



First Federated Church of Peoria


10:00 am Worship
Sunday, February 16th, 2020

God's
Foolishness



1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

* 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!

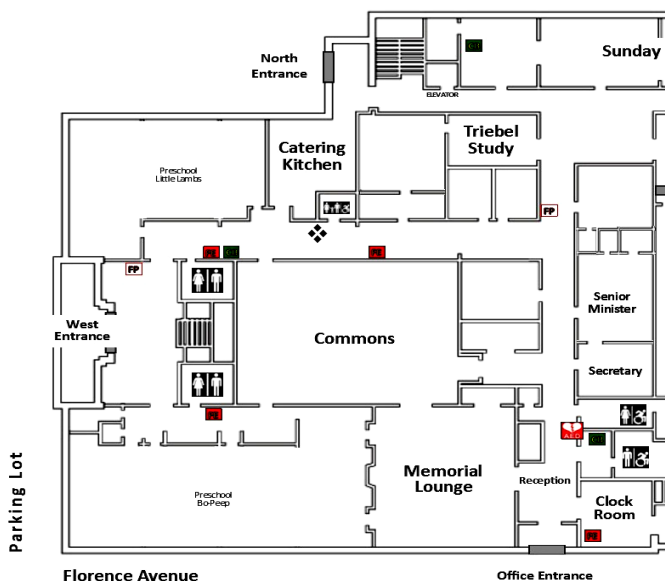
Worship Aids:

- 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.

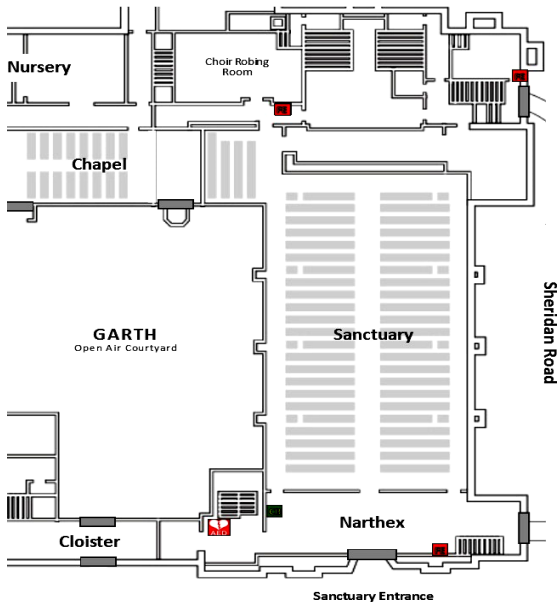
- Preschoolers - 5th grade go to the chapel briefly for announcements and offering before being led to separate Sunday school rooms.
- 6th - 8th grade have Junior High Sunday school classes and fellowship.
- Senior High students, 9th - 12th grades, remain in worship and attend Sunday school and fellowship 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

Hope of the World

FFC Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119, selected

(Responsive)

Leader:

Happy are those who walk in the
way of God..

Congregation: Happy are those who seek God with their whole heart.

OPENING PRAYER

(Responsive)

O God, we trust in Your power, even as it is often found in weakness; in Your wisdom, even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness; in Your wholeness, even as it comes to us amid brokenness. We do not ask this day for dazzling displays of strength, electric exercises of intellectual prowess or marvelous manifestations of miracles. We come simply to

worship You. Touch us this day, O Lord, sinners that we are, that we might become Your saints, Your body, Your children, Your church. For this temple of Your Spirit is built not upon our own abilities, knowledge or restorative skill, but upon You, in Jesus Christ. Amen

*** DOXOLOGY**

No. 46, Chalice Hymnal

(Unison)

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.

*** HYMN**

Rejoice In God's Saints

No. 476, Chalice Hymnal

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The letter of first John tells us that "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have not loved as You love. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not Yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. And because of this, You have a quarrel with us. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people You have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Responsive)

Leader: God has called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our

lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives be transformed.

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.***

— 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!

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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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

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.***

ANTHEM

Be Still My Soul

arr. Craig Coutney

FFC Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(Unison)

***Startle us, O God, with Your Truth, and open our
minds to Your Spirit, that we may be one with
Christ our Lord, and serve as faithful disciples,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

No. 265, Chalice Hymnal

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Pg. 153, New Testament, Pew Bible

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-37

Pg. 5, New Testament, Pew Bible

SERMON

Worshiping a Foolish God

(Second in the 2020 sermon series “Knowing God ”)

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION


*** CLOSING HYMN**

Help Us to Accept Each Other

No. 487 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

Chancel Flowers

The floral arrangement in front of the pulpit
is given in loving memory of Laura Racine
by her family.

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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