



The Spire First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

200 Lynn Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50014-7188
Worship Sundays 9:45 am

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First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.

As we seek to follow the way of Jesus, we welcome all people to fully participate in our fellowship: all ages, colors, backgrounds, political affiliations, and physical and mental abilities; male and female, gay and straight, rich and poor, single and married. We are all God's children, and all are welcome here.

LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Lenten Soup Suppers April 2 and 9

Our weekly suppers continue on Wednesdays April 2 and 9 at 6 pm. We will share a meal and conversation around the daily devotionals by Kate Bowler, *The Hardest Part*. You are welcome to join in whether you are reading the daily devotions or not.

Palm Sunday, April 10

Worship will include a palm processional (everyone is invited to take part!) and special music by our choir.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30 pm

Our Maundy Thursday service will be held in the lounge and will include music, readings, and communion.

Easter Sunday, April 20

We will have our traditional Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Easter Worship is at 9:45 am as we celebrate resurrection!





AMOS Civic Academy on Housing

AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) is an organization of institutions working together to make our community a place that works for everyone. First Baptist is one of 37 institutional members of AMOS and one of 9 members in Ames. This year our Ames cluster is focusing on housing needs. Civic Academies are being held at our AMOS members this spring – opportunities to learn about housing in our community as well as have conversations and share stories and personal experiences around housing. (This will be much like the House Meetings we have held in the past, along with a teaching/learning component.)

Our church will hold a Housing Civic Academy on Sunday, April 27 during the Church School hour. Our adult classes will not meet on that day and we will instead offer the Civic Academy. It will run from 10:45 - 12 noon. Be watching for more details! If you would like to know more about AMOS or get involved in the AMOS housing campaign, please see Pastor Dave.

FBC Helps Support Immigrant Family

A family from Bolivia arrived in Ames in January. They fled their country for their safety and have been approved to seek asylum in the United States. They are awaiting an asylum hearing. They have been living with a family here in Ames and will be moving to their own home. The family is sponsored by ASIP (Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners), a coalition of faith groups that helps support immigrants in our community.

The family includes the mother/wife who is a medical doctor, the husband/father who has experience in business, and their fourth grade son.

We have received thank you notes from ASIP leaders that are posted on the bulletin board. One shared,

Your donation has already made an impact on the family. They are very touched that your congregation has stepped forward to help them create a life for themselves here in Ames. With so much turmoil surrounding changes to immigration policies, it is truly a blessing knowing there are individuals and congregations that are welcoming, caring, and supportive of our immigrant friends.

Another thank you noted,

Please express our thanks from ASIP to the deacons for such generosity and compassion. This family is special in their concern for others and, if granted asylum, will have an important impact in our community.

Please pray for this family and for the work of ASIP. If you would like more information, please see Pastor Dave.



Our Virtual Coffee Shop is moving to Wednesdays at 10 am!

Join FBC friends for conversation, now on Wednesday mornings at our regular Sunday morning [Zoom link](#).



Saturday, April 26, 9 am

Plenty of projects for everyone!

2025 Cookoff Results

We had great fun and great food at our annual cook-off on March 23. This year's theme was "Childhood Favorites." Congratulations to Julie Johnston on taking home the Grand Prize for her Raspberry Pretzel Salad. Other awards went to Mindy Phomvisay for her mini chimichangas, Emma Phomvisay for her 5 Minute Peanut Butter Bars, Lorrie Whitaker for her Baked Rice with Raisins, and Aaron Stegemoller for his Spinach with Pepper Sauce. We raised \$385 for the Iowa State Student Food Pantry. Thank you to all who made a dish and all who attended and voted with your contributions!



CCJ/Legal Aid Fundraiser

The Center for Creative Justice and the Legal Aid Society of Story County will hold their third annual Jazz for Justice fundraiser on Saturday, April 26 from 6-10 pm at Christy Hall, 220 H Avenue in Nevada. Enjoy an evening filled with smooth jazz, delicious food, a lively auction, and celebration to be remembered. All proceeds support two organizations dedicated to making a difference in our community. [Click here](#) for more details.

Adde Stegemöller Senior Voice Recital and Graduation Party






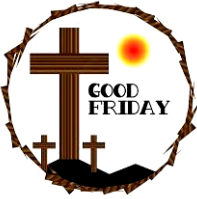



Saturday, April 19, 1 pm

First Baptist Church

Recital 1 pm, refreshments will follow

RSVP for in person or Zoom at 515-708-7992

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8a Men's Breakfast 	2 6:30p Soup Supper and Lenten Study 7p Choir	3 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	4 	5
6 9a Choir 9:45a Worship/ Communion 10:45a Church School	7	8	9 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 6:30p Soup Supper and Lenten Study 7p Choir	10	11 7p Phi Kappa Psi	12
13 9a Choir 9:45a Worship With Palm Procession 10:45a Fellowship Time 11a Church School 	14	15 8a Men's Breakfast 	16 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 11:15p Pastoral Relations Committee 5:15p CCJ Board	17 6:30p Maundy Thursday Worship 7:15p Choir	18 	19 1p Adde S. Recital and Reception
20 8:30a Easter Breakfast 9a Choir 9:45a Worship 	21	22 	23 10a Virtual Coffee Shop	24 7p Deacons	25	26 9a Work Day 
27 9a Choir 9:45a Worship 10:45a AMOS Civic Academy 2p Ind. Village Service	28	29 7p CE	30 10a Virtual Coffee Shop 7p Choir			



April 6:

Worship Leader John Anderson
Ushers: Julie Johnston, Aaron Stegemöller

April 13:

Worship Leader Becca Whitaker
Ushers: Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

April 20:

Worship Leader Susan Russell
Ushers: Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

April 27:

Worship Leader
Ushers: Stephanie Goodman and Larry Schrag



Zoe Russell	2
Becca Whitaker	7
Jacelyn Rudderow	9
Rosemary Coffey	18
Elijah Phomvisay	20
Neil Logue	22
Alissa Parrish	26
Dawn Doerr-Johnson	28



Dianne and Fred Borgen	4
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Music Camp

**July 28 – August 1, 9-11:30 am - First Baptist Church
 grades K-6 (completed) – all are welcome!**

SAVE THE DATE – more details coming soon!



Our Music Camp is back this summer! You can help by:

Serving as a counselor/helper (no musical skill required) or kitchen staff
 Getting the word out to family, friends, and neighbors! (fliers available soon)

See Mindy or Dave for more information



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Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Emma Phomvisay	Music Intern
Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Sierra Livengood	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian



Worship Sunday mornings 9:45 in person or on ZOOM

Details for connecting via ZOOM at fbcomes.org