

## 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.*

14 April 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Easter

#### Prelude

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. by Robert A. Hobby

#### Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! | **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### ✦ Gathering Hymn 246

*Christ is Alive!*

#### ✦ Call to Confession

Today's scripture tells us that everyone in relationship with God does not sin. Come, affirm God's place in our lives and trust in God's grace by confessing the ways we have fallen short of our own expectations.

#### ✦ 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 looked down at our phones instead of into people's eyes. We have listened to intently to the news and not seen the community around us. We have been invested in events we could do nothing to affect, and ignored the chances at change right in front of us. We have not been full members of your beloved family or our own communities. We have not taken advantage of the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Please forgive us, and help us to be better.**

#### ✦ Time of Individual Confession

#### ✦ Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News. Jesus came to take away sins. Be assured of your right relationship with God. **Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

#### ✦ 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.*



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## The First Lesson

Psalm 4

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Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed;

**have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

**Know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call, God will hear me.**

Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

**Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Most High.**

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O God. You have put gladness in my heart,

**more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;

**for only you, God, make me dwell in safety.**

**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

1 John 3:1-7

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 81

### Response

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

### Hymn 417

*Lord Jesus Think on Me*

### Message

“We are who we will be”

Pastor Nathan Willard

### Anthem

*Antiphon, from Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

### 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 Women

*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.*

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**Commissioning**

✦ **Sending Hymn 327**

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

✦ **Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Victory In Jesus*

arr. by J. Kyle Coleman

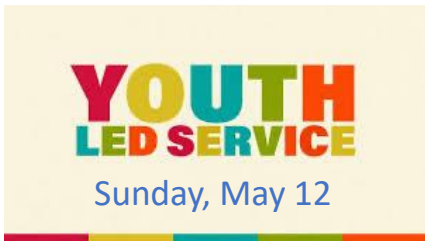
**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING**

- Preacher: Pastor Nathan Willard
- Ministry of Music: K-2 Sunday School Class, Sanctuary Choir, J. Kyle Coleman
- Liturgist: Nancy Gardner
- Ushers: Lara Marsh
- Elder: John Barr
- Fellowship: Endowment/Memorial Committee



**4 p.m.** Youth Sunday Planning in the Young Youth Room and the Beloved Balloon Game!

**6 p.m. POTLUCK dinner.** Bring a dish to share and let's eat together!



You're invited to glimpse the future of the Church as the youth lead us in worship. We will gift Bibles to the children, we will have a youth (or two preaching), and we will be invited to plant ourselves beside streams of water as we learn about what the next generation can teach us about Psalm 1.



**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.

**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](mailto:jmLnn@aol.com)



**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](mailto: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.

## FPC's week at a glance

### Sunday, 14 April

- 8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
- 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
- 9:30 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School, Young Youth Room
- 9:30 Bible Study, Coover
- 9:30- K–2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 4:00 Youth Sunday Planning, Young Youth Room
- 6:00 Potluck Dinner, Ryerson Hall, Kitchen

### Tuesday, 16 April

- 7:00 Session Mtg., Coover, Hybrid

### Wednesday, 17 April

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

### Wednesday, 17 April

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

### Thursday, 18 April

- 10:00 Free Lunch Program, Off-site

### Saturday, 20 April

- 9:00 Needles, Hooks and Yarn, Coover
- 11:00 Compeer Spring Event, Ryerson Hall

### Sunday, 21 April

- 8:00 JuBELLation Choir, Choir Room
- 9:00 Childcare, Nursery
- 9:30 3<sup>rd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School, Young Youth Room
- 9:30 Bible Study, Coover
- 9:30- K–2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 4:00 Youth Choir, Choir Room
- 5:00 Youth Group
- 6:00 Dinner Together, Ryerson Hall, Kitchen

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