

JOYS & CONCERNS

WHEN THEY CANNOT JOIN US, WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Joan Beach. Mary Humphrey

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Nan Riley. If you or others are hospitalized, please let us know. Due to privacy laws, the hospitals may be unable to provide your information.

BIRTHDAYS: 5/25 Nancy Collins 5/26 Ada Potratz, Matthew Wilding 5/27 Mary Jane Barlow, Steve Volesky 5/28 Kissy Heins, Daniel Nelson, Jim Richardson

ANNIVERSARIES: 5/24/1975 Carroll & Sue Edmondson 5/25/1996 Nancy & Steve Barry 5/25/2014 Amy & Kevin Morris 5/28/1988 Michael Miller & Laura Runkle 5/29/1966 Bonnie & Herb Neubauer

ABOUT OUR GUEST ORGANIST: Garrett F. Martin is Organist and Director of Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, New York, where he leads a comprehensive and widely recognized music program supporting worship, concert life, and community engagement. He directs the Westminster Choir, curates the Westminster Presents concert series, while overseeing the care and use of two Aeolin-Skinner Organs and five Steinway Grand Pianos. Garrett also serves on the music faculty of Buffalo Seminary and will serve as conductor of the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) America National Choir for the 2026-2028 seasons. A native of Tennessee, Garrett holds degrees from Carson-Newman University, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Texas at Austin, where he studied with Gerre and Judith Hancock, and previously with J. Ryan Garber (CNU) and Peter Fyfe (Vanderbilt). Garrett is particularly known for his work in organ improvisation, including live accompaniment for silent film screening and large-scale free improvisations in symphonic forms. His playing has been praised in *The American Organist* as "impressively played" and "masterfully improvised". He is a featured artist with the Rodgers Organ Company, with more than forty recorded performances available online.

INSIGHT ADULT EDUCATION

Join us next Sunday when Ralph Plagman, retired Principal, Washington H.S, speaks about *School Choices*.

ALL-MEMBER CANVAS

Session is launching our 2026 All-Member Canvas and you will be getting a call! Part of the vision of 2026 is to be a congregation that gets to know and love each other as Christ knows and loves us. It is our goal to reach out to each and every member of our congregation! Members of Session and the Commissions will be reaching out by phone between **May 26-28**.

The calls will be brief, friendly, and come from people who genuinely care and want to know what makes First Pres YOUR congregation. If your phone rings from "First Presbyterian Church" (319) 364-6148, please pick up! We'd love to hear from you!

SERVICE FOR JIM POWERS

There will be a memorial service for Jim on Saturday May 30th at 1:30 pm, with a visitation at 12:00. Interment will immediately follow at Cedar Memorial. Make sure you check his obituary for full details, there will be an update posted on Wednesday.

WELCOME DESK HELP NEEDED

Do you have a desire to make FPC a welcoming place? Consider signing up to host the Welcome Desk before and after worship! It's a kind and meaningful way to greet familiar faces and make sure first-time visitors feel welcomed! Check out the Welcome Desk sign-up sheet and let us know which date you would like to host.

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

If you are enjoying Pastor Heater's "On the Trail Devotions" or would like an excellent book on spiritual poems or essays, check out the display of resources in the library "under the butterfly".

Pastor Anna will be on Study Leave from **Wednesday, May 26-Tuesday, June 2**. Please call the office for immediate needs.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday May 24

Pentecost!

9:00 am Nursery

10:00 Worship & LiveStream

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

SEMP SCHEDULE

Monday May 25

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday May 26

5:30 pm Proclamation

7:00 pm Session

Wednesday May 27

6:30 pm Ice Cream @ Newbo

Sunday May 31

9:00 am Nursery & Insight

10:00 Worship & LiveStream

11:00 am Fellowship

SEMP SCHEDULE

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

May 24, 2026 | 10:00 am



Created by Bob Naujoks

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 *Contemplation on “Veni, Creator Spiritus”* James Biery
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 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 *Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In those days, says the Lord –

In those days after Jesus rose from the dead, in those days when no one really knew what was going on or what was going to happen –

In those days, God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

And when the disciples pushed out their fear

And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new

And as the birth cry was the cry of many languages, all understood –

In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

With joy and awe.

The church was born.

Our church.

God’s church.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN *Go to the World!* #295

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

Huddled in fear of what others will think, Of what others will do, Of what God will do.

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

Making fun of what we do not understand, Tearing down what is sacred to another, Waiting until we are sure it’s okay.

Always God is with us:

Nudging us like a gentle breeze, Stirring us with flames of hope, Speaking to us with words engraved in our hearts.

In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.

A time for silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, God’s Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

We are forgiven. Alleluia! 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

In the beginning was the Word,

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

Psalm 104:24-28, 31-34 (p 523)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 2:1-4 (p 948)

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 *Happy Birthday Church!* Rev. Anna Sheetz

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #286

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *“Be Still My Soul”* Mark Edwards

*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

God of fire and wind, of many voices made one- receive these offerings as acts of trust. As your Spirit moved among the disciples, move through these gifts. Birth something new in our community and in your world. Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE THE LORD

*HYMN *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 1, 2, 4)* #291

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *God Be With You*

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on “Veni, Creator Spiritus”* Garrett F. Martin

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Please stop by the prayer table in Fellowship Hall after church to sign your name on the cards that will be sent out this week to those we have mentioned in prayer today or who may need a word of encouragement.

The office sends these out each Monday to let others know of the care and prayerful support of our congregation.

Leading In Worship

Pastor | Rev. Anna Sheetz

Liturgist | Heidi Kiser

Organist | Ted Cronbaugh

Guest Organist | Garrett F. Martin

Director of Music | Fred Kiser

Chancel Choir

Ushers | Amy Morris, Carolyn Horton