

Sundays

Christian Education 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.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.

Please be seated by a Gathered Community Pad and sign in so that we may have a record of your time with us.

The FPC liturgy has four parts: Gathering, Proclamation, Response, and Sending.

Gathering

Prelude, Call to Worship, Hymn, Confession, Pardon, Peace: This is the time to make the transition from home to worship, to turn attention toward God, to acknowledge our need for God, and to greet one another in Christ's name.



...but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gather as God's People

Greeting

God be with you. | **And also with you.**

Focus on Ministry

Prelude

Were You There

Chuck Marohnic

✦ Call to Worship

God makes a way out of no way.

God sees our tears and turns them into joy.

God makes the impossible possible

and sees the desperate needs of all people.

Come close, healing God, and receive our worship.

✦ Gathering Hymn 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

✦ Call to Confession

Though we find much to boast about, we return again to God, who sees through our efforts to handle our life on our own.

Hear again the tender invitation to speak plainly before God and one another.

We confess our sins to God.

✦ Prayer of Confession

O Prince of peace,

from peace that is no peace, from the grip of all that is evil,
from a violent righteousness...

deliver us.

from paralysis of will, from lies and misnaming,
from terror of truth...

deliver us.

From hardness of heart, from trading in slaughter,
from the worship of death...

deliver us.

By the folly of your gospel, by your choosing our flesh,
by your nakedness and pain...

heal us.

By your weeping over the city, by your refusal of the sword,
by your facing of horror...

heal us.

By your bursting from the tomb, by your coming in judgment,
by your longing for peace ...

heal us and grant us peace.

✦ Time of Silent Confession

✦ Words of Assurance

Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God's claim on us.
Jesus Christ restores us to life.

Say it with joy!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen

Proclamation

Prayer, music, scripture readings, and sermon: in the prayer for illumination we ask God to speak to us and to communicate with us through music, scripture and the sermon.

Antem: *A Lenten Walk*

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; he had to bear it by himself; oh, nobody else could bear it for him, he had to bear it by himself.

We must take our cross and follow; Yes, we must follow by ourselves; oh, nobody else can follow for us, we have to follow by ourselves.

Response

Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People, Offering: The affirmation is the opportunity to say what we believe as a faith community. The prayers are often prayers of intercession (for others), a practice that acknowledges that we exist for mission (service). The offering is an opportunity to dedicate our lives and resources to mission.

✦Response

Refuge and Rock

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Sung to the tune of "Earth and All Stars," Hymn 26

Refuge and Rock, Shield and Deliverer!

I love you, Lord, for your unfailing care:

facing the grave, fearing destruction,

I called to you and you answered my prayer:

I was distressed—you heard my voice;

I will rejoice for you saved me.

✦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.)

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Miraculous God, we hear of your miracles and that you are doing a new thing, but it is hard for us to believe it.

Soften our hearts and break down our walls

so that we can hear and truly believe the good news of your gospel. *Amen*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-21

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 632

Response

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Response Anthem

A Lenten Walk

American Spiritual

See sidebar for text

arr. Hal Hopson

The Gospel Lesson

John 12:1-8

Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 64

Response

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"How Could You?"

Anna Sheetz

Respond to God's Word

✦Affirmation of Faith

From the "Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*

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

Sending

Hymn, Charge, Blessing, and Postlude focus attention on mission. The charge is a statement about our responsibility as we leave worship. The blessing asks for God's presence in fulfilling that responsibility, and the postlude is an opportunity for God to use music to inspire our service. The service ends after the postlude.



4th–6th Graders: 4:30–5:30
We're continuing onto the Prophets!

Confirmation 4:30–6:00
Let's meet and continue learning.

7th–12th Graders: 6:30–8
We'll meet, play, check-in and continue our Narnia Series.



We'll be meeting this **Wednesday, April 6.** Please read [A Grief Observed](#), the introduction, chapters 1 and 2.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (see sidebar)

Invitation to the Offering

There are ways to show up for one another that are beyond words—through actions of solidarity, through soulful presence, through meeting each other's needs of rest and nourishment. We gather our offerings in the Spirit of Love that is beyond words.

(Monetary offerings can be made by placing them in the baskets in the narthex, or by giving online. However and whatever you give of yourself is a blessing.)

✦Doxology 607

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

✦Prayer of Dedication

Jesus, our teacher, you relished the extravagant blessing you received from your beloved, Mary. As we learn from you how to act in solidarity, may we also learn from you how to be the recipient of blessings. **In your footsteps, we dedicate our offerings to relationships and to reciprocity. Amen**

Depart to Serve God's World

✦**Sending Hymn 201** *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar* HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

✦Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Allemande from Suite No. 5 in G Major, BWV 816* J.S. Bach

THIS MORNING WORSHIP LEADERSHIP~

Ministry of Music: The Sanctuary Choir
Liturgist: Rick Boland
Preacher: Anna Sheetz

We welcome children and youth to worship and value their presence among us! Young children are invited to engage in worship by using the activity bags found on the coat trees just outside of the Sanctuary doors. **Childcare for children under the age of 5** is provided in our nursery. Our childcare staff is dedicated to making our nursery a safe and comfortable place for all of its guests.

Music in Worship

As we approach Holy Week, where do you find yourself connecting with the Passion story this year?

Are you there with Mary, pouring costly perfume on Jesus' feet as your love and grief overflow? Are you there at the gates of Jerusalem, leading the colt to Jesus and suddenly caught up in a frenzy of joy-filled praise? Are you there at the table, watching Jesus fill a basin with water and unsure if you have the courage to let him wash your feet, your heart, your life? Are you there on the hill, wondering how the world will ever be set to rights again?

Today's prelude is a setting of the spiritual "Were You There" (Hymn 228). As we prepare for Holy Week, as we are there with Jesus and the disciples and Pilate and the women standing near the cross, hold fast to the words of Isaiah from today's first lesson: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Sunday, 3, April

- 4:30 4th-6th Grade Youth Grp, Creation Station
- 4:30 Confirmation, Room 14
- 5:30 Game Grp for All Ages, Ryerson Hall, Y Rm
- 6:00 Jeremiah Justice Initiative, Zoom
- 6:30 7th-12th Grade Youth Grp, YY Room

Tuesday, 5, April

- 5:30 Equipping Ministry, Coover Lounge

Wednesday, 6, April

- 7:00 Men's Group, Zoom
- 9:30 Grow Grp; Anna Root Grp, Coover, Hybrid
- 11:00 Staff Meeting, Coover Lounge
- 6:15 Lewis in Lent; Lent Study, Zoom
- 6:30 PNC Meeting, Coover Lounge
- 7:30 Lent Evening Zoom Worship

Thursday, 7, April

- 9:00 Sewing Group, Beach Room
- 5:00 Grow Grp; Judy Root Grp, Zoom
- 5:30 Dodekah, Rm 14
- 7:00 Administration Comm., Coover Lounge

Saturday, 9 April

- 1:00 Van Dusseldorp Gathering, Ryerson Hall

Sunday, 10, April

- 8:30 Bell Rehearsal, Sanctuary, Choir Loft
- 9:15 Children's Class
- 9:15 Grow Group, Layne's grp, Ryerson, Hybrid
- 9:15 Parent's Group, YY Room
- 9:15 Wired Word, Coover, Hybrid
- 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary, Loft
- 4:30 4th-6th Grade Yth Grp, Creation Station
- 4:30 Confirmation, Room 14
- 5:00 All Youth Event, Ryerson Hall, YY Rm
- 6:30 7th-12th Grade Yth Grp, YY Room

From your FPC Endowment Committee

Are you leaving a legacy of "red tape" for your heirs?

- ✓ A legal will prepared by your attorney will cut out the red tape and accomplish what you want to happen following your death.

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



Spring Care Packages: Resuming a pre-pandemic tradition, 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 child(ren) receive a care package? If so, please e-mail Dan Thedens at dthedens@gmail.com by Friday, April 8 with your child's current mailing address, or you may request the package be available for pick-up at the church if you prefer.



Grow Group Reading Schedule

April 3–April 9

- Day 50 Act 9–10
- Day 51 Acts 11–12
- Day 52 Acts 13–14
- Day 53 James 1–5
- Day 54 Acts 15–16
- Day 55 Galatians 1–3
- Day 56 Galatians 4–6



Grow Groupers!

Be sure you pick up your last section of your Grow Group binder! They will be ready for pick up next Sunday, April 10 in the narthex!

Prayer Chain

FPC has a prayer chain via email where you may share your prayer requests and pray for others. The link <https://firstpresioiwacivity.org/ministries/prayer-chain/> will take you directly First Presbyterian's website and to the Prayer Chain. Click on the "Share Your Prayer Request" and then enter your name, email, prayer request and then click on Submit Request. You can also access this on the First Pres website under Ministries/Prayer Chain <https://firstpresioiwacivity.org/>

- If you would like to receive Prayer Requests via email click on "subscribing to our Prayer Chain email list" found at the top just above the "Share Your Prayer Request."
- If you are having trouble please email your prayer request to Sally Rickey at sarah0654@mchsi.com or call 319-594-0736 and leave a message.

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