

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 3, 2026

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

~ Martin Luther

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on John 14:1-7)

Leader: Gather us, O God show us the way.

People: We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth and life.

Leader: Come now and see for yourselves.

People: There is room for us all. Dwell with us, O God.

Leader: God is alive in our midst and begins life anew even among us.

People: We see the very nature of God in those gathered around us.

Leader: Get ready to stand firm, to stand on the Rock that is Jesus Christ.

People: From there we will feel the confidence of those who follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Send Down Your Spirit, Lord"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Merciful God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another. We name the name of Christ, but we do not make real in our lives his presence. We pay lip service to your truth, but we fear the truth about ourselves. We sing of your grace, but we cling to illusions that keep us from experiencing your healing power. We claim to live by faith, but we want to have our own way. We want to be free, but we avoid the discipline that would set us free. We lay claim to your promises in our need, but we feel no compassion for the needs of others. Forgive us and cleanse us, we pray, and give us new life through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Friends, Believe the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God whose love creates us.

Thanks be to God whose mercy redeems us.

Thanks be to God whose grace leads us into the future!

OFFERING

Offering Hymn

#404 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Doxology

*Prayer Of Dedication

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Jesus"

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:1-10

John 14:1-14

SERMON

"The Way, The Truth and the Life"

Rev. Paul Masters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1-2; 28; 38-39

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"O Come to the Altar"

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

Prayers for May 3rd – 9th

Members of the Congregation:

Carol Dillon & Jean Stanley

Friends of the Congregation:

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

Prayer Families:

Edward & Judy Shimkat
Bill & Darcie Shirbroun (Faith, Maddox, Piper)
Josie Chambers
John & Lin Simpson

Pray for:

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

Ministers in North Central Iowa who are active in Specialized Ministry &
Second Baptist Church

Stewardship News

Scan the QR code to give. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Gary Gronbach & Brian Pederson

Communion Servers: Linda Whiting, Liddy Hora, Brian Pederson & Ruth Hancock

Vocals: Laurie Johnson

Musicians: Greg Merritt, JB Kilpeck, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: John Garton

Elder: Peyton Walstrom

May Ministry Team Meeting Times

Worship and Music – May 3rd @ 11:15 am

Property & Finance – May 18th @ 4:00 pm

Fellowship – May 19th @ 5:30 pm

Stewardship – May 19th @ 5:30 pm

Mission – May 19th @ 6:00 pm

Foundation – May 19th @ 6:30 pm

Worship & Music – May 26th @ 6:30 pm

Bus Drivers and Church Openers

We are looking to add more drivers/openers to our rotation. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ted Huggins at (515) 571-1061.

Senior Sunday

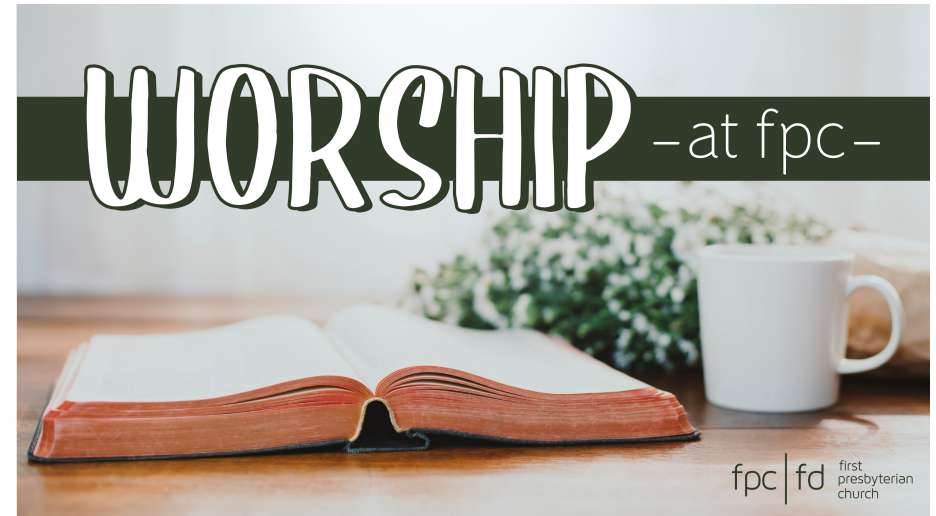
Senior Sunday will be May 17th. Seniors, please come into the office before May 5th to choose a quilt that will be given to you on Senior Sunday.

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.

The Harry's Pantry Play-Offs

Join the middle and high schoolers for the Harry's Pantry Play-Offs on Sunday May 24th at 1:00 pm in the CLC! Gather your team and join us for basketball, 9-square and pickleball. This is an all-ages event. Team admission is a donation for Harry's Pantry. Register your team with Abee or online at: <https://into.church/pantryplayoffs>



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Jesus

There is a truth older than the ages
There is a promise of things yet to come
There is One born for our salvation

Jesus

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness
There is a kingdom that forever reigns
There is freedom from the chains that bind us

Jesus

Jesus

Who walks on the waters
Who speaks to the sea
Who stands in the fire beside me
He roars like a lion
He bled as the Lamb
He carries my healing in His hands
Jesus

There is a name I call in times of trouble
There is a song that comforts in the night
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages
He is Jesus Jesus

Messiah
My Savior
There is power in Your name
You're my rock and my Redeemer
There is power in Your name
In Your name

You walk on the waters
You speak to the sea
You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a lion
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God

Jesus
There is no one like You
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O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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PRECIOUS LORD 6.6.9 D

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

George N. Allen, 1844
Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near; When my

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody in the upper staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a dotted quarter note C5. The bass line starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3 and B3, then a dotted quarter note C4.

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me
life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The upper staff features a dotted quarter note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, then a dotted quarter note G4. The bass line continues with a dotted quarter note C4, followed by quarter notes B3 and A3, then a dotted quarter note G3.

on to the light; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The upper staff features a dotted quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes F4 and E4, then a dotted quarter note D4. The bass line continues with a dotted quarter note G3, followed by quarter notes F3 and E3, then a dotted quarter note D3.

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore 377

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 2. You know that I own so lit - tle,

Look - ing nei - ther for wise nor for wealth - y. You
 In my boat there's no mon - ey nor weap - ons, You'll

on - ly want - ed that I should fol - low.
 on - ly find there my nets and la - bor.

Estrillo
Refrain

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,

And, while smil - ing, have called out my name.

Now my boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me,

Now with You I will seek oth - er seas.

3. You need the caring of my hands.
 Through my tiredness, may others find resting.
 You need a love that just goes on loving.
Refrain

4. You, who have fished other oceans,
 Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,
 My dear and good friend, as thus You call me.
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