



First Federated Church of Peoria

10:00 am Worship
Sunday, September 15th, 2019

Begin each morning by saying to yourself:

*Today I will meet people who are nosy, ungrateful,
arrogant, deceitful, envious, and unsocial.*

They can't help it.

*They do not know the difference between
good and bad.*

*But I, who know the difference,
also know that I share the same
human nature with them.*

I can't be angry with my fellow humans.

*We were made to work together, like pairs of
hands, feet, eyelids, or rows of teeth.*

To hate each other is against the laws of nature.

*No one can hurt me but myself,
for no one else can make me forsake
the good and embrace the bad.*

(Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*)

* Please stand, if able.



Please silence cell phones.

Welcome to Worship at

Please "CHECK IN" using your favorite Social Media prior to service

- @ffcpeoria / #ffcpeoria
- Please silence your devices during service
- Please LIKE, FOLLOW and SHARE our Facebook and YouTube pages

Please pass the Pew Friendship Pads:

- VISITORS ~ please share your name & contact information, we'd love to stay in touch!
- MEMBERS ~ keep us up to date on contact information, sign up for and volunteer for special events, service projects and small group studies!

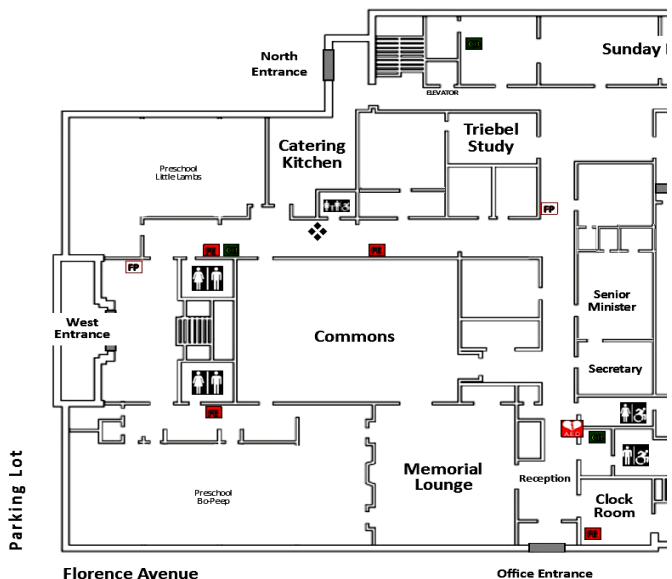
Worship Aids:

- 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.
- Children's 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.

Pastoral Care:

- Please contact the church office to pass along a prayer request or of births, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths.
- Call 685-5258 or e-mail: info@ffcpeoria.com.

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



First Federated Church!

Questions?

- Look for our HOSPITALITY TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS!
- They'll be the ones looking for you with "ASK ME" buttons!

Sunday School is provided each week during 10 am worship.

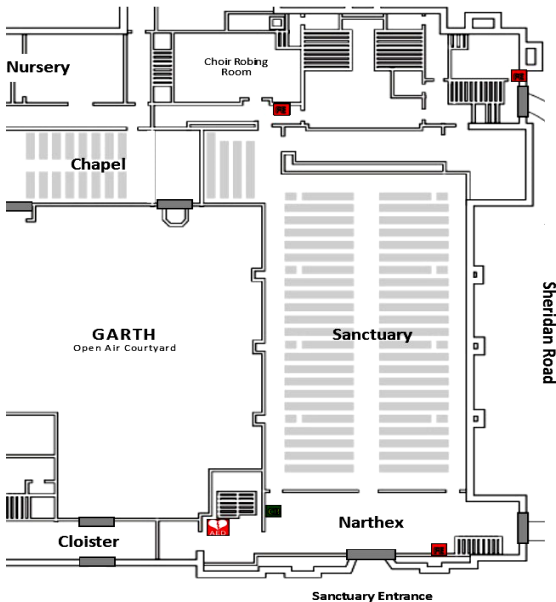
- Preschoolers - 5th grade go to the chapel briefly for announcements and offering before being led to separate Sunday school rooms.
- 6th - 8th grade have Junior High Sunday school classes and fellowship.
- Senior High students, 9th - 12th grades, remain in worship and attend Sunday school and fellowship events on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm.
- Classes during worship on Sunday mornings last until approximately 11:00 am.
- Schedule varies during summer months.

Childcare Nursery is available:

- Nursery facilities are available for your infant or small child during our 10 am worship each Sunday.
- The nursery is located next to the Chapel. See one of our greeters for directions.

We invite you to fellowship following service:

- Stop by the Commons for coffee and Fellowship after worship.
- Information pamphlets about church programs and volunteer opportunities are available.



Please silence your devices during our worship service.

PRELUDE

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT *Lead Me, Guide Me*
FFC Chancel Choir

* **DOXOLOGY** (*Unison*) No. 46
Chalice Hymnal

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

* **OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 14:1 & 2*
(*Responsive*)

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no
God." They are corrupt, they do
terrible deeds.

Congregation: *The Lord looks down from
heaven to see if there are any
who are wise, who seek after
God.*

* **MORNING PRAYER**
(*Unison*)

*Almighty God, You call Your church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to You. Help us
to proclaim the good news of Your love, that
all who hear it may turn to You. Amen.*



— **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 Children's Message 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 (2nd floor)

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades - Creation Station (2nd floor)

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades - Upper Room (2nd floor)

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.

THE 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

No one likes to be a stranger. We long for a place to be at home. We don't want to be estranged from other people or from God. Selfish words, actions and thoughts can drive a wedge between us and the people we love. Unconfessed sin can distance us

from God. For all who seek reconciliation, God offers His Son Jesus Christ to stand in the gap between us and God. And God, whose business is reconciliation, bends to hear our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, Father of Jesus the Christ, we come before You to confess that our world and our lives are like that special night long ago when there was no room.

We have rejected Your life because our home space is full of unnecessary furnishings, and so we are cluttered and confused.

We have rejected Your love by filling our heart space with thoughts and feelings that have no room in Your inn.

We have rejected Your Son by living in church space that is confined and shortsighted.

We have rejected each other because we had no room in our lives for anyone else but ourselves. Hear us, we ask, and fill us full of room for You, Your Son, Your Spirit and all the world's people.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Responsive)

Leader: Do not be afraid, God says, for I am sending you to do my work.

Congregation: Do not be afraid, God says, go forth and serve. Feed the hungry, house the homeless, heal the sick, and visit the lonely.

Leader: Do not be afraid, God says, for I am always with you.

All: Amen.

*** 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

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Pg. 663

Old Testament, Pew Bible

HYMN

Amazing Grace

Pg. 546

Chalice Hymnal

EPISTLE LESSON

I Timothy 2:1-7

Pg. 192

New Testament, Pew Bible

ANTHEM

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

John Purifoy

FFC Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

Pg. 72

New Testament, Pew Bible

SERMON

The Biggest Threat to Church Vitality

(The second in the Fall Sermon Series "Taking Jesus Seriously")

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

THE OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*** 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 saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

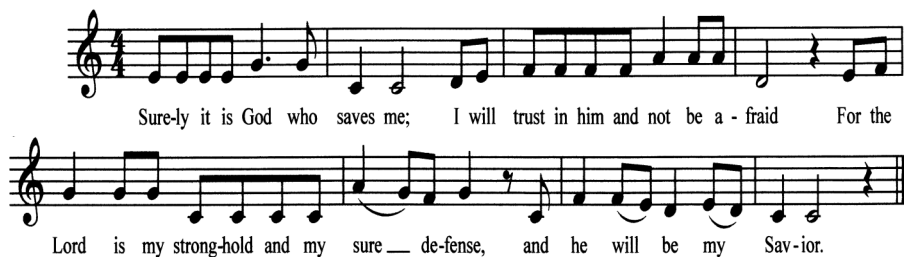
Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

No. 558

Chalice Hymnal

* 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

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I am glad that you could join with us for worship 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 after today's service

I would enjoy a conversation with you!

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