

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5, 2026

*“The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.”
~ Basil Hume*

TRINITY BELLS

CHORAL INTROIT

“Forgiven”

*OPENING MUSIC

#123 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Mark 8:31-38)

Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Death never gets the final word. Death has lost its sting.

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Rejoice in this day of salvation. Christ is risen!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever. Christ is risen, indeed!

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

“Settled at the Cross”

OPENING PRAYER

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we don’t always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love.

We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should unfold, forgetting that life in your kingdom shatters those expectations.

Forgive us when we go through our daily routine, forgetting to look for the Risen One.

Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our friends than it is about encountering you and our Resurrected Lord.

Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us, in each and every moment of our lives. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive!

Alleluia and amen.

(now that we have confessed as a congregation, let us confess our own sins in the silence of our hearts)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The testimony of all the prophets is united in this message of good news: Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Rejoice, for your sins are already forgiven! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OFFERING

Offering Hymn

#371 “Lift High the Cross”

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Resurrecting”

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-13

John 20:1-18

SERMON

“The Blood that Saves”

Rev. Paul Masters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional Version)

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.

SONG OF REFLECTION

“What a Beautiful Name”

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

“Worthy is the Lamb”

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

#122 “Thine is the Glory”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

Helpful Notes

- 1) We say “debts” and “debtors” in the Lord’s Prayer
- 2) Asterisks (*) = Please stand as you are able
- 3) Offering – You can give electronically using the QR code found in the ‘Stewardship News’ section of this bulletin
- 4) We won’t have Children’s Church today, so families can enjoy the Easter service together.

Prayers for April 5th – 11th

Members of the Congregation:

Terry Dessinger, Carter Ferry & Merna Thomas

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moellers),
Alan Scott,
Larry Riblet (Heather Peck's Uncle),
Ann Raschka (Karen Amman's Sister) &
Neela Waddell (Mike & Judy's Granddaughter)

Prayer Families:

Luke Royster
Pauline Ruebel
A.J. Ruge
Adeline Ruge

Pray for:

 (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown &
Northfield Church of Christ

Stewardship News

Attendance on March 29th was 172 (123, 18 FB, 31 YT). The offering on 03/29/26 was \$25,541.05. The amount needed each week is \$10,655.56. The total contributions through 03/29/26 are \$131,336.57. The amount needed through 03/29/26 is \$10,655.56.

Contributions are behind \$7,185.68 and we are over budget from Foundation by \$38,750.01. Total amount we are behind budget is \$45,9345.69.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Gary Gronbach, Joe Tofilon, Abby Tofilon & Ben Tofilon

Communion Servers: Don Miller, Linda Whiting, Liddy Hora & Ruth Hancock

Vocals: Carson Walrod, Laurie Johnson & Kia Deuel

Musicians: Greg Merritt, Steve Kelleher, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller, Gabriel Alves & Shelly Bottorff

Bus Driver: David Cook

Elder: David Cook

Upcoming April Ministry Team Meeting Times

Christian Education – April 12th at 11:15 am

Personnel – April 16th at 5:30 pm

Property & Finance – April 21st at 5:30 pm

Fellowship – April 21st at 5:30 pm

Foundation – April 21st at 6:30 pm

Session – April 14th at 5:30 pm

Deacons – April 20th at 6:00 pm

Stewardship – April 21st at 5:30 pm

Mission – April 21st at 6:00 pm

Worship and Music – April 28th at 6:30 pm

Confirmation

Confirmation class meets at 5:30 – 7:00 pm each Sunday in the Commons. We are also asking for volunteers for confirmation class meals. You can bring in a meal you've made or donate monetarily. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Peck (515-667-2848)

Senior Sunday

Senior Sunday will be May 17th. Seniors, please come into the office before May 5th to choose a quilt that will be given to you on Senior Sunday.

Technology Help

If you need help with technology, Mary can help! She may not have all the answers, but she will gladly work through it with you at church or in your home. Email her at marya@firstpresfd.org.

Mission Opportunity

Intervarsity at ICCS is currently (through April) offering a small group bible study for students and is looking for church members to supply the snacks each Thursday evening. Healthy snacks are recommended, and they are needed for 10-15 students. Zach Dodge, Intervarsity leader, is willing to pick up the snacks from the church on Thursday mornings. He is also looking for church members to make meals for their retreat the weekend of April 10 and 11. If you are interested in supporting this mission, please email Zach at zach.dodge@intervarsity.org.

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First Presbyterian Church
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Lead Pastor, Rev. Paul Masters
Executive Pastor, Chris Helton
Director of Music, Gabriel Alves
A/V Tech. & Comm. Director, Mary Alves
A/V Specialist, Kristal Torres
515-576-2091
April 5, 2026

Website: www.fpcfd.org
YouTube: FPC Fort Dodge





Easter Lilies

Lorraine Black

Given by Gene Black

Thelma Culver

Given by Harlan and Brenda Vande Berg

Jerry Hancock

Given by Ruth Hancock

Papa Jerry Hancock

Given by Taylor, Jake, Jackson, Maverick
and Teagan Sorenson

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Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER 10.10 with refrain
 George William Kitchin (1827-1912) Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916
 Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt. Desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
Refrain and Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.
 Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. *Fine*

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain
 The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
 Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Resurrecting

The head that once was crowned with thorns
 Is crowned with glory now
 The Savior knelt to wash our feet
 Now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame
 Now robed in majesty
 The radiance of perfect love
 Now shines for all to see

Your name
 Your name
 Is victory
 All praise
 Will rise
 To Christ our king

The fear that held us now gives way
 To him who is our peace
 His final breath upon the cross
 Is now alive in me

By your spirit I will rise
 From the ashes of defeat
 The resurrected king
 Is resurrecting me
 In your name I come alive
 To declare your victory
 The resurrected king
 Is resurrecting me

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain
 Was borrowed for three days
 His body there would not remain
 Our God has robbed the grave
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What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
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Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
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Descant



1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Worthy is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross Lord
 Thank You for the price You paid
 Bearing all my sin and shame
 In love You came and gave amazing grace

Thank You for this love Lord
 Thank You for the nail-pierced hands
 Washed me in Your cleansing flow
 Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne
 Crown You now with many crowns
 You reign victorious
 High and lifted up Jesus Son of God
 The Darling of heaven crucified
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JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain
 Edmond Louis Budry, 1884
 Trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923; alt. George Frederick Handel, 1748

1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris-en, con- quering Son; End-less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris-en from the tomb; Lov- ing- ly He
 3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo- rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 out Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than con- querors

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through Thy death-less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain (last time only)

Where Thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting.
 To Thy home a - bove. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris-en, con- quering Son;

End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won.