

JOYS & CONCERNS

WHEN THEY CANNOT JOIN US, WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Mary Wolverton. Irene Hamous

BIRTHDAYS: 1/25 Steve Goettel 1/26 Mary Ellen Horak 1/27 Darrel Wrider 1/30 Robert Courtright 1/31 Micah Jauhainen, Aidan Wilcox

Insight Adult Education

Series: *Christian Ethics* featuring Gary Connors Boe, former Lutheran Pastor. Today, Gary spoke about *Caring for God's Creation*. Join us next Sunday when Gary speaks about *Economics and Ethics*.

Lent with Lewis

Pastors Heather & Anna have been busily preparing and writing the curriculum that will guide our small groups this Lent. Based on CS Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* we'll be exploring Christian understanding of grace, belonging, identity, sacrifice and more.

Two things for you to know:

Mark your calendars for February 12th at 5:30 as we kick off our series with pizza, popcorn and a movie night watching Disney's live action, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Heather & Anna are looking for people who would be willing to host and/or lead groups. If this sounds like something you're interested in, speak to Pastor Heather.

Stewardship 2026

Your pledge is essential for proclaiming Christ's love and forgiveness to ourselves and to others. In this season of thanksgiving and joy, please remember how God's love is shared through the ministry of First Pres.

We have received 104 pledges totaling \$400,938. Our goal this year is 440,000.00.

To make your pledge, you may use the card that was mailed to you, or pick up a card next time you're at church. Any Questions? Contact Stormy- stormy@fpccr.org

Annual Meeting & Potluck | TODAY!

Linger after church for food, fellowship and our Annual Meeting. At this meeting, we'll receive annual reports and 2025 financial statements, conduct the necessary business of the corporation, and vote on the terms of call for the Rev. Heather Hayes. Annual reports and meeting packets will be available online and on the tables in Fellowship Hall.

Whether you're new to the church or have been part of this community for decades, we hope you'll stay, eat, and take part in this important and joyful moment in the life of our congregation.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday January 25

9:00 am Insight & Nursery
10:00 Worship & LiveStream
11:00 am Potluck

SEMP SCHEDULE

Tuesday January 27

5:30 pm Proclamation Commission

Wednesday January 28

2:00 pm Mahjong

5:30 pm Middle School Youth & Agape Kids

6:00 pm Bell Choir & 6:30 pm Dinner

7:00 High School Youth & Chancel Choir & Confirmation

Saturday January 31

9:00 Session Retreat

Sunday February 1

Fill the Cart for Food Bank

9:00 am Insight

10:00 Worship & LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

SEMP SCHEDULE

First Presbyterian Church

Cedar Rapids • Iowa

Jan 25, 2026



Welcome to worship! If this is your first time here or your fortieth, we want you to feel at home.

Here are a few items that may help you as you worship with us. **Bold print** indicates where the congregation speaks together.

An asterisk* invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Need a quiet spot for you and your child during the service? We have a nursery open on the second floor to welcome you.

Please sign the friendship pad so we may take note of your presence and you may greet your neighbors by name.

You're not just visiting, you are welcome! Scan this QR code to check in, explore ways to connect and share any prayer requests or pastoral needs.



WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Gloria in Excelsis"

William Mathias

Worship begins as you enter the sanctuary. The prelude provides time for quiet, personal preparation for the worship of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

We gather as the people of God—young and old, doubters and believers, seekers and servants.

We gather to worship the One who made us, loves us, and calls us beloved.

In this hour, may we find rest for our souls and courage for our journey.

In this community, may we find welcome, hope, and grace.

Come, let us worship God together!

Let us open our hearts to the Holy One. Amen.

*HYMN *God, Reveal Your Presence*

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UNISON PRAYER

God who calls us,
We come this morning holding many things— our plans and preferences, our fears and our need to be right, our busy schedules and our desire for control. We confess that we are often more centered on ourselves than on you. We divide when we should unite. We cling to our nets when you invite us to follow. And yet, you call us anyway. You call us out of our boats, out of our divisions, into something deeper and truer— a community centered not on our sameness, but on your love. So we drop what we're holding. We release our grip. We turn toward you, toward one another, ready to be re-centered, ready to be made whole. Call us again today, O God. Reorder our lives around your purpose. Make us one, even in our beautiful differences. In the name of Christ, who holds us together, Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

During the passing of the peace, we share signs of peace and welcome others in our pews. Please turn to those around you as we celebrate God's peace among us.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

We invite children to come to the front at this time for their own special message. At the conclusion of children's time, kids 5th grade and under are invited to join us upstairs for Sunday School. An adult will be at the back of the sanctuary to escort them to their room.

SCRIPTURE

Oliver Keuseman & Aubrey Weldon

In the beginning was the Word,

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (p 991)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 4:12-23 (p 837)

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

DRAMA

Recentered by the Call

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN

Hear O Lord, My Plea for Justice

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MINUTE FOR YOUTH

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

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THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In the Shadow of Your Wing

Joseph Martin

*DOXOLOGY

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

Generous God, We give because we have been given to. We share because we have received from your abundance. These gifts represent our labor, our commitment, and our trust that you can use what we offer to make a difference—in this community, in this city, in this world.

Bless what we bring and multiply its impact. May these resources be used wisely and faithfully for the work you have called us to do together. In gratitude and hope, Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE THE LORD

*HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Be Still My Soul

POSTLUDE

"Grand Recessional"

Christopher Tambling

Leading In Worship

Pastors | Rev. Heather Hayes & Rev. Anna Sheetz

Organist | Ted Cronbaugh

Director of Music | Fred Kiser

Chancel Choir

Youth:

Rowan Hoffman

Logan Engels

Landen Engels

Ollie Schuster

Michael Flach

Adriana Flach

Star Maya Montejano

Eli Davis

Benn Snapp

Warner Mitchell

Oliver Keuseman

Aubrey Weldon

Ushers & Greeters | Elizabeth Shoemaker, Jace Winger,

Peyton Weldon