

Sundays

Nursery Care 10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship following service

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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.

June 22, 2025
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Improvisation No.1

Stephen Mulvahill

Greeting

Psalm 118: 24

This is the day that God has made. | **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

✠ Gathering Hymn 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

✠ Call to Confession

God's prophets remind us that it is in those moments we think God's favor separates us from others that we separate ourselves from God. Come and confess how we have misused our confidence in grace.

✠ 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 felt so assured of our goodness that we have failed to do good. We have been so aware of being blessed that we have not been a blessing to others. We have been so attuned to your presence with us that we have not shared it. Forgive us these sins, and those we now speak in your presence.

✠ Time of Individual Confession

✠ Words of Assurance

God's forgiveness is infinite, and in it we find infinite ways to live our repentance and our hope. **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Confessional Response 586

Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu—ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, 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.)

Sung Prayer for Illumination (Tune: 653)

We sing before the reading of scripture and while the children come forward after the reading.

**Now hear all you who seek the Word and gath-er close to hand.
Come lis-ten now for sav-ing grace and pray to un-der-stand.**



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Prayer of illumination by Nathan Willard

The First Lesson

Psalm 22:19-28

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Save me from the sword, **my life from the power of the dog!**

Save me from the lion's mouth,

my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my people;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

May all who fear you, O God, give praise; **may the offspring of Israel**

stand in awe, and all of Jacob's line give glory.

For you do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty, neither do you
hide your face from them, **but when they cry to you, you hear them.**

My praise is of you in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise
you: **"May your heart live for ever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before you

For yours is the royal power, O God; **you rule over the nations.**

To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; **all who go
down to the dust fall before you.**

Congregational Sung Response

*All children, if they are so moved, are invited to gather on the steps as we all
sing our prayer of illumination again.*

Children's Time

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 65:1-9

Pew Bible, Old Testament, p.654

Response

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

Hymn 756

O God of Every Nation

Message

"Holier than Whom?"

Pastor Nathan Willard

Anthem

To God All Praise and Glory

Frederick H. Candlyn

Preparation for Prayer 653 v2 *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*

We will sing again after the Silent Prayer

**If you have ev-er wan-dered where no hu-man help was near,
And in your trou-ble cried to God, who res-cued you from fear,
Then thank the God of stead-fast love who dries your ev-ery tear.**

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

Lara Marsh

In our Moment for Mission, we shine a light on a ministry supported by First Presbyterian Church, and how our commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure affects the world around us. 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.

✠Doxology 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
Praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low;
Praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more;
Praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore. Amen.**

Commissioning

✠Sending Hymn 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

✠Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Improvisation No. 2

Stephen Mulvahill

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Willard
Ministry of Music: Stephen Mulvahill, Sanctuary Choir,
Katelyn Peterson
Liturgist: Maeleen Thorius
Ushers: Meg Dehner
Elder: Lara Marsh
Fellowship: Christian Education Ministry

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 22

No CE Offerings
10:15am Nursery Open
10:30am Worship
11:30am Fellowship time
7pm JJI, Zoom

Tuesday, June 24

6:30pm Personnel, Zoom

Wednesday, June 25

10:30am Staff Meeting

Sunday, June 29

No CE Offerings
10:15am Nursery Open
10:30am Worship
11:30am Fellowship time
7pm JJI, Zoom

Need to pick up your Kindness T-shirt?
They are in Coover Lounge on top of the bookcase.
Shirts are labelled with your name.
If you missed out on ordering, but would still like one, contact Tammy Schroeder or Sue Van Duyn and we will add you to the fall order list.

The June - July edition of *First's Family* monthly newsletter should have landed in your mailbox this past week. If you would rather read the newsletter electronically, let the office know you no longer want to receive it in the mail.
You can find the newsletter by going to the [FPC website](#) (under News) or using the link at the bottom of the Wednesday Weekly. Not receiving the Weekly e-newsletter and wish to, contact Tammy Schroeder.

Looking for ways to give back to the community?
Check out these opportunities.



We serve every Wednesday
from 7:30-9:00am.
Old Brick
26 E. Market St

The Agape Café serves a free, hot, breakfast dine-in or to-go for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity. They strive to create an environment that provides, along with a healthy and delicious meal, the equally fundamental needs of being treated with dignity and respect.

Interested in volunteering? [Volunteermatch.org](https://www.volunteermatch.org)

Want to donate or learn more? <https://www.agapecafe.org/>

The ability to serve these breakfasts is sustained by the donations from Iowa City's community and the countless hours provided by awesome volunteer staff.



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"An open door, a full plate, no questions asked"

The Free Lunch Program (FLP) is one of the "quiet services" in the Iowa City area that strives to do one thing well: provide a free, filling and healthy lunch to **anyone** who comes to us.

Lunch is served by teams of dedicated volunteers Monday through Saturday from noon to 1pm.

Contact Carol Kirsch at carolkirsch52@gmail.com to learn more. Team FPC serves lunch at 10am on the third Thursday of each month.

Donate at <https://iowacityfreelunch.org/support/>

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