryerson Hall
- 4:00 Youth Choir, Choir Room
- 5:00 Youth Group, Young Youth Room
- 6:00 Dinner Together, Ryerson Hall, Kitchen

First Presbyterian Church Staff

PASTOR

Nathan Willard

nathan.willard@firstpreswacivacy.org

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anna Sheetz

anna.sheetz@firstpreswacivacy.org

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Tammy Schroeder

tammy.schroeder@firstpreswacivacy.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND INTERIM ORGANIST

J. Kyle Coleman

kyle.coleman@firstpreswacivacy.org

SEXTON

Gerald Hill

gerald.hill@firstpreswacivacy.org

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Tammy Foster

tammy.foster@firstpreswacivacy.org

MANAGER OF FINANCE &

PURCHASING

Krista Livingston

finance@firstpreswacivacy.org

ENDOWMENT & MEMORIAL COORDINATORS

Bob & Millie Youngquist

endowment@firstpreswacivacy.org

First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City
Vacation Bible eXperience
August 4-8, 2024
5:30-8 p.m.



STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Director Contact: Anna Sheetz, 319-351-2660 or
Anna.Sheetz@FirstPresIowaCity.org

(Please Print)

Child's Name _____

Child's Age _____ Child's Birth Date _____ Child's Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____ Preferred Contact Method _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency Contact 1 _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact 2 _____ Phone _____

Doctor _____ Phone _____

Allergies or Special Needs _____

DISMISSAL

Who may pick up your child at the end of each VBS day?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____