

Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, March 19, 2023



Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00 am: Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair
Combined Worship-Sanctuary

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday
(held virtually via Zoom)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - Noon

Can't make it to today's worship? Visit
Echo Hill on the web to watch today's
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• Church Snapshot •

Today we welcome His Hands Free Clinic's Executive Director Dawn Brouwers! We are supporting His Hands for this month's mission. Please see the article on the back page for a list of donations that are needed.

Worship is...

Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.

Restrooms: Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

Large print hymnals (words only): Available on the back table.

Hearing assistance devices are available: Ask an usher.

Hand sanitizer & wipes: Available for those who need them.

Questions? Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

Connection Card

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

Welcome to Worship! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	_____
Are you a:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee

Order of Worship – March 19, 2023

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

“Sweet By and By”

(Worship is our response to the goodness of God. We are blessed to be called together, by God, to offer our praise and bring our joys and concerns, leaving renewed in spirit and eager to go and live our faith.)

The Welcome & Announcements

*(*We invite you to please stand if you are able.)*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Who are you?

All: I am a child of God.

Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?

All: That I belong to God, who loves me.

Leader: Who are we?

All: We are children of God.

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

All: That we belong to God, who loves us and who calls us to worship this day.

*The Hymn of Praise #610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

Leader: We know that all have sinned and fallen short of the way of life to which we are called in Christ. Yet we also know that if we repent and confess our sin, God’s mercy is sure for each and for all. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Holy God, we confess that we have failed to live in covenant relation with you and one another. We have exploited our relationships with one another and the earth for private gain. Our hearts have become hardened to the suffering we have caused. Create in us a new heart, O God. Write your law in our hearts so that we will love you with all of who we are and love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

All: 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.

*Passing the Peace

Listening to God's Word -----

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture

John 9:1-41

The Message

"" – Dawn Brouwers, His Hands Free Clinic

Responding to God's Word -----

The Hymn of Response #649

"Amazing Grace"

Sharing Joys & Concerns in Prayer

If you have a special request you'd like to share with the prayer chain, please use the green connection card and place it in the offering plate.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

The Call to Dedication

Leader: Today, we bring our tithes and offerings for the work God is doing among us.

All: With grateful hearts we dedicate our offerings to God.

The Offertory

"Be Still My Soul"

*Congregational Response #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

All: You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory and for the good that they do in support of His Hands and the many other human service organizations in our community and our world. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail; and let your people be repairers and restorers for our fellow humans in need. We pray in Christ's name.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #450

"Be Thou My Vision"

The Blessing and Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace this day and forever more. Amen.

Postlude

"Sing Praise"

Announcements for the Week of March 19

Ushers: Bev Slager
Lay Leader: Judy Gnade

Thanks to JoAnn Ingels and Bess Naujoks for providing fellowship this morning! Judy Gnade and Darlene Worden will provide fellowship on March 26.

Now that Faith Presbyterian Church has been chosen as the new name when the two congregations come together, there have been questions regarding ongoing contributions. If you write a check for your contribution, please continue to make your check out to your respective church (Echo Hill or Calvin-Sinclair) until everything is made official and the finance team gives members the green light to start making out checks to Faith Presbyterian. Please see a member of the finance team if you have any questions.

Happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating their special day next week!

Peyton Kriegel Mar 23

Weekly Calendar

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Studies
10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary
12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM: Caring Team Meeting-Room #1

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM: Worship & Music Team Meeting

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Echo Hill Team Session Reports Due
7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

March Mission: His Hands Free Clinic

Did you know that Cedar Rapids and surrounding communities have over 10,000 uninsured or underinsured residents? His Hands Free Clinic offers free medical, dental and chiropractor care. Prayer support is also available to patients. This month, we will be supporting His Hands. Dawn Brouwers, Executive Director, will be sharing the His Hands story this morning, March 19. His Hands is in need of the following items: blood pressure cuffs (including wrist), pill splitters, small bottles of Tylenol, small bottles of magnesium, neti pots, Miralax, socks, gently used Bibles, devotionals, and religious books. Place your donated items in the container in Fellowship Hall. We will collect through April 2. – *The Caring Team*

SEMP Volunteers Needed March 26

We need you to help serve a meal to the homeless. The food is already prepared, and we only have to serve and clean up. First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids hosts the SEMP (Sunday Evening Meal Program). We need 8 members or friends to serve this meal. Our next date is Sunday, March 26. Be there at 4:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church at 310 Fifth St. SE. Note the change of entrance: enter through the glass doors off the parking lot. After serving, let's continue our fellowship and eat out at a local restaurant. Sign up on the sheet at the name tag table or call Michael to reserve your spot. Contact Lynda Nelson at 319-533-3451 if you have questions.

Save Your Stuff for the Mission Sale

The Caring Team is planning to host another Pickin' for a Mission sale on June 15 and 16. We need your help now. Start saving your items that can be sold at the sale. Most items will be accepted, but not clothing. Watch this newsletter for further details. – *The Caring Team*

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