

Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship March 30, 2025

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 4th Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025 – 10:00am

*The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit

Prelude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Greg Emery

Opening Prayer

As we worship today, Lord, surround us with faithfulness and steadfast love. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called Your friends and go forth to befriend Your world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Call to Worship

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

Therefore, beloved, let us not love just in word or in speech, but in deed and in truth.

Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life. This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

Choir Anthem "Above All" Maria Sinley, choir director Debra Senelly, choir accompanist

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving and merciful One, we thank You for the community in which You have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey.

We often fail to see Your Kingdom in parables, because we fail to see Your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of Your Kingdom that both is and is not yet.

Words of Assurance

The Scripture announces that this is a true saying and is to be universally accepted: Christ came into the world to save sinners. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, in Christ you are forgiven. Know this and be at peace.

*Gloria Patri #579

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.

*Welcome Wave / Passing of The Peace

Special Music "You've Got a Friend" by Carole King Gretchen Dempsey

Scripture John 15

Sermon "You are my friends if...." Pastor Greg Emery

Pastoral 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.

Offertory "Count Your Blessings" Gerri Crothers and son Patrick

Gretchen Dempsey

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #592

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, as we are branches on the true vine, Jesus Christ, we bring these gifts, not as an end in themselves, but as a symbol of our dependence on you and our desire to bear fruit that glorifies your name. May these offerings, like the fruit of the vine, be a testament to your abundant grace and a source of blessing to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#438

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free; And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

*Benediction

May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen and **amen**.

*Postlude

"Allelujah! Sing to Jesus!"

Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome Visitors! Faith Presbyterian Church welcomes you. Everyone is invited to Illingworth Hall for fellowship following the service.

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Gerri Crothers in loving memory of her late husband, Bill, celebrating his birthday in heaven.

In Memoriam – Tom Ciesielski passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Please keep Sue and the Ciesielski family in your prayers. If you would like to send a card to Sue contact information is in the church directory.

Pastor Greg's mom, Kay, was hospitalized this week in Prescott with heart issues. She is back home and stable but awaiting news on further procedures. If you would like to send a card, please contact the church office for the address.

March 2025 Church Directories are available please see an usher for a copy.

Beware of Scams: Please be advised that if you receive a text or email that seems to be coming from Pastor Greg asking if you could help with something but not by phone, only by text or email, or buy a gift card, it is a scam, and you should not respond in any way.

Men's Fellowship will be hosting a Hamburger Brunch today after service. Tickets are \$10.

Thursdays @ Faith - April 10, 2025 Campbells and Company - Mike and Sheryl Campbell are back entertaining us with a variety of musical styles and

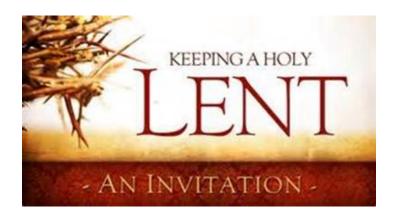
favorites from the Great American Songbook. Sheryl on flute and vocals and Mike on the Grand Piano will be accompanied by friends on bass and drums. Cut-off for purchasing dinner tickets is 11:00am on Monday, April 7, 2025. Tickets are \$15. Dinner is at 6:00 pm with the program at 6:30pm.

Gently Used BOOK SALE - Sunday, March 30, 2025 in Illingworth Hall.

Flowers for service - If you wish to donate a bouquet a large bouquet is \$50 and small bouquet is \$30. Please contact Anne Daughters contact information is in the church directory.

Men's Clothing Drive "Deep Within". The month of April Faith Church will be collecting clothing for men to be donated to the local agency in Peoria called "Deep Within". We are collecting men's clothes, T-shirts, dress shirts, toiletries, socks, shoes, underwear all are needed. A plastic bag with a sign will be in Illingsworth Hall on Sunday. Thank you. Any questions please contact Laurie Cathey contact information is in the church directory.

Contact information for: Rev. Anne Emery, Honorably Retired contact information is in the church directory.



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Welcome!

Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe. Welcome to those who have worshiped in this place for years! Welcome to our first-time guests! Welcome to all generations, single people, couples, believers, and to questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers! We hope you find peace and uplift in our worship today.

We are very glad you are here!

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FAITH CHURCH — MISSION STATEMENT

Faith Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, welcoming, caring community, committed to serving Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and to love one another. We worship, study and grow in understanding as we work for justice and peace in the world, inspired by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible. (From Matthew 17:20)