

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.

7 April 2024
2nd Sunday in Easter

Prelude *Prelude in A-flat Major, BWV 862* 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 238** *Thine is the Glory*

✦ **Call to Confession**
As Easter people, we live in the constant awareness of the resurrection. Assured that our lives will go on even in the wake of our actions, let us confess our wrongs 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 been quick to judge those who voiced the doubts when we kept silent, and not learned from the examples of others. We have used pragmatism as an excuse for saying “no” rather than a stepladder to “yes.” We have been content with internal celebration and not challenged ourselves to change the world outside. Help us, O God, to change our ways and find new ways to serve you all of our days.

✦ **Time of Individual Confession**

✦ **Words of Assurance**
Hear the Good News. Thomas asked for the proof we cannot, and so we know that Christ is risen indeed. With the risen Christ's forgiveness, go forth and live the gospel. **Alleluia! 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 1 John 1:1-2:2 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 211

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 John 20:19-31 Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 101

Response

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

Hymn 256 *These Things Did Thomas Count as Real (v1, 3-4)*

Message "Let's Not Fool Ourselves" Pastor Nathan Willard

Anthem Joyous Spirit Valerie Stephenson

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 FPC Endowment Committee
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.

Commissioning

✠ **Sending Hymn 249** *Because you Live, O Christ*

✠ Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Because He Lives* arr. by J. Kyle Coleman



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Needles, Hooks and Yarn

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

April 20, 9-11 a.m. and meeting at FPC

For more information, call Tammy Schroeder in the church office at 319-351-2660.



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Willard
Ministry of Music: JuBELLation, J. Kyle Coleman
Liturgist: Mark Beerends
Ushers: John Barr
Elder: Jeremy Fletcher
Fellowship: Burgandy Deacon Neighborhood



Care Packages
for
College Students
and the Military

Spring Care Packages

To keep our church family connected, the Board of Deacons will send care packages to members who are away at college or serving in the military. Boxes of fun and maybe even practical items are sent to let those who are far from home know they are close in thoughts and prayers. Would you like to have your son(s) or daughter(s) receive a care package? If so, please e-mail Dan Thedens at dthedens@gmail.com by Friday, April 12 with your child's current mailing address, or you may request the package be available for pick-up at the church if you prefer.

What do we need with April Showers? Soap of course!

For the month of April, we will be collecting all types of soaps; from hand soap to laundry detergent and everything in between.



Bring your donations for **CommUnity Food Bank** to the collection box in Ryerson Hall.

Thank You to All who donated in March!
FPC delivered boxes of cereal plus other items.

Join the FPC Book Club

On April 30, we will discuss Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts.



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

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

FPC's week immediately

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

Monday, 8 April

- 4:00 Worship and Arts Ministry, Coover

Tuesday, 9 April

- 6:00 Dementia Friendly Presentation to Deacons, Coover
- 6:30 PEO, Ryerson Hall
- 7:00 Deacons Mtg., Coover, Hybrid

Wednesday, 10 April

- 7:00 FPC Men's Group, Hybrid
- 10:30 Staff Mtg., Coover
- 12:00 Finance Committee Mtg., Coover
- 7:00 Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room

Sunday, 14 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
- 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 Blood Pressure Screening, Ryerson Hall
- 4:30 Big Event, Off-site
- 6:00 Potluck Dinner, Ryerson Hall, Kitchen

FPC Spring Outdoor Work Event on Saturday, May 18

Join other FPC members and friends on Saturday, May 18, at 8:30 a.m.–12 Noon for our annual Spring Outdoor Work event to clean up our grounds and mulch garden beds. Bring your own rake and garden bed tools, gloves, etc. We will gather at the main entrance to form work groups. (The rain date is Saturday, June 1.)

Please contact Sue Farran at: sue.farran@gmail.com or 319-325-1415 if any questions and/or to confirm your participation.

This is always a wonderful event providing great stewardship and great fellowship as we work together on our church grounds. We look forward to your joining in!



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COVENANT NETWORK
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Covenant Conversation: East Iowa/Great Rivers

Expanding Our Welcome:
Creating Safe and Inclusive
Sacred Spaces Together



Saturday, April 27, 2024

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church in Davenport

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This event, jointly co-sponsored by the Presbyteries of East Iowa and Great Rivers, is designed for leaders and members of every congregation to take the next steps in offering an authentic welcome to LGBTQIA+ people in ways that show God's love and build up the church. Learn more and register:

<http://tinyurl.com/CovConEIQR>

