

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**WHEN THEY CANNOT JOIN US, WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Mary Wolverton. Lois Willhoite.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4/12 Ryan Buresh, Shephard Colbert, Tim Kossayian 4/14 Sarah Richardson 4/15 Olivia Bryner, Brian Mollman, Marty Brown, Dave Kutter 4/18 Betsy Caszatt, Steve White

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 4/15/1976 Albert & Julie Christophersen

### Insight Adult Education

Today, Chirantan Ghosh, MD, FACP, spoke about "Systems/Process of Delivery of Medical Care". Join us next Sunday when Dr. Ghosh speaks about "*Strength and Weakness of the Medical System*".

### Bon Voyage Luncheon TODAY!

Join us for lunch for Pastor Heather's last day. Check out her hiking gear, see the mapped route, ask questions and more. There will be a table to write short notes of encouragement and links to where you can follow along on her journey. If you requested a devotional, look for Stormy in the Gathering Space.

**The Food Group** will meet on **April 16th at 6:00 pm** at Goldfinch Tap + Eatery, 740 10th Street Marion, Iowa. Please **RSVP by April 12th** to Carolyn Horton at 319-899-0255 or horton6902@msn.com All are welcome for food and fellowship!

### Book Group

On **April 20** we will discuss *Guilty by Definition* by Susie Dent. This is mystery novel blending lexicography with crime fiction, wherein a team of dictionary editors investigates cryptic letters related to the decade-old disappearance of a colleague's sister, Charlie, uncovering secrets and lies in Oxford (UK, not Mississippi). This meeting will be at the home of Cynthia and John Burdakin, 1227 Forest Glen Ct SE. If you want to join, please contact Cynthia at (248) 701-2508 or cburdakin@hotmail.com.

### This Summer! Pool Rules!

Join us for five Thursday evenings this June and July for something a little different; faith conversations, snacks, activities, and open swim at Noelridge Aquatic Center!

Thursday, June 18; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; No Swimming Alone

Thursday, June 25; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Know Your Depth

Thursday, July 2; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Keep An Eye Out

Thursday, July 9; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Rest Required

Thursday, July 16; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Guest Welcome

For all the details and to register, please follow this QR Code:



**Leading In Worship**  
**Pastor** | Rev. Heather Hayes & Rev. Anna Sheetz  
**Liturgist** | Martha Booth  
**Organist** | Ted Cronbaugh  
**Director of Music** | Fred Kiser  
**Chancel Choir**  
**Ushers** | Dave and Martha Booth  
Steve and Sue Stancato

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday April 12

9:00 am Nursery & Insight  
10:00 Worship & LiveStream  
11:00 am Fellowship  
**SEMP SCHEDULE**

### Monday April 13

6:30 Evening Book Group

### Tuesday April 14

11:30 am Care Commission  
1-3 Ties that Bind  
5:30 pm Deacons

### Wednesday April 15

#### Wednesday April 8

2:00 pm Mahjong  
5:30 pm Middle School Youth & Agape  
6:00 pm Bell Choir & 6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 High School Youth & Chancel Choir

### Thursday April 16

**6:00 Food Group**

### Saturday April 18

6-8:00 Game Night with Youth

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.



# First Presbyterian Church

Cedar Rapids • Iowa

April 12, 2026 | 10:00 am



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.

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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Prelude on "Be Thou My Vision"* Healey Willan  
Worship begins as you enter the sanctuary. The prelude provides time for quiet, personal preparation for the worship of God.

*As we prepare for worship, if there are prayer requests you would like lifted up today in worship and/or brought to the attention of Pastor Heather or Pastor Anna, please fill out a prayer request card and place it in the available baskets before worship or during the passing of the peace.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHORAL INTROIT** *God Welcomes All*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today as people who have not seen, and yet trust.

**We come with our questions, our certainties, and everything in between.**

We come as those who have been given a path,  
**worn by the faithfulness of those who walked before us.**

We come trusting the one who walks beside us.

**The risen Christ enters every locked room.**

The risen Christ speaks peace into every fear.

**Come, let us worship the God who meets us where we are.**

\*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* #1

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have sometimes treated faith as a burden rather than a gift; demanding certainty where you offer trust, seeking proof where you offer presence, locking ourselves away when you have called us into the world.

Forgive us, Lord. Breathe your Spirit into our fear. Open the doors we have bolted shut. Speak your peace into the places we have hidden. We ask this in the name of the risen Christ, who meets us exactly where we are. Amen.

*time of silent confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: The same Jesus who entered the locked room to be present with the disciples, who came not with judgment but with peace, not with disappointment but with compassion, is the same Christ who meets us now.

**The doors of our fear are no obstacle for the risen Lord.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*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 they may return to the pews. Nursery is available for children kindergarten age and younger.*

## SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word,

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

John 20:19-31 (p 945)

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!**

SERMON *Peace for the Road Ahead* Rev. Heather Hayes

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* #450

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the risen Christ,  
who enters locked rooms and speaks peace into fear,  
who meets us in our doubt and calls us into trust,  
whose wounds remind us that resurrection does not erase the past but redeems it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the breath of God breathed into the church,  
who empowers us to love, to serve, to forgive,  
and to witness to hope in a world that longs for it.

We believe in the church —  
not as the possession of any one person,  
but as the body of Christ,  
sustained by the Spirit,  
worn into faithfulness by generations of those who kept walking.

**We are among those who have not seen, and yet trust.**

**Blessed by the promise of Christ's enduring presence,  
we follow the path that has been prepared for us, and we go in peace.**

## THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* Philip W. J. Stopford

### \*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.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*At First Presbyterian we celebrate an open communion. All are welcome to receive. Please approach the table through the center aisle, receive the bread and cup from the servers, partaking individually, and return to your pews by the outside aisle. Gluten Free wafers are available.*

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and good, always and everywhere, to give you thanks, holy God...

...and with the company of heaven, we join the unending hymn:

*Sung Congregational response #569*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you... Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us....

...as we pray together, saying,

**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.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we have come to this table and been met by the risen Christ. Fed by this bread and sustained by this cup, we remember that resurrection is not only a promise for another day, it is nourishment for this one.

Send us from this table as people who have been breathed upon by your Spirit. People who have been empowered to love, to serve, to forgive, to carry the peace we have received here out into every locked room we encounter.

**We go now traveling on many different roads. Walk beside us on all of them and may the blessing spoken long ago rest upon us still. Amen.**

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE THE LORD

\*HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (vs, 1, 2, 4)* #232

### \*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lucerna pedibus meis verbum tuum*

POSTLUDE *"Festive Finale"* Phil Lehenbauer