



About Our Logo

These crosses remind us that at First Federated Church we are rooted in Christian tradition while we are embracing the future as we serve Christ today.

We also remember that God reaches out to us before we can reach out to God.

In response, we are called to reach out to each other and to the greater world as we seek to Glorify God.

At First Federated Church, we look ahead without forgetting our faith.

*Both crosses
– the modern and the traditional –
share a common center, just as our lives share a common center: the life, love, and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

At First Federated Church, we are students and followers of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to Worship

If You Are New to First Federated Church:

We invite you to stop by the Commons for coffee and Fellowship Hour after worship. Information pamphlets about church programs and volunteer opportunities are available.

A Handicap and Family Bathroom is located in the hallway outside the Commons on the first floor.

During Today's Worship - Questions? Ask an Usher.

Large print hymnals, individual listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex for an improved worship experience. Worship also can be heard through the speakers in the Lounge and the Commons.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities, are available in the front & back of the sanctuary by the ushers' stands. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

Childcare is available for your infant or small child during 10:00 a.m. worship each Sunday. The nursery is located next to the Chapel. See one of the ushers for directions.

Kids' Kingdom Sunday School is provided each week during worship. Preschoolers - 5th grade go to the chapel briefly for announcements and offering before being led to separate Sunday school rooms. 6th - 12th grade have separate Junior and Senior High events. All classes last until approximately 11:00 am. Schedule varies during summer months.

Please pass the Pew Friendship Pads so that we know your name and all worshipers have an opportunity to provide up-to-date information and sign up for special events. If you are a visitor, please be sure to give us your address so that we can send you a note.

For pastoral care, to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, to pass along a prayer request, please call the church office at 685-5258 or e-mail: info@ffcpeoria.com.

Please silence your cell phones when in the sanctuary.



— TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH —

Jesus once said that unless we receive the Kingdom as a child we cannot enter into it. This time spent with the youngest members of our worshipping congregation reminds us of the great truth that all of us are children of God and that all of us need to grow in wisdom and in faith.

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for a children's message. Following the Lord's Prayer all children are invited to Sunday school. Parents are welcome to accompany hesitant children. Visitors are welcome!

All children, Preschool through 5th grade should be picked up by their parents or guardian in the following location following worship:

Preschool - Preschool Palace

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades - Creation Station

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades - Upper Room

Junior Highs (6th - 8th Grades) - Junior High Room, 3rd floor

Senior Highs (9th - 12th Grades) - Remain in worship

GATHERING HYMN

Let Them Come

(Children please come forward during the “Gathering Hymn”)

***Let them come, let them come,
let the children come to me.***

I have time, I have time, said the Savior tenderly.

***Let them come, let them come,
please don't send them away.***

I have time, let them come, let them stay.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jessica Sheley

LORD'S PRAYER

(Unison)

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.

DEPARTING HYMN

Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

(Please remain seated and sing this hymn for the children as they depart for Sunday school)

***Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love:***

***Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.***

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

(Psalm 32:1-6a)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(A moment of silent reflection followed by
this responsive litany of confession)*

Leader: For failing to love others as you have
loved us, God of grace,

Congregation: Forgive us.

Leader: For wasting your gifts and hoarding
our goods, God of grace,

Congregation: Forgive us.

Leader: For plundering the earth and abusing
the planet, God of grace,

Congregation: Forgive us.

Leader: For fearing those who are strange to
us and ignoring those in need, God
of grace,

Congregation: Forgive us.

Leader: For losing heart and abandoning
hope, God of grace,

Congregation: Forgive us.

Leader: For all the ways we turn from you,
God of grace,

Congregation: Forgive us.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** GLORIA PATRI** (Unison)

No. 35

Chalice Hymnal

(“Gloria Patri” literally means “Glory to the Father.” This ancient response has been sung by the Church for nearly two thousand years.)

***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.***

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 5:9-12

Pg. 193

Old Testament, Pew Bible

HYMN *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing* Pg. 5

Chalice Hymnal

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Pg. 167

New Testament, Pew Bible

ANTHEM

Ye Servants of God

Noble Cain

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Pg. 72

New Testament, Pew Bible

SERMON

When God Seems Absent

The Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

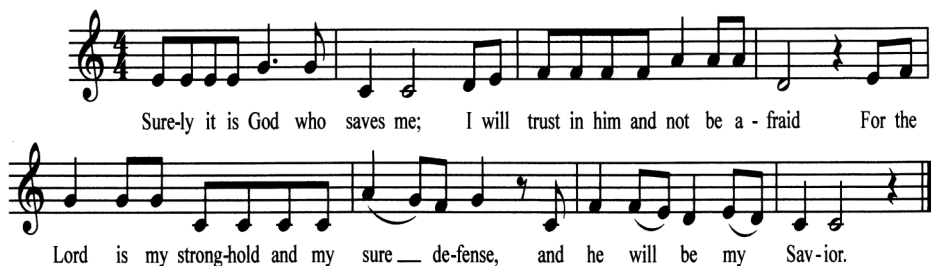
(Traditional) (Unison)

*(The Apostles' Creed is an ancient statement of Christian faith
that dates from 180 A.D.)*

***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***

*** BENEDICTION**

*** RESPONSE**



Sure-ly it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid For the
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure — de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

*** POSTLUDE**



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 14th

Sixth Sunday of Lent

Palm / Passion Sunday

Worship services at 8:00 and 10:00 am

Thursday, April 18th

Maundy Thursday

Worship service at 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday

Worship service at 12:00 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 21st

Easter Sunday

Worship services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

I am glad that you could worship with us today.

If you are exploring faith for the first time, seeking to reconnect with your faith, or searching for a church home and would like to learn more about First Federated Church, please introduce yourself to me after today's service. You may also call me at (309) 685-5258 X. 101 or email at fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com.

I would enjoy a conversation with you!



*Rev. Frosty
Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.*

SENIOR MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

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Rev. Stephen Barch

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Jessica Sheley

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Russel Boulton

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**PASTORAL MINISTRY
AND HOME COMMUNION**

Contact the church office at 309-685-5258
if you would like a visit from

Rev. Steve Barch, our Pastoral Minister,
or Rev. Frosty Krummel.

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